

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE  
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

*The following Task Force members were present:*

Hall Healy, Chairman  
Lisa Fremont  
Jean Hahn  
Fred Miller  
Peter Mulvaney (via Telephone)  
Scott Padiak  
Larry Reilly

*Also present were:*

Adam Hall, Management Analyst

2. CONSIDER THE JUNE 27, 2017 SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the June 27, 2017 Sustainability Task Force were approved.

3. STANDING PROJECTS UPDATE

Management Analyst Hall provided a brief overview of ongoing Village projects that advance current Task Force initiatives.

4. TASK FORCE MEMBER UPDATES ON GSTF PROJECTS

Chairman Healy provided an introduction of the newest Task Force member Fred Miller. Task Force member Miller provided a tour and discussion regarding the Glencoe Community Garden which began in 2012. The Garden is 10,000 square feet and comprised of unused land between the railroad tracks and Green Bay Trail. It is entirely volunteer run, and the only electricity onsite are the solar panels on the green house. 2,000 pounds of produce are grown and taken into the city, and educational program for children are provided. The composting program began later with collection from households and kitchen scraps, and provides an amazing learning experience for children to bring items to the community garden.

The Task Force reconvened, and members discussed updates on various initiatives, established time frames and deliverables are several initiatives. Task Force members discussed update on the transportation initiative and the new cost proposal from the Active Transportation Alliance. General consensus from the Task Force was to recommend that biking and walking plan be undertaken with funding jointly provided by the Park District, School District 35 and the Village. Task Force members also discussed expanding the public outreach portion of the study and requested that staff reach out to Active Transportation Alliance for an updated cost proposal. At the August Village Board meeting, staff will present the updated recommendation to the Village Board for consideration.

As a component of the transportation discussion, Task Force member Reilly inquired about bike lanes and targeted wayfinding signage throughout Glencoe to direct residents to important destinations. Task Force members discussed these items, and Chairman Healy asked if the Director of Public Works or the Civil Engineer could provide some input on these issues. Staff will reach out to them for information regarding these inquiries and may have either of them attend an upcoming meeting as a resource to the Task Force.

Task Force member Fremont provided an update on the ravine initiative. Discussion focused on the development of local ravine alliances to target improvements. Task Force Members also discussed the development of a second ravine workshop sometime in the fall.

Vice-Chair Mulvaney and Task Force member Hahn provided an update on the public awareness initiative. Members discussed a sustainable speaker series and section in the library, visioning exercise, invitations for more public engagement at monthly Task Force meetings.

Task Force members discussed the yard waste initiative and the recycling initiative, but it was determined that the development of outreach could dovetail with the conclusion of the Village Board's consideration of a Franchise Agreement at their August meeting. Chairman Healy discussed the progress on the approach business initiative which included the work with the Chamber of Commerce and the upcoming rollout of the Sustainable Business Program. Task Force members discussed the program.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Task Force members also discussed attendance at the French Market, and considered what programs could be placed on display and what organizations or groups in conjunction with the Task Force could present.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Ms. Drost addressed the Task Force and was pleased that biking, walking and alternate modes of travel are receiving more attention. She stated that Glencoe is a wonderful place to live, and appreciates the other actions that the Task Force is undertaking.

7. SUMMARIZE AND OUTLINE NEXT STEPS

A discussion occurred on tasks needed to be completed for the upcoming Sustainability Task Force meeting. General consensus from the Task Force was that group members would continue to advance their ongoing initiatives.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Sustainability Task Force, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously adopted by those present, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.