

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
February 18, 2020
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Ashish Goel, Jenny Spreitzer, Petra Jacobs, Bill Draper, Sue Eastman

Board member absent: Tom Deyo

Community members present: Katherine Stifel, Howard Evoy

Meeting called to order at 7:37pm by Jack Orrick

- 1) Approval of January Board meeting minutes
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) Procedure for 2020 Dues statements
- 4) 2020 Annual Meeting – April 26, 2020 – Legislators Confirmed
- 5) Nominating Committee for Board/Officers
- 6) Congressional Country Club Golf Course – Rainstorm Damage
- 7) March 15 International Potluck Dinner
- 8) Old Business – Beltway Expansion; Montgomery Country Quiet Skies; Pepco
- 9) New Business
- 10) Next Meeting Date and Newsletter Deadline

Item 1: Minutes

January minutes were approved.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report

Dues: 163 out of 567 households (29%) have contributed so far. We're paying more to PayPal than in past but the processing is much, much easier. Venmo incurs no fees, so we might want to let people know this. We're at almost 50% of dues collected last year and haven't yet sent out mailed notices.

Item 3: Procedure for Dues Statements

The first email requesting dues payment went out 1/17. About 10% contained incorrect information: the emails bounced or people contacted us to let us know that they don't live in Carderock Springs anymore. January Newsletter had a reminder and then Ashish sent out another email, which spurred more renewals. Ashish wants to give citizens another two weeks, so is planning for a physical mailing after 2/26 to those who haven't paid. He will prepare the mailing and send it out.

Next Steps

- Ashish will continue with the mailings
- Bill will bulk upload new information to database

Item 4: 2020 Annual Meeting – April 26, 2020 – Legislators Confirmed

Three invited legislators have replied in the affirmative: Andrew Friedson, Marc Korman, Sara Love. Two have not yet responded: Marc Elrich, Susan Lee. Petra suggested asking Carol Rubin of the Montgomery County Parks & Planning Department.

Next Steps

- Jack will re-contact Marc Elrich and Susan Lee; and contact Carol Rubin.

Item 5: Nominating Committee for Board/Officers

The board would like to add 2 more members, in addition to our current members.

Next Steps:

- Jenny, Sue and Petra will reach out to prospective board members
- Jenny will try to find someone who lives in a Bennett home in South Carderock Springs to participate
- We need to confirm the slate of board members in time for it to be announced in the March newsletter

Item 6: Followup regarding Congressional Country Club Golf Course Regrading and Stream Replanting

Lisa Deyo and Jack Orrick recently sent a letter to the Department of Permitting Services (DPS), the MD Department of Environmental Protection and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) about the sediment running into the stream below Fenway Road. \$800,000 was supposed to be used to mitigate the problems. We have not yet seen plans, but we do have their attention regarding the problem. Plantings need to be made at Congressional and around the stream (by the county) to absorb water and slow it down.

Item 7: International Dinner on March 15

Craig Stoltz is organizing via the Chat; he did not attend the February board meeting.

Item 8: Old Business - Beltway Expansion; Montgomery County Quiet Skies; Pepco

Beltway Expansion

- Katherine Stifel prepared a draft flyer to go in the boxes of people directly impacted by the Beltway expansion. Idea to collect photos of existing conditions before trees leaf out and to know who received MDOT SHA Letters from directly affected neighbors and for neighbors' understanding. Photos will be shared with legislators invited to April 26th meeting. Purpose is to call attention to a renewed critical need to focus and to act on the proposed Beltway expansion as individuals and as a community.
- Suggested that we schedule an open house in advance of the Annual Meeting to answer questions for community members. March 29th would be good for this: 6:30 pm. We will announce on chat and also put flyers in the mailboxes of those who will be directly impacted from a property perspective. Petra and Katherine will share documents with other board members.

Beltway Expansion Next Steps

- Jack will book club for 3/29 meeting date and announce via Chat and CSCA Newsletter
- Katherine will finalize brochure incorporating final comments from Jack & Petra, and the Working Group; Jenny will help distribute brochure in South Carderock, Katherine and Sue Eastman in Carderock proper.

Montgomery County Quiet Skies

- Harold reported that Arlington still hasn't chosen a consultant. Quiet Skies Coalition has been quiet.

Pepco followup re Recent Electrical fire on Glenmore Spring Way

- No new developments. Sue continues to monitor the situation.

Item 9: New Business

Many have noticed work in the neighborhood that has not been approved by the ARC. Jack Orrick will send a letter to the owners of a home recently painted in a bright color that doesn't conform with the Covenants and was not brought before the ARC.

Stefan LoBuglio via email, brought up replacing the lights that illuminate the signs on River Road with LED lights. The one estimate we have so far is quite high. There might be a lower cost solution. He will continue to look for one.

Item 10: Next Meeting Date and Newsletter deadline

- March 16 for meeting
- February 28 newsletter deadline

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.