

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
June 18, 2018
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Petra Jacobs, Tom Deyo, Jenny Spreitzer, Svitlana Sweat, Bill Draper, Stefan LoBuglio, Tim Williams

Board members not in attendance: Julie Weber

Guests present: None

Community members present: 2 community members attended the meeting

CSCA President Jack Orrick convened the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Item 1: Minutes of the May 21 meeting were made available, and were approved by the board upon motion duly made and seconded (Motion #1)

Item 2:

The meeting began with a treasury report by Svitlana, who noted that she has been debriefed by the outgoing treasurer with respect to the responsibilities and protocols of the treasury role. Svitlana noted that we are currently about \$2k behind budgeted amount for dues. The board discussed having a reminder letter sent for association dues. There were also a recommendations to (1) have a graphic showing the percentage of homes that have paid dues that would be published as a regular feature of the newsletter, and (2) possibly put an email on the chat asking for homes to pay annual dues.

Action Item #1: Svitlana agreed to send a reminder letter after getting the form from Rob.

Item 3:

The board revisited the prior conversation about having a covenant working group. Tim provided an update on his thinking for a first meeting. Jenny discussed an upcoming meeting on June 19 with a representative from Montgomery County to discuss the possibility of getting historic designation from the county, and invited any board members to join her and Sue Eastman in that conversation. The board and community members had a robust discussion about current pressure from developers in and around the Carderock region, other neighborhoods and municipalities with covenants and other types of protections, and different options for the covenant working group to discuss. The group also discussed whether the community building permit process may provide an avenue for recourse or provide a source of information to advise the community of planned developments before the start of construction. Jack mentioned that a tax credit workshop would be held on June 26 in Takoma Park.

Action Item #2: Jack agreed to forward information about the tax credit workshop to the board and advertise on the chat.

Item 3:

The board continued conversation about the recent disagreement with respect to a fence that was installed at 8300 Fenway Road without permission from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The board agreed to handle this matter in executive session.

Item 4:

Jack reminded board members make a sincere effort to attend meetings, and to provide comments on agendas in advance of meetings. Jack discussed scheduling of a combined meeting for July and August.

Action Item #3: Jack agreed to poll board members for availability for the July/August combined meeting.

Item 5:

The board discussed the Directory, which was last printed in 2016. The board discussed the possibility of supplementing the Directory with a community app. There were recommendations that the Directory (1) encompass South Carderock, and (2) mention traffic safety.

There was also discussion about beginning a “branding committee” to help rebrand the community in the directory and on the website. Volunteers for that group included Tom, Jenny, and Bill. Tim agreed to read and help update copy in the directory.

Action Item #4: Tom, Jenny, and Bill agreed to work on branding (there was no motion to create a branding committee at this time)

Item 5:

Petra provided an update on the quiet skies initiative and the beltway noise working group.

Item 6:

Tom shared a video he created demonstrating consistent noise pollution from flights over the neighborhood.

Item 7:

The board met in executive session to discuss the fence that was installed at 8300 Fenway Road.

There being no other matters before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by Tim Williams, CSCA Secretary