

Ardsley Climate Smart Communities/Clean Energy Communities Task Force

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

In attendance: Steve Edelstein (Village Trustee), Asha Bencosme (CSC/CEC Coordinator), Eda Kapsis, Dave Lew, Carol Sommerfield.

The CSC/CEC Task Force Coordinator called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

1. Status of CSC Bronze Action Items

Asha updated the task force and Trustee Edelstein on the status of the CSC project:

- A documentation request was sent to the Village for items or information needed for some of the needed CEC and CSC PE items.
- There will be a meeting with the Village Manager on February 19 to review the first batch of completed actions and documentation prior to upload into the CSC portal.
- Bronze level requires 120 points. Advice provided by other Bronze communities is to submit more than 120 points as all points for an action may not be assigned. We are targeting submitting actions worth between 150 and 160 points.
- One of the challenges is staying organized about the status of actions and documentation. Asha summarized the system she has developed to ensure nothing falls between the cracks.
- Asha will ensure the Village understands that the task force can help to gather documentation, particularly with the resource constraints during budget planning season.
- **Actions:**
 - Asha and Carol will meet later today with Village Manager Robson to review and clarify requested documentation.
 - Steve will provide Carol with the landscape design for Pascone Park and the upper section of Silliman Park. Pictures of Silliman Park during the renovation and afterward will also be sent.

2. Clean Energy Communities

Asha updated the team on the status of CEC items. Unfortunately, we do not have as many points as expected as some completed items must be redone (energy code training) or documentation is missing. Asha is working with the Village to address needed actions/documentation. The goal is to achieve 5,000 points to make us eligible for the 2021 grant cycle. Grant money would help move efforts forward.

3. Meeting Between NYPA and the Village

On 2/10/21 representatives from NYPA will be meeting with the Village and key construction/design contacts for the new Ardsley DPW building to identify opportunities where NYPA can assist to help make the building energy efficient. Additional opportunities within the Village will also be discussed if time permits.

4. Earth Day Events

Earth Day provides a great opportunity to increase community awareness of climate change and its impact while also encouraging community participation. Due to the pandemic, most activities will be on Zoom, though a few socially distanced group events may be possible. As part of **Ardsley CAN by 2030!** we would like to increase awareness within the community about climate change adaptation and what residents can do today to prepare.

- **Actions:**
 - Carol to provide the team with a draft Earth Day proposal. As needed, the team will assist in identifying speakers/leads for content experts.

5. Next Meeting Timeline and Scheduling

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 1 p.m. via Zoom.

6. Adjournment

The Task Force meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully,

Carol Sommerfield