

**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE  
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 25, 2022- 7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The regular meeting of the Glencoe Sustainability Task Force conducted virtually in accordance with Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2022-01 was called to order by Chairperson Barney Gallagher at 7:05 p.m. on the 25th day of January 2022.

*The following Task Force members were virtually present:*

*Barney Gallagher, Chair  
Peter Mulvaney, Vice-Chair (7:10 p.m.)  
Bob Breisblatt (7:25 p.m.)  
Hall Healy  
Tina Hostert  
Helyn Latham (7:30 p.m.)  
Linda Lin (7:35 p.m.)  
Joshua Markus  
Catherine Procopi  
Larry Reilly  
Jennifer Varela*

*The following task force members were absent:*

*Lisa Brooks  
Sandy Culver  
Laurie Tuchman*

***Also present were:***

*Jaimie Fishman, Volunteer  
Eric Loeb, Volunteer  
Joe Madda, Resident  
Jeff Mawdsley, Staff Liaison*

Chairperson Gallagher stated that a quorum of members of the Task Force was present via remote access and that Management Analyst Jeff Mawdsley was physically present at Village Hall pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (OMA).

Chairperson Gallagher welcomed Glencoe Resident Joe Madda to the meeting, who heard about the GSTF through the library presentation on climate change and is interested in the GSTF’s activities.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2021, STF MEETING MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Healy and seconded by Ms. Hostert and unanimously adopted by all those present by roll call vote, the meeting minutes for December 7, 2021, were approved.

### **3. GLENCOE SURVEY STATUS**

Chairperson Gallagher thanked Ms. Hostert for her work to date on compiling the survey. Chairperson Gallagher said that many comments had already been received from the Task Force members. Ms. Hostert reviewed some of the comments she had received. There was a discussion about the survey question asking about participation in environmental activities, with a focus on GSTF activities. There was also some discussion about providing links to more information as part of the survey. Ms. Hostert explained that there will be links to information at the end of the survey instead of interspersed throughout the survey. The thinking is that people should complete the survey before giving them links to external websites. If we give people links in the survey, they will click on them and potentially not complete it.

Ms. Hostert also reviewed other comments received from Mr. Mulvaney and Ms. Brooks. There was some discussion about the car-less days in the downtown area. Chairperson Gallagher said that he had a meeting scheduled to discuss this idea with the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Hostert also reviewed some of the remaining items, including procuring items for the prize, and promotion. The Village is still waiting for a determination if soliciting donations would be acceptable.

Ms. Hostert reviewed the different ways that the survey would be publicized, including fliers, social media posts, and an article in the Compass. Chairperson Gallagher also recommended trying to get out the word through schools and houses of worship. Chairperson Gallagher praised Ms. Hostert for her efforts so far. There was additional discussion about the order of the initial questions.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP - STUDENT MEMBERS**

Ms. Procopi said that she had reached out to the potential members, and they had not responded. Ms. Lin said she would talk to Ms. Wang at the School District.

### **5. GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER UPDATE**

Analyst Mawdsley noted that the first multi-community task force was scheduled. Mr. Hall said that there would be 11 communities participating in these meetings.

### **6. FGBT-GCG "PARTNERSHIP" UPDATE**

Analyst Mawdsley said that representatives of the GSTF, the Glencoe Community Garden, and the Friends of the Green Bay Trail had met on January 12 to brainstorm on ideas for working together. This group decided that doing something to celebrate Earth Day would be a great joint venture. On January 25, one member from each group, along with members of the Glencoe Park District Staff to come up with a plan for Earth Day. This group decided on sponsoring an event to establish a new pollinator garden as part of Earth Day.

Chairperson Gallagher asked if there was any discussion about a library program in conjunction with this. Analyst Mawdsley said there had not. There was some discussion about ideas for a library program that would complement a pollinator garden event. Mr. Madda said he had some resources from when he was working with the Botanic Garden about pollinators. There was some additional discussion about ideas for the library program. Analyst Mawdsley said he would reach out to the group via email and make sure they are supportive of a library program.

**7. SUSTAINABILITY UNDER THE STARS**

Chairperson Gallagher said that the GSTF had put on this event in the past as a way to raise awareness of the GSTF. He said it was a good event, and there has been some discussion about doing this again when the pandemic subsided. Ms. Varela gave a recap of the last event held in September of 2019 and said it was very successful. It helped get people involved and was a way for members of the public to give input on GSTF activities. Ms. Hostert and Ms. Lin both said that this was their first GSTF event and helped them get involved.

