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Meeting Minutes

Village of Mamaroneck Committee for the Environment (CFTE)

Held In Village Courthouse

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), Marc Karell, Maria Karsou, Jeff DeToro, David Freeman, Martin Hain, David Styler, Dave Finch, Colin Goldberg, Victor Tafur (Trustee), Leon Potok (Trustee/Liaison to Village Board), Greg Cutler (Village Planner), Dan Sarnoff (Assistant Village Manager), Neil Desai, VOM consultant

Not Present: Jennifer Keefe, Katherine Desmond

Minutes from March meeting were approved.

Clean and Green

A large portion of the meeting served as a planning session for the upcoming annual Clean and Green event to be held on the following Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 am – noon. April 28th is the rain date. Signs have been posted in the common locations for signs (in front of post office, I-95 Fenimore Rd. exit ramp, in Rye Neck triangle, etc.). Notices were placed in Hommocks Middle school e-newsletter and the environmental club at Mamaroneck High School. Rye Neck High School was contacted. Various Cub and Girl Scout troops were contacted. Leon will work with Sally to promote the event on the Village's website and Facebook pages. Barry has been contacted and will bring and put in place table and chairs at Harbor Island Park. He will also bring different bags, gloves, and rakes to use.

There will be six clean-up zones (Greg has the map used in the past), each with a leader chosen on Saturday morning. Maria will remain at the Harbor and stay at the information table. There will be a sign up sheet at the event for residents interested in purchasing the food waste recycling kits once they are available.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Neil Desai, of NV5, a consulting firm hired by the Village to update the 2012 Comprehensive Plan, was present. He plans to be present at the Clean & Green event to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. He will have boards describing what the Comprehensive Plan is and citizens' roles to provide feedback to update it. He will have a camera and audio to interview residents willing to give their opinions to the Village

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and have a board and “Post-its” for people to write their ideas and place on board for consideration at another time. He is working on updating the Comprehensive Plan from 2012 and wants to get input from CFTE on sustainability goals.

Neil posted a questionnaire for CFTE members to respond. A few did. He has now opened up the questionnaire for responses from the general public. Webpage for information on Village Comprehensive Plan update: www.planvom.org.

Food Waste Recycling Program

The nascent program will begin this summer. The Trustees will likely approve funding for additional staffing and to buy the buckets to be sold to the public. People can sign up and leave their email addresses at the Clean & Green event to be contacted about purchasing the buckets. There will be 2 such buckets, a small one that can go on a typical kitchen counter. When full, the contents would be transferred to a larger bucket that can be kept for longer periods outdoors (safe from animal attraction).

Movie: “Wasted”

The movie “Wasted”, about food waste, has been shown in the Village of Larchmont and Town of Mamaroneck. CFTE would like to show it in the Village, perhaps in June at the Emelin Theater. It would likely cost about \$800 to show it there, which CFTE has in the budget. Perhaps a chef or other food professional can attend and lead a discussion. Another possibility is the Public Library, whose fee, \$100, is lower. Perhaps a June showing can build momentum for the food waste recycle program and other programs about food waste this fall.

Hampshire Development

Should the CFTE issue an opinion? The consensus is such a statement would not affect the ultimate outcome and may be difficult to craft to satisfy the entire or most of CFTE. It was suggested that someone qualified review the DEIS and for us to then convene a special meeting which giving the timing was unlikely to happen. Comments on the Draft Environmental Statement are due on May 11. It was hoped that an experienced person be brought on to review the entire report.

Leaf Blower Ban

The Village of Larchmont is in the process of putting up posters and having “door hangers” reminding residents about their leaf blower ban, beginning June 1. Larchmont allows electric leaf blowers. The Village of Mamaroneck’s ban for its time period is total

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(all leaf blowers). One person brought up for future discussion whether including a ban on electric leaf blowers is a disincentive for people to switch from gas-powered to electric (battery) leaf blowers, which blow less hard and are less noisy. The Village said it would put up signs reminding Village residents of the leaf blower ban if a design is prepared. Martin said he would design such a sign.

Carbon Footprint

A draft 2017 carbon footprint for Village of Mamaroneck operations was submitted by Marc to Dan Sarnoff in early April. Dan had not had a chance to review it yet, given severe weather response and budgeting obligations.

Energy Audit

Proposals from two experienced firms to conduct an energy audit and recommend cost-saving steps to reduce energy usage (electricity, gas, and oil) for 5 Village buildings were reviewed, and one proposal was recommended. The BoT will likely approve the winning proposal and budget payment for the firm during the next week. After contract review and finalization, the energy audit of the buildings would commence.

Public Comments

No public comments were submitted.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7:30 pm at Village Courthouse.