

**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 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 2022-12 was called to order by Chairperson Barney Gallagher at 7:06 p.m. on the 24th day of May, 2022.

The following Task Force members were virtually present:

*Barney Gallagher, Chair
Peter Mulvaney, Vice-Chair
Lisa Brooks
Tina Hostert
Linda Lin
Catherine Procopi
Larry Reilly
Laurie Tuckman (arrived at 7:14 pm)*

The following task force members were absent:

*Bob Briesblatt
Helyn Latham
Joshua Markus*

Also present were:

*Lisa Sheppard, Glencoe Park District Executive Director
Kyle Kuhs, Glencoe Park District Director of Parks and Planning
Meredith Clement, Glencoe Community Garden
Nina Schroeder, Glencoe Community Garden
Vivian Nitzberg, Glencoe Community Garden
Hall Healy, Volunteer
Seth Jackier, Volunteer
Jessica Kinelman, Volunteer
George Krafcisin, Volunteer
Bradley Levinson, Volunteer
Deb Wrobel, Volunteer
Numerous members of the public
Jeff Mawdsley, Staff Liaison/Public Works Management Analyst*

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).

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 26, 2022, STF MEETING MINUTES

- Upon a motion made by Mr. Mulvaney and seconded by Ms. Hostert and unanimously adopted by all those present by roll call vote, the meeting minutes for April 26, 2022, were approved.

3. GPD DECISION ON GREENHOUSE USE (GPD)

- Chairperson Gallagher invited individuals representing the Glencoe Park District to review their decision to modify the horticulture program. He said that he asked them to address the impacts this will have on sustainability in the community. He also noted that the Glencoe Community Garden had raised significant concerns about how these changes will impact the community.
- Mr. Kuhs and Ms. Sheppard spoke on behalf of the Glencoe Park District. The largest change was that the Park District would be acquiring annual flowers from third-party vendors instead of growing them in the District's greenhouses. They said that they had made changes in the horticulture program which was prompted by changes in personnel and a desire to cross-train their staff.
- Ms. Clement spoke on behalf of the Glencoe Community Garden. Ms. Clement said that the greenhouses were an important asset to the community and reviewed the ways that the loss of horticultural expertise would impact the Community Garden and the ability of the GPD to address key sustainability issues such as minimization of pesticide use.
- Members of the GSTF were invited to ask questions. There were questions regarding staff time allocation, budgetary impacts and sustainable practices of third-party vendors.
- Chairperson Gallagher concluded the discussion by thanking all the participants.

4. RETIRING MEMBER RECOGNITION AND CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

- Chairperson Gallagher recognized three members that were stepping down as appointed members of the Task Force and thanked them for their service: Sandy Culver, Hall Healy and Jennifer Varela. He noted that they all still wanted to stay involved with the mission of the Task Force and support future projects.

5. DONATE AND RECYCLE EVENT REVIEW

- Analyst Mawdsley thanked all the volunteers that helped with the event.
- Analyst Mawdsley reviewed the results of the donations and recycling.

6. FARMERS MARKET PLANS

- Ms. Hostert said that the Public Awareness group discussed this at the last meeting and felt that the foot traffic at the Farmers Market did not warrant having volunteers spending time staffing a booth. Chairperson Gallagher echoed that sentiment. The consensus of the Task Force was to not have a regular presence at the Farmers Market.
- Mr. Gallagher said he had been in contact with the organizer of the Farmers Market, and that he was welcoming of the idea of having a perennial flower sale but did not have any contact with vendors that could participate. Chairperson Gallagher said he would work with Green Lawns to get a list of potential vendors.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)

- **Carbon Reduction:** The group will meet on May 28.
- **Green Lawns:** Mr. Levison said they were working to organize a meeting for the first week of June.
- **Public Awareness:** Ms. Hostert suggested some ideas about student involvement. Mr. Gallagher said he was planning to have School District representatives attend the June Task Force Meeting and present information on their sustainability efforts and exchange ideas.

- **Trees & Ravines:**
 - Chairperson Gallagher suggested having a vote for a Village tree to take advantage of the excitement generated by the Most Im-PECK-able Bird vote.
 - Chairperson Gallagher recommended merging the Trees & Ravines and the Water Conservation groups to combine effort and take advantage of overlapping interests. The consensus of the GSTF was to make this change.
 - There was also some discussion about the general structure of the Task Force.
- **Recycling & Waste:** Ms. Hostert recapped her experience with the cart tagging program with SWANCC, which she said would be coming in September.
- **Public Awareness:**
 - Ms. Hostert reported that they will be making a calendar for sustainable messaging.
 - Ms. Hostert also presented the idea of including a pull-out garbage and recycling guide that can be inserted into the Inside Glencoe publication.
- **Sustainable Business:** Mr. Healy reported they were looking at working with food service businesses to cut down on food waste and to donate usable food.

8. GLENCOE COMMUNITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)

A. Village: Analyst Mawdsley reported on the following:

- The Village is reviewing a draft Urban Forestry Management Plan.
- The executive summary of the survey has been posted on the webpage.
- The Village has started accepting applications for backyard chickens.
- Task Force T-shirts are available for pickup at Village Hall. If STF members cannot make it to Village Hall during business hours, contact analyst Mawdsley for alternative arrangements.

C. Library: Ms. Lin reported the following:

- Ms. Lin reported that the vacant board position has been filled.
- The Friends of the Glencoe Public Library will be holding a used book sale.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- Chairperson Gallaher noted that he had been communicating with Amelia Chang, who is a Glencoe resident and UCLA student about volunteer opportunities over the summer.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

- Analyst Mawdsley reported that no comments had been received from the public.

11. CLOSING FAREWELL AND ADJOURN

Then there being no further business to come before the GSTF, a motion to close the meeting was made by Ms. Lin and seconded by Mr. Reilly. Being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.