

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
January 22, 2018 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Rob, Bill, Jack, Yvette, Petra.

Audience: Howard Evoy, Malcolm Stevenson, Michael Nannes, Don Goldberg, John Karlik.

Meeting started at 7:30. Jack requested a motion to approve minutes, all approved.

Rob reviewed the budget report. Jack approved a budget item moved from 2017 into 2018 for purchase of beer/wine by Phil due to money left over from 2017.

Rob reported he will transfer Paypal account into checking account. 30% will be taken in the next 10 days and moved into contingency account. 2017 dues and income were down from 2016. Spending was also less in 2017 than 2016 leaving final balance up relative to 2016. Rob distributed a proposed 2018 budget. Noticeable exceptions for this year will be: new directory printing; maintenance has gone from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to cover lighting expense upcoming. Jack proposed making it a separate line item so it does not carry forward year after year. Rob proposes deleting several line items including budget items for the traffic safety committee and rainscapes/drainage committee(get details). A proposal made for flower-planting: \$500 was agreed to.

Jack suggested raising newsletter printing from \$1500 to \$2000. Jack proposed leaving house tour as a budget item for a possible house tour in the Spring. Proposed entering a blank \$ line item for now. Keep maintenance at \$1000; lighting as a separate 1K item

Don represented the traffic calming committee: met once in person. Email correspondence to draft a survey to determine whether to make islands permanent or not. Don described it not as an opinion request but more of a vote or referendum. Don described the process and thinking that went into the wording of the referendum. Outstanding question is how to present the speed data? Don read the draft of the referendum to all in attendance.

John Karlik raised concern that range of error in measurements has never been stated by the County. Jack suggested including the margin of error in the report. No further significant action until speed data is presented by the County. Suggestion was made to include how the board will deal with the data. Asked about electronic via paper - Jack clarified Survey Monkey + paper by request. Further suggested that there be two paragraphs: one pro, one con.

Jack suggested that the board will make a decision based on how many vote and how close it is.

Rob suggested that we consider adding that there is no cost to the citizens.

A suggestion was made to add a "don't care" option to the questionnaire. Don recommended we not tie the board to a particular approach to making a decision.

Malcolm asked if the board will move forward based on citizen vote regardless of what the speed data shows.

Jack suggested we follow up on these questions at the February meeting. Expect a referendum to go out sometime in March. If a close vote, Jack suggested opening another discussion to the neighborhood.

River Road light fixtures. Stefan distributed 2 proposals. Question outstanding: why is GFI not needed and why are photosensors not needed? Stefan to clarify with the lighting contractor.

Rob has announced he would be stepping down as treasurer in April. With that and Bill Moore's vacancy, nominate a committee to replace VP and treasurer. VP role would be in line to be President in 2019 as Jack is considering stepping down. Looks to Rob to serve on nominating committee, Yvette, Julie.

Business items: quiet skies; beltway sound barriers. Petra reviewed November meeting with volunteers from quiet skies coalition – Anne Hollander and Janelle Wright. Gave overview of last meetings of the coalition.

Beltway barrier: no update other than a meeting in February; Petra will update the community in the upcoming newsletter.

John Karlik gave an update from environmental committee (Diane). Organized yard sale, very popular. Will try to organize another in the Fall. Working on getting another tree walk organized in Carderock. Working on that this spring with a \$500 budget.

Newsletter deadline for submissions by February 2nd with a publish target of the 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.