

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
November 27 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Rob Gorman, Stefan LoBuglio, Bill Draper, Yvette Quintela, and Julie Weber.
Excused: Sindy Udell

Guests: Steven Austin, Kyle Austin, Karen Roman, Cheryl Glaessner, Howard Evoy, Ann Massey, Anne Carlson, and John Karlik.

CSCA President Jack Orrick convened the meeting at 7:37 PM.

The Board approved the October 2017 minutes unanimously. The treasurer's report was received, but the discussion was tabled until after the agenda item concerning the Fenway Road Traffic Calming experiment.

Jack shared that the trial islands would continue until February after which a newly constituted traffic safety committee would survey the community about its support for permanent islands. The County will conduct another speed evaluation near the end of the trial, and this data will be compared to the speed data collected when the islands were installed, and with a prior speed study conducted in April 2017. Before developing the survey, the committee would be responsible for reviewing and analyzing the speed data and sharing it with the community. After some discussion, the board supported the following members for the new committee: Bill Draper, Don Goldberg, Jane Roth, Amy Taylor, and Stefan LoBuglio. While the committee members may have taken positions on the trial islands in the past, the new committee members were reminded of the expectation that they would bring a fair and open mind to performing their duties and evaluating the data. Further, the committee will operate with transparency and convene meetings open to the public. Finally, the committee will also follow-up with the County police concerning the Department's plans to allow communities to purchase speed boards in the future.

After the discussion on the traffic safety topic, several community members left the meeting. CSCA Treasurer Rob Gorman then provided an overview of his report. He indicated that the association was spending well within its budget. He indicated that several of the initiatives that the board had authorized \$500 had not sought reimbursement for expenses including the Carderock campout. At a future meeting, the board decided to review several initiatives that may no longer need annual allocations. However, the board did authorize \$500 for a beautification effort to be led by Anne Carlson. Finally, Rob explained that 30% of dues payments are transferred to the contingency fund at the end of each year.

In other business, Jack indicated that the association would look to the spring of 2018 to organize a tour of homes that would showcase recent renovations in compliance with the Architectural Review Board. He indicated that the tour should include 6-7 homes and he had hoped to arrange it for this fall, but that there were too few residents interested in showing their homes.

Next, Jack shared information on a new rule of the Federal Communication Commission that authorizes companies to construct "small" cell phone towers without the significant review required of much larger towers. This is an issue that is being discussed in the county and allows cell towers on poles less than thirty feet or located ten feet above existing light towers. Jack will provide a description of this issue for the next newsletter.

Under Old Business, there was no update on sound barriers. Social Chairman Phil Rider had shared a list of social events planned in 2018 including: a progressive dinner in January; a valentine barbeque in February, and a wine tasting event in March. Others events are scheduled for later in the year, and all will be advertised by the newsletter. Finally, Stefan indicated that he was receiving estimates on the replacement of lights at the entrance of Carderock Spring Drive and River Road. One of the lights has burnt out, and they are energy inefficient and unattractive.

The board was reminded that the December meeting was cancelled, and it would next convene on January 22.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Submitted by Stefan LoBuglio, CSCS Secretary