

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 -7 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Healy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The following Task Force members were present:

Hall Healy, Chair
Sandy Culver
Gray Drobny
Lisa Fremont
Peter Mulvaney, Vice Chair
Dudley Onderdonk
Elsabe Schimmelpenninck van der Oye
Jennifer Varela

The following Task Force members were not present:

Catherine Procopi
Larry Reilly
Ashley Kain Silver

Also present were:

Megan Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager
Chris Leiner, Director of Parks and Maintenance
Helyn Latham, Glencoe Public Library
Andrew Bora, Bora Fitness

2. CONSIDER THE JUNE 25, 2019 SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Onderdonk moved, seconded by Ms. Schimmelpenninck, to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 Sustainability Task Force minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

3. GLENCOE BEACH CONVERSATION

Given the interest of Task Force members in assisting the Glencoe Park District with keeping Glencoe Beach free of litter, specifically plastic waste, Mr. Leiner gave the Task Force an overview of the Park District's operations and maintenance at the beach. Current maintenance methods include the use of a beach cleaner machine, daily manual garbage collection and an annual clean-up day in the spring. He added that the Park District has regularly been awarded a Clean Marina Award from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Leiner then went on to suggest that the Park District would be open to a mid-season clean-up event, perhaps capturing the help of campers. To focus more closely on reducing waste overall, Ms. Schimmelpenninck recommended that the Task Force consider how to encourage beach patrons to recycle more and leave less waste, likely through education efforts. Mr. Leiner then noted that the Park District's internal sustainability

committee has been considering how to increase recycling at all Glencoe parks. Mr. Leiner, Ms. Culver, Mr. Drobny, Ms. Varela and Ms. Latham agreed to brainstorm on the issue.

4. EVENT PRESENCE AND IN-PERSON PROMOTIONS

a) *Fourth of July Parade Recap*

The Task Force agreed that the turnout for and promotion gained from participating in the Fourth of July parade was terrific. Multiple facets of the Task Force's participation and planning went well including the new shirts, decorations and pins, which all contributed to the group earning second place in the non-float category for the parade competition. In terms of lessons learned, members discussed finding a more sustainable giveaway and coming up with a catchphrase or chant to help encourage a call to action.

b) *MWRD District 35 Waste water Treatment Presentation Recap*

The Task Force recounted that the Metropolitan Waste Water Reclamation District (MWRD) presentation and rain barrel painting activity at District 35 Summer Explorations came together quickly and was a great success. The collaboration was featured on the front page of the *Glencoe Anchor* that week.

c) *Glencoe Festival of Art Rain Barrel Painting Station Planning*

As an extension of the MWRD project at District 35 Summer Explorations, the Task Force discussed plans to bring a rain barrel painting activity and related educational materials to the Glencoe Festival of Art on Saturday, July 27.

d) *New Community Events Calendar*

Ms. Schimmelpenninck presented the Task Force with a draft community events calendar, intending to help the Task Force plan sustainability-related outreach to the community in advance. Members discussed the potential uses of the calendar and whether it should be an internal or external tool.

5. COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

Ms. Meyer gave the Task Force an overview of a new Community Solar Pilot Program that the Village has been invited to join as a member of the North Shore Electric Aggregation Consortium and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The pilot would allow the Village to subscribe to the first operating Community Solar facility in Illinois, with the program starting as early as this fall. The Task Force discussed the specifics of the program and how to present the benefits to the Village Board.

Vice Chair Mulvaney motioned, seconded by Ms. Schimmelpenninck, to recommend the program to the Village Board for formal consideration. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Meyer agreed to prepare a report and related materials for the August 15 Village Board meeting. The Task Force then discussed the importance of promoting the program to the Glencoe community if approved by the Village Board.

6. RAVINE CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT AND WORKSHOP

Ms. Fremont reviewed plans with the Task Force to host a second community-wide ravine workshop in the fall with an emphasis on the results of the Lake County ravine conditions

assessment and on intermediate ravine management options. Ms. Fremont plans to work with Ms. Meyer and Public Works Director Mau on next steps.

7. STF APPRECIATION DINNER PROPOSAL

Ms. Schimmelpenninck presented a proposal for a Task Force Appreciation Dinner, to tentatively be hosted at the Glencoe Golf Club on Monday, September 23. Members expressed support for the dinner and also discussed specifics including using the event as an outreach tool to engage non-Task Force members in sustainability efforts. Ms. Schimmelpenninck and Ms. Varela agreed to help plan event logistics.

8. PLASTIC REDUCTION EFFORTS

Ms. Latham presented the Task Force with a plastic reduction campaign idea, centered on bringing a reusable bag competition to Glencoe schools. Members discussed the concept as well as other plastic reduction ideas, including locally banning or taxing plastic bags, instituting a reusable bag sharing station and various education campaigns including integrating single use plastic elimination into the Sustainable Business Recognition Program. Ms. Latham, Mr. Drobny, Ms. Culver and Chairman Healy agreed to discuss the topic further, referencing the EcoDistricts framework for guidance.

9. UPDATES ON STF PROJECTS

a) *Water Conservation*

Mr. Onderdonk reported on a number of water conservation updates, including an issue with bacteria that the Lake County Storm Water Management has been working on with the Glencoe Park District, as well as a new committee that is reviewing the impact climate change is having on the lakefront. He then shared some educational material on smart irrigation technology.

The Task Force then moved discussion to the Hoover Estates subdivision proposal, currently under review by the Plan Commission. Chairman Healy and Vice Chair Mulvaney agreed to work with Ms. Meyer on drafting a letter to be distributed to the Hoover Estates developer with a list of sustainable considerations that the Task Force would like addressed in the proposal. Such considerations would include green infrastructure, sidewalks, tree preservation and storm water mitigation, among others.

b) *Recycling Stickers*

Ms. Meyer reported that the recycling stickers have yet to be mailed as postage logistics are still being handled. The content of the letter and stickers will be checked with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) prior to mailing to ensure their standards for acceptable recycling materials has not changed.

c) *Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Status*

The Task Force discussed the need to give feedback to the ATP steering committee on what's been integrated into the Village's Community Improvement Program and what is coming in the next budget year.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed the Task Force taking a position on historic preservation efforts in Glencoe. Members agreed to the concept of making a formal statement of some kind, and

whether it would be appropriate to invite a member of the Historic Preservation Commission to learn more.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There were no comments from the public.

12. SUMMARIZE AND OUTLINE NEXT STEPS

There was no further discussion. The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27 at Village Hall.

13. 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 9:14 p.m.