

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**March 15, 2021**  
**Held via Web Meeting due to Covid-19**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Ashish Goel, Jenny Spreitzer, Tom Deyo, Sue Eastman, Gary Ratner, Petra Jacobs

Community members present: Michele and Glenn Miller, Katalin Roth, Katharine Stifel, Denise Durham, Mickie Simpson

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by Jack Orrick

1. Approval of February Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's report
3. Beltway Update meeting/comments to Programmatic Agreement/VHB involvement
4. Nominating Committee for April election of Directors
5. Setting date for Annual Meeting
6. Replacement/refurbishing entrance signs – status
7. Dues mailing/database migration
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Next Meeting –April 19, 2021; newsletter deadline

**Item 1: Approval of February Board meeting minutes**

Approved.

**Item 2: Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report: \$5,739 in dues collected so far. Ashish will enter all of them and then print out physical letters to send to those who haven't paid yet. \$60 mistaken charge was credited back to us. Ashish moved \$12,000 from checking to our one-year CD. Balance is now \$22,000.

**Item 3: Beltway Update meeting/comments to Programmatic Agreement/VHB involvement**

Jack summarized status of Beltway expansion project "Phase One South" (i.e. American Legion bridge rebuild and expansion of 495 to I-270). Petra and Nicole Ferrand worked on a letter to Steve Archer, the point person for historic properties regarding the Environmental Impact Statement. In a call with impacted parties that Petra attended, Steve Archer described the Programmatic Agreement and recommended that we submit very detailed comments by April 12<sup>th</sup> suggesting what we would like to see versus what has been currently proposed. We are a consulting party on Section 106. We can express our opinion. Draft Programmatic Agreement is very general in regard to Carderock Springs. Petra reported that per Sidney Katz, the county

opposes the current proposal and P3 funding. However, the county can't litigate. Parks & Planning and the Sierra Club can possibly litigate.

Programmatic Agreement "not able to determine" what effect will be on Carderock Springs but does say that they will try to work with the community to maintain contours, plant the correct trees, and develop appropriate sound barriers.

Tom Deyo showed the SHA interactive map and pointed out the flyover lanes that are currently in the plans: this will create 3 levels of lanes. Tom believes that there will be a 40-foot exit ramp above the beltway. If we want to include our concerns about the flyover ramps in our response, we can discuss the preservation of our historic district. Petra can reach out to Rebecca Ballo to ask for her assistance with what to write in our letter regarding impacts to the historic community.

Tom and others asked, why does there have to be a toll lane entry and exit from River Road? Why can't it just be local lane entries? Why put this level of infrastructure here?

Tom suggested that we hire VHB Partners to create a visualization or help us craft a comment on the Programmatic Agreement. Petra agrees. Her only concern is that since the design isn't final, we might be wasting resources. Is there a lower cost option to visualize what the flyover ramps might look like next to our community? How can we position the "no exit to River Road" question? Jack suggested we reach out to legislators Korman, Love and Friedson to ask why there has to be an exit there. Petra suggested that there might be someone at the country Department of Transportation might be able to help.

Jack will send a reminder to the chat about Thursday evening call with Carol Rubin. "Franchot Spaghetti Bowl."

#### **Item 4: Nominating Committee for April election of Directors**

We have two candidates who have agreed to join the board: Katalin Roth and Mickie Simpson. We will include our nominee names & bios in the next newsletter along with new roles. Jack suggested that we name a new VP as well since Tom will leave the board next year.

#### **Item 5: Setting date for Annual Meeting**

Jack suggested April 25<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Meeting. We discussed possibly holding the meeting in May outdoors in person but decided we weren't quite ready yet for a large event and it would make showing slides complicated. Suggested 7 pm start with business meeting first, then Barbara Wolanin presentation and Q&A. We will plan for a 90-minute meeting.

#### **Item 6: Signage**

Jack learned that our permit should issue, perhaps this week, and there will be no fee. Sue will check in with Ken re "site plan" for Persimmon Tree Road and painting.

## **Database Migration & Directory Reprint**

Database will migrate to “My Neighborhood” and A to Z will print the directory. We can refer to Cabin John directory for potential

### **Item 7: Old Business**

#### **Quiet Skies**

- **Pepco**  
Our issues continue but there is nothing new to report.
- **Congressional Country Club Sediment Control Update**  
Another sediment runoff a couple weeks ago. Jennifer Hughes indicated that she was writing a letter.

### **Item 78: New Business**

- The CS-Chat
  - Brought up by Tom. It seems like the Chat can get hurtful. Chat is not run by the CSCA. We could set up 2 separate chats, as they do in Cabin John: one the “official one” from the Board, but we would have to be sure we had everyone’s email. Let’s revisit after this dues cycle.
  - Jenny will write something about this for the Newsletter: 1) not part of the Citizens’ Association. 2) please be neighborly.
  - Tom suggested that we publish more positive articles in the newsletter. Ashish thinks it would be good to publish less repetitive material each month. Jack suggested that we have more detailed news about ARC.
  - Should we change the newsletter? Should the newsletter not be available on our website? Some ideas: Maybe make it less ARC-based? Less writing and more pictures and graphics? Meet a new neighbor? Dogs of Carderock Springs? Why do we have all these “springs” names in the neighborhood – where are the springs?

### **Item 9: Next Meeting date/Newsletter deadline**

Next meeting: TBD April 19, 2021 or just Annual Meeting on April 25  
Newsletter: March 27, 2021 for distribution in early April

**Adjourned 9:03 pm**