The consensus of the Task Force was to revive this event for September of 2022. Mr. Breisblatt asked that the event name be altered to avoid confusion with Glencoe Family Services' fundraiser. There was also a discussion confirming that this would be open to the public, and not an invitation-only event. Ms. Varela, Mr. Breisblatt, Ms. Latham, and Chairperson Gallagher will work to organize the event.

**8. CHICKEN COOP ORDINANCE INPUT**

Analyst Mawdsley summarized the efforts so far toward a potential change to the Village Code that would allow residents to keep chickens on their property. The idea was first discussed with the Village Board at their September Committee of the Whole meeting. The Village Board was generally receptive to allowing this with some restrictions. They requested that staff develop regulations based on their concerns and ask the public for feedback on keeping chickens in residential areas. At the January Committee of the Whole meeting, the Village Board was presented with a draft ordinance and the resident feedback. The Village Board was still in favor of allowing this change and had additional feedback. Village Staff will prepare a final ordinance for discussion and approval.

Chairperson Gallagher asked if there was any desire for the GSTF to take a position on this change one way or the other. Mr. Healy said that he thinks that the GSTF should support this, and Ms. Latham agreed. Mr. Breisblatt asked if there were any guidance or requirements on waste disposal. Analyst Mawdsley says that the proposed ordinance does not specify methods of waste disposal, but it does say that the resident would have to keep the area clean and free of orders. Mr. Markus asked if there was a limit to the number of hens and the size of the coop structure. Analyst Mawdsley said there would be a limit on the number of chickens and that coops would have to meet the same requirements as accessory structures. Chairperson Gallagher asked if there would be an inspection of the coop, and Analyst Mawdsley said there would be as part of the license application and subsequent annual renewals. Ms. Lin asked what other communities' experiences with complaints about chickens were. Analyst Mawdsley said he was going to contact other communities that allow chickens and would ask about that. There was further discussion on waste disposal.

Analyst Mawdsley will gather information from other communities about their experiences and report this information at the February meeting.

**9. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)**

A. *Carbon Reduction:* Chairperson Gallagher reported that he and other members of the Carbon Reduction Group had scheduled a meeting for January 26 with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss car-less days during the summer. Chairperson Gallagher said that the idea would be to create an outdoor-focused event. Ms. Latham was supportive of this and expressed hope that it would encourage restaurants to do more outdoor seating. Mr. Mulvaney said that there had been discussions about this related to the pandemic,

and the key issue was that the merchants did not want to invest in outdoor furnishings and had no place to store them.

Mr. Madda said that Oak Park tried to permanently close a street, and the reaction was so negative they converted it back. Mr. Mulvaney said that he still liked the idea. Ms. Latham said that there should be some sort of draw for people to come downtown, like the Farmer's Market. Chairperson Gallagher said that is something that can be discussed with the Chamber of Commerce. There was a discussion about what kinds of events could draw people. Analyst Mawdsley will send out meeting minutes and staff reports for the discussions the Village Board has had about outdoor seating.

- C. Public Awareness: The Public Awareness committee is working on refreshing the GSTF's front page. Mr. Mulvaney praised the Ruby images in the kiosks in the downtown area. Ms. Hostert said Public Awareness is focused on the survey. Analyst Mawdsley and Ms. Latham will discuss the concept and work out a plan to implement the new design.

#### **10. GLENCOE COMMUNITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)**

- C. Library: Ms. Lin said that the Library Board receives comments and feedback from residents on library webinar events as part of their packet. Ms. Lin said for next month she will compile the comments about the various sustainability programs the GSTF has sponsored.
- D. School District: Mr. Markus said that the school district was looking to partner with the WasteShed, an organization in Evanston that reuses school and art supplies.

#### **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairperson Gallagher asked members of the GSTF to review the model plastic use ban ordinance. He would like the GSTF to look at possibly drafting a supporting resolution for consideration by the Village Board.

Mr. Mulvaney asked about the status of the annual report. Chairperson Gallagher said that a draft had been circulated, and he would appreciate any comments that people had. Mr. Mulvaney suggested that if anyone had pictures of STF activities, we should include them. Pictures can be sent to Analyst Mawdsley for inclusion in the report.

#### **12. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Analyst Mawdsley said that no public comments were submitted.

#### **13. CLOSING FAREWELL AND ADJOURN**

Then there being no further business to come before the GSTF, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Breisblatt and seconded by Mr. Mulvaney. Being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.