

Carderock Springs Citizens Association

Minutes: January 17, 2022 Board Meeting

Held via Zoom due to Covid-19

Board Members present: Jack Orrick, Ashish Goel, Gary Ratner, Petra Jacobs, Sue Eastman, Katalin Roth

Community Members present: Karen Ringo, Kimberly Carlins Young, Stefan LoBuglio, Howard Harris, Howard Evoy

Meeting called to order by Jack Orrick

Agenda:

1. Approval of November Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Approval of 2022 Budget
4. Report on sign installation
5. Nominating Committee for 2022-23 Officers and Board Members
6. Update on Block Coordinators and 2022 Directory Printing
7. Old Business – Beltway widening
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting – February 21 and Newsletter Deadline

**Item 1: Approval of November Minutes**

Minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Ashish discussed the CSCA Year End Financial Report for 2021, comparing the 2021 Budget with the 2021 Actuals. Our Actual Revenues, \$19,800, exceeded the Budgeted Amount, \$17,000; our Operating Expenses were slightly less than expected: budgeted \$9,000, spent \$8,500. We spent a lot more in the Discretionary account for the Newcomers Dinner than budgeted (\$3,300 vs. \$1,000), because we paid for food; but we saved on other expenses. We did well on the Contingency Fund – were able to invest additional \$4,100 in CD's, where had only budgeted \$500. CD's pay about 1%; that's better than 0% in our checking account.

**Item 3: Approval of 2022 Budget**

Jack asked the Board to read the spread sheet for the 2022 budget and submit any comments before the February Board meeting. We can approve the 2022 budget at that meeting.

**Item 4: Report on Sign installation**

Sue reported that Charles Holmes and family and Inge Enzinger did a terrific job installing signs on Laurel Hill Knob on Magruder. Most of the remaining sign rehabilitation needs to be done on Park Overlook. Ken Hinga brought over materials paid for by CSCA. Sue hopes that Charles and Ken will volunteer to help with future sign rehab; she'll check with them.

#### **Item 5: Nominating Committee for 2022-23 Board Members**

In response to Jack's Newsletter invitation for community members to serve on the Board, Mike Stewart of MacKenzie Court expressed some interest. Karen, Sue and Tom have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Others suggested as possible Board Members are: Shannon Lindstrom, Meagan Curry, and Barbara Beers.

Jack hopes the Nominating Committee will be able to make its nomination for Officers and Board Members at the February meeting. As Jack indicated previously, he'd be glad to be Co-President for next year to help with bringing in new leadership, but that would be his last year.

#### **Item 6: Update on Block Coordinators and 2022 Directory Printing**

We have Block Coordinators for most blocks within Carderock Springs, but need an additional Coordinator for South Carderock. Jenny Spreitzer had volunteered to do half of that neighborhood. Jack will ask Jenny Spreitzer and Yvette Quintela if they know of someone.

On behalf of the Welcoming Committee, Karen will deliver packets to the Block Coordinators for them to deliver to their new neighbors. New Directories were delivered to residents in the last week or so. Jack asked Karen to be sure that new neighbors are aware of the "On-line Directory" and to inform Ashish and Bill Draper of the names of any new neighbors she learns about. Jack said that there are still a lot of people who have not signed up on-line.

Karen asked whether folks who live on Seven Locks Road are part of CSCA? It was noted that in addition to about 60 Bennett houses in South Carderock, a few years ago CSCA began delivering newsletters to non-Bennett homes on Osage Lane, Endicott Drive, Buxton Terrace and Tomlinson Drive in South Carderock. Thus far we have not included houses on Thornley Court. Kimberly and Petra have heard that a few residents on Thornley Court have expressed interest in CSCA issues and events. Jack asked Petra and Kimberly to reach out and see if any of those residents would be interested in being Block Coordinators.

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

##### **a. Social Events**

1. Virtual Programs – Kimberly is thinking of having CSCA sponsor a virtual social event on Zoom, e.g., a wine tasting or cooking class, so residents would know that CSCA is still active. Jack said he's participated in virtual wine tastings and they were lots of fun. He noted that a restaurant owner lives on Still Spring Court and might offer a cooking class, or we might have virtual programs on gardening, since we have many gardeners in the community. Kimberly asked if anyone knows who could lead such a virtual program?
2. Carderock Springs 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Kimberly's biggest question is what to do for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, noting that \$1,000 is budgeted. Jack said we would hold the event at

the Clubhouse in late summer or early fall and that there would be a charge for attendees.

3. Garden Tours – While some years ago May Lou Shannon arranged house tours, Jack has more recently found that people were not very receptive to putting their houses on tour. Instead, Jack suggested sponsoring garden tours and starting by asking Nancy Everett and Lisa Deyo, both of whom are landscape architects. Katalin thought that it was a great idea to feature outdoor living areas, especially because more people are entertaining outside now due to Covid. Katalin offered to assist Kimberly to develop the garden tour idea.
- b. Beltway update  
Petra reported that the Supplementary Draft EIS indicates that the SHA has moved the flyover ramp to which CSCA had objected. We need to submit any further comments by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Her plan is to let Roman Roman and Nicole Ferran know there are still issues, to discuss those issue with them and seek to respond before February 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Jack was pleased to hear that the flyover ramps had been changed. He noted that a report on toll lanes in Virginia found that it was illusory to think that toll lanes saved drivers' time, because whatever time was saved by driving on the toll lanes was lost in the extra time it took to merge back into the non-toll lanes.

#### **Item 8: New Business**

- a. Park Overlook “tear-down”  
In response to Kimberly’s question about what happened to the expected “tear-down” on Park Overlook Court, Sue mentioned that the new owner is Kevin Giesecke. He’s already begun fixing the house and he’s planning to live there himself.
- b. Survey Needs of Residents in their 80s  
Katalin raised a concern that the old man who had lived in that house may have lived alone, died in the house and not have had neighbors checking in on him. That led to a discussion about how many families we have in their 80s and what are their needs? Jack will put a note in the Newsletter inviting ideas for how to put together a survey of such residents’ needs. (Ashish noted that neighbors had been checking in on the old man and it had been a difficult situation.)
- c. Damaged light post  
The light post at Persimmon Tree and Lilly Stone Drive was damaged, apparently by youth vandalism. Stefan and Ashish could replace the globes and the light bulbs, but any more extensive work would need to be done by an electrician. They will talk to the owners of the house on the corner, the Engels, about what should be done with the light post.

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

The next Board meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for submitting new articles for the Newsletter is January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Ratner, Secretary