

**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE  
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 25, 2022– 7:00 p.m.**

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

The regular meeting of the Glencoe Sustainability Task Force was called to order by Chair Barney Gallagher at 7:03 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

*The following Task Force members were present:*

*Barney Gallagher, Chair*

*Peter Mulvaney, Vice-Chair (7:08 PM)*

*Jaimie Fishman*

*Linda Lin (8:16 PM)*

*Catherine Procopi*

*Larry Reilly*

*Laurie Tuckman (7:11 PM)*

*The following task force members were absent:*

*Lisa Brooks*

*Bob Breisblatt*

*Tina Hostert*

*Helyn Latham*

*Joshua Markus*

*Also present were:*

*Phyllis Cheskin*

*Oliver Ernst, Volunteer*

*George Krafcisin, Volunteer*

*Natalie Kroft, Volunteer*

*Bradley Levison, Volunteer*

*Georgia Mihalopoulos, Volunteer*

*Mason Schwartz, Student Volunteer*

*Jen Varela, Volunteer*

*Jeff Mawdsley, Staff Liaison/Public Works Management Analyst*

Chair Gallagher stated that a quorum of Task Force members was not present.

**2. MINUTES APPROVAL**

- Due to the lack of a quorum, no action at this time was taken to approve the minutes.

**3. TEAM REORGANIZATION**

- Chair Gallagher said that Hall Healy has been leading the Green Lawns and Sustainable Business teams, but has asked to take a step back from these roles. Chair Gallagher said that Ms. Mihalopoulos has agreed to provide leadership to the Sustainable Business team and Mr. Levison has agreed to lead the Green Lawns team.
- Chair Gallagher reminded each team to be mindful of the Open Meetings Act. He said that at this time, only three appointed members can meet at one time to discuss business.

#### **4. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

- Chair Gallagher gave an overview of the process of developing a Climate Action Plan for Glencoe. The goal of the plan is to ensure that sustainability is part of all the Village's activities.
- The plan would incorporate sustainability into the Village's operations and look at ways the Village can influence resident behaviors through codes and policy.
- The Climate Action Plan would also work together with the Village Comprehensive Plan. They could be developed simultaneously and the STF would regularly coordinate with the Village's consultant to ensure compatibility.
- Chair Gallagher said that getting approval from the Board of Trustees before setting out on developing this plan was the next important step. The STF would have to present a concept and a plan for completion. The Board of Trustees would also have to ultimately approve the plan and ensure its implementation. There was some discussion about what would need to be done to be ready to present to the Board of Trustees.
- Chair Gallagher asked if the STF should pursue this. The consensus was that the STF will pursue this.
- Chair Gallagher said that he would form a steering committee to help oversee the process. He said he would be on it along with Ms. Hostert, Mr. Krafcisin, and a Village Board Member
- Chair Gallagher said he would rely on the teams to coordinate sections of the plan that fall under their specialties. He asked each team to present preliminary outlines of issues that should be addressed in the plan at the December 6 STF meeting.

#### **5. SUSTAINABILITY SOIREE RECAP**

- Ms. Varela reviewed the soiree and the brainstorming activity that the attendees did. Some of the ideas developed during the session can be used to develop the Climate Action Plan.

#### **6. RECYCLE BIN TAGGING UPDATE**

- Analyst Mawdsley presented the summary report of the Cart Tagging program. He asked if there were any comments about the report. There was some discussion, and the report will be revised and finalized accordingly.
- Chair Gallagher publicly thanked Tina Hostert who coordinated the program.

At this time, Ms. Lin arrived at the meeting. A roll call was conducted. Chair Gallagher said a quorum was present. Upon a motion made by Mr. Mulvaney and seconded by Ms. Procopi and unanimously adopted by all those present, the meeting minutes for July 26, 2022, August 23, 2022, and September 20, 2022, were approved.

#### **7. BREAD TAG COLLECTION UPDATE**

- Analyst Mawdsley said the Village has publicized the bread tag collection jar in the Public Works vestibule and that he has set out collection jars in each employee break room.
- Ms. Kroft reported that the Public Awareness team was working on ways to encourage people to save their bread tags. There was some discussion about this.

#### **8. FOOD RECYCLE PROJECT**

- Ms. Lin recapped her efforts in donating leftover food from larger events and her experience with the Evanston Community Fridges to reduce food waste and fight food

insecurity. Ms. Lin asked for any ideas about how to do something to achieve these ends in Glencoe.

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

- **Carbon Reduction:**
  - Chair Gallagher reported that the Carbon Reduction team had discussed the proposal for a public referendum for financing a new clubhouse at the Glencoe Golf Course. The team was concerned that there had not been any plans to incorporate sustainable designs and practices. He drafted a resolution for the STF to consider at a future meeting and asked members for feedback.
- **Sustainable Business**
  - Ms. Mihalopoulos reported that they are working with the Chamber of Commerce to survey Glencoe businesses.
  - Ms. Mihalopoulos noted that the first Business Before Hours meeting was going to be held and several topics were being presented. She said that might be a good venue for the STF to connect with the business community.

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

A. **Village:** Analyst Mawdsley reported on the following:

- The STF has a balance of \$7,773.07. There was a discussion about budget ideas.
- A new post on the STF blog about buckthorn, a non-native invasive species, was added recently.
- Annual Pumpkin Smash is scheduled for November 5.

#### 11. OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business.

#### 12. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

- There was no public comment.

#### 13. CLOSING FAREWELL AND ADJOURN

Then there being no further business to come before the STF, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Mulvaney and seconded by Ms. Lin. Being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.