

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF
DECEMBER 15, 2009, AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
REGATTA, 123 MAMARONECK AVENUE, MAMARONECK NY 10543.

Present: Sarah Robbins Evans, Kate Hearst, Jean Peron, Elsa Puerto-Rubin, Joan Heilman, Toni Ryan, Liaison.

Absent: Tom O'Brien, Kevin LaFollette
Guest : Sandra Larriva, Editor of Patch Publications

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 17, 2009 meeting were approved.
Note: Sally Roberts, Dep. Clerk, reported that approved 2009 minutes have not been submitted to her for February through September as required by Village Code.

New Co-Presidents: Elsa Puerto-Rubin and Sarah Evans have been elected co-presidents.

Old Business: There is no change to the status of the bike racks. The law is not clear on the legality of attaching bikes to VOM property.

Leaf Blower Law: As suggested at our previous meeting, the board thought it best to wait to consult with the new Board regarding sending a warning letter to landscapers.

ICLEI Audit: Sarah received information that the Audit software agreement must be renewed with Cool Cities at a cost of \$600 for us to continue. Elsa will discuss with Catherine Hiller of the Larchmont Environmental Committee to determine what path to take. Jean gave a copy of the notes and instructions to **Alice Pernick**, former Chair of this committee, as Alice has volunteered to work with Jean on the Audit.

Winter Farmer's Market: Miriam Haas of Community markets is ready to go for the 2010 winter market. She will be changing the signs (at her firm's expense) which advertise for the Market. **Toni will find out the exact measurements of the signs.** Signs are located near the Post Office and at the Harbor, near Fenimore Rd. Miriam will send an assistant, Susan Coyne, to help. Market is due to open on January 9. Toni will inquire as to whether the Mayor would like to begin the opening ceremonies.

Idling Law Enforcement: Sarah has sent a letter to the Board for their review regarding this law.

Harbor island Recycling: Jean has observed that at least in three places at the Harbor, trash cans are placed next to recycling bins, as we requested.

Website Mission Statement: Elsa will review mission statements of neighboring communities and compose a statement for our review. Joan H. as agreed to edit it. **She will also research other websites, compose a mission statement and submit it to the committee members for review.**

Used Stuff: As stated previously, Toni said there is no physical space available or person to manage it. She said that “Used Stuff” information could be put online with phone number of offering party, as an alternative.

Setting Goals for 2010: Elsa would like the Committee to set goals for the upcoming year.

Suggestions:

- Eliminate use of plastic bags. Toni said that the issue should be brought before community organizations such as Chamber, Summit. Some methods of discouraging their use were discussed. For example, CVS stores and supermarkets collect them.
- Attend Environmental Committees of other municipalities to learn what they are doing and to bring our ideas.
- Break into subcommittees to focus on issues. This may require enlarging our Committee. Toni will investigate measures needed for achieving this.
- Using LMC-TV for public relations interviews.
- Spring Cleanup – close to Earth Day in April.
- Composting Film – Sarah reported it is almost finished. She will send link.
- Create a liaison with the PTA groups. (Apple Program might be interested in working on the plastic bag effort.)

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- CFL (compact florescent lights) Disposal. Proposals were made to educate vendors of the proper disposal methods, as they contain mercury. Perhaps a collection center could be created. Elsa will speak to the Chamber, and Toni will consult with Peter Costa – WC Dept. of the Environment.

Next meeting is January 19, 2010.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron