

Carderock Springs Citizens Association
Minutes from Annual Meeting on May 7, 2023

Held via Zoom.

Board Members present: Jack Orrick (Virtual), Ashkan A. Malayeri, Maja Husar, Ashish Goel, Katalin Roth (Virtual), Meaghan Sullivan Curry, Susan Eastman.

Board Members absent: None.

Community members present: Rick Wilson, Ann Wilson, Sean Peterson, Mary Walsh, Diane Karlik, Steven Seitz, Brian Glenn, Kathrine Remijan, Stefan LoBuglio, Carolyn LoBuglio, Karen Ringo, Katherine Stifel, Denise Beckles Durham, Scott Wilets, Rob Stern.

Maja Hauser called the meeting to order around 7:30 pm.

Quorum Reached

Item 1: Past year highlights

Maja went over some of the highlights of the last year, including the 60 anniversary, newcomer dinners international potluck, virtual wine and cheese tasting, Halloween house decoration contest, formation of the Carderock Village and launch of CUPPA, expansion of the tree committee and revision to the tree guidelines, continuous efforts to stop beltway widening and beautification of the entry and knob sings. Maja thanks a list of folks who helped with all the issues that happened last year.

Item 2: New events in 2023

Maja went over the new things that are coming up this year, including the progressive dinner (May 13), Spring home tour (May 21st), Home Tree Care 101 (May 27th), and Newcomers Welcome Dinner (September).

Item 3: Special Recognition

Kimberley Young, Sue Eastman, and Karen Ringo were recognized for their exceptional contributions to the neighborhood and the board.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report – Ashish Goel

Ashish delivered the treasure report. Our revenue has been \$18,400, and expenses were \$14,518 most significant costs are the newsletter at \$4,000 and landscaping at \$1,500. Social events cost \$3,500 last year. We set out \$4,680 for a contingency fund. We have \$58,000 in the checking account and \$4,7287 in the certificate of deposit account. We will move \$40,000 into CD soon. There are \$800 in the PayPal and Venmo accounts.

Item 3: presenting nominees for new members

Rick Wilson is the new nominee for co-president. Rick mentioned that he has been living in the neighborhood for 25 years. He was a professor at American University Law School. Maja is going to be

the next vice president. Ashkan will stay as secretary, and Ashish as the treasurer. Bill Draper will stay in charge of membership. Meagan Curry, Sue Eastman, and Katalin Roth will remain at large members. There are two new members, Brian Glenn and Steven Seitz. Brian mentioned his appreciation for the neighborhood and the school. He wants to pay back to the neighborhood, so he volunteered to be on the board. Steven echoed the same sentiment and the fact that he also wanted to pay back to the community. The attendees elected the candidates by unanimous “ayes” and four proxy votes—no one opposed.

Item 4: The approval of the by-law amendment for the Tree Committee

Maja read the by-law amendment to the audience. Members of the audience asked for clarifying aspects of the amendment. Maja, Sue, and Rick addressed the concerns. The by-law amendment was approved by unanimous “ayes” from the audience and four proxy votes—no one opposed it.

Item 5: Invited speaker.

Diane Karlik introduced the speaