

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association

Minutes: November 15, 2021 Board Meeting

Held via Zoom due to Covid-19

Board Members present: Jack Orrick, Tom Deyo, Ashish Goel, Gary Ratner, Sue Eastman, Katalin Roth

Community members present: Karen Ringo, Peter Kukura, Dominique Rychik, Lipika Dash, Inge Enzinger, Denise Durham, Rachel Bean, Stefan LoBuglio

Meeting called to order by Jack Orrick at 7:34 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Approval of October Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Planning for 2022 – Budget discussion; forming Nominating Committee; Social Events
4. Possible tear-down on Park Overlook Drive
5. Finalizing Directory text and resident information for A to Z
6. Tribute to Mickie Simpson
7. Old Business (including sign renovation)
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting – January 17 (no December meeting and no December Newsletter, unless important information needs to be communicated)

**Item 1: Approval of October Minutes**

Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Item 2: Treasurer's Report – Ashish Goel**

Ashish had prepared and distributed a Financial Report of 11/15/2021 and compared our actual 2021 revenue and expenses to date with the budgeted amounts. The cost of the "sign" project was under what we had expected. Overall, we're tracking the budget pretty well.

Jack noted that the costs for insurance and Directory distribution have not yet been paid. So far, we have not had to draw on the "contingency fund" – we can decide that in January.

**Item 3: Planning for 2022**

**Budget Discussion and Social Events**

For the budget, we typically look at the prior year and then determine whether any line item is likely to increase or decrease substantially from the prior year. Sue noted that two signs will need to be totally replaced in 2022, but that should not cost more than \$1,000; Jack agreed.

Jack noted that we did get our letter in on the Supplemental Draft EIS and that there should not be more major comments. Maybe we should lower the figure in the budget to \$2,500 or \$3,000 (from the \$3,500 in the budget for Beltway Widening Support).

Tom applauded that an amazing job had been done on the letter and that Roman Roman did an excellent job. Tom is so impressed by the skills neighbors offer the community.

Tom asked if there was any more advocacy we could do on the Beltway project, such as to increase the height of the walls? Jack said we need to wait to see if they're receptive to our comments. If not, we'd need to have another discussion about potentially taking more aggressive action.

Two issues of greatest concern to us are building the noise walls higher, protecting the tree canopy and trying to do away with or minimizing impacts of the flyover ramps. Jack said that if we could get those three issues addressed, it would be a good accomplishment. Jack observed that there are limited details in the Supplemental Draft EIS on these issues. Because we're "consulting parties", we should be getting access the plans as they are developed. The comment period on the Supplemental Draft EIS was extended at the last minute to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Tom asked if he, Jack and Petra could get on the line with Drew and Roman to talk about possible next steps.

Tom said we should allow in the new budget an increased amount for social events. Jack noted that 2022 will be the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Carderock Springs community and that it would be nice to have an event to recognize that. Jack would like to see CSCA restore more regular social events and generate more social contact.

Revenues for 2022 should be kept at \$18,500. Jack asked Ashish if he could please prepare the 2022 Budget for the January meeting.

#### **Forming Nominating Committee**

Jack wants to step down as President and Tom had previously indicated that this would be his last year as Vice President. If necessary, Jack would be willing to be Co-President. We've had as few as 7 Board members and as many as 9-10. We should find at least 2 new Board Members. When Jack asked if all current Board Members were planning to remain on the Board, Gary said that he was not sure.

Tom, Sue and Karen Ringo agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Jack noted that the existing Board members are pretty much older people and that it would be nice to have some newer members. Karen will especially be reaching out to newer members of the Community. Jack suggested that to identify potential new Board members, the Nominating Committee could go through the Minutes to see who had attended Board meetings and look at the list of attendees at the Newcomers' Event.

#### **Item 4: Possible Tear-down on Park Overlook Court**

Dominique Rychik, a local realtor, reported that: the owner of 10 Park Overlook had passed away; the house is in severe disrepair; and the new owner is someone from the neighborhood who apparently plans to rehab the house. Jack pointed out that any renovation would need to be approved by the Architectural Review Committee and would need to be as close as possible to the existing Carderock models. In response to Jack's interest in notifying the new owner of the covenants, Dominique indicated that she had already let them know about the covenants.

#### **Item 5: Finalizing Directory Text and Resident Information for A to Z**

Jack has been working on the Directory narrative with Melissa Wilets and is pretty close to sending it to A to Z. Responding to Jack's request for someone to look at the list of residents to see if it's up-to-date,

Karen volunteered. Ashish said we have updated information on 15-20 families and that should capture most of the new information. Jack asked Board members to look at the Directory's list of residents and see if anything needs to be changed. Jack is arranging for kids to distribute the Directory for a small charge. January is the target date for distribution.

#### **Item 6: Tribute to Mickie Simpson**

Mickie was the Board representative from South Carderock. She joined the Board about a year ago and then the Board learned that she was sick. In tribute to Mickie, Jack said that: "We appreciate her services and certainly send our condolences to her family." Jack encouraged us to find a successor Board member from South Carderock.

#### **Item 7: Old Business (including Sign Restoration)**

Jack asked if there had been any volunteers to paint the signs? Katalin reported that she had not heard of anyone yet. Jack believes that Sue had a list of volunteers from an earlier phase. He suggested "triage": identify the signs that need the most work and maybe we could get students to paint them by giving them "Student Service-Learning Credit." Katalin said she will talk with Sue about that.

Stefan reported that he and Jack had explained to neighbors who live near the vehicle speeding problem area on Fenway Road about the need for a critical mass of them to join together to address the speeding problem. The residents indicated that they will get back to Jack and Stefan.

Tom cautioned that Carderock Springs will suffer much more traffic in a couple years when construction starts on the Beltway expansion. Tom urged us to pay attention to this problem sooner than later!

#### **Item 8: New Business - none**

#### **Item 9: Next Meeting and Newsletter**

Our next meeting will be in January (the 17<sup>th</sup>). There will be no December Newsletter.

Jack wished everyone a warm holiday period!

Gary Ratner, Secretary

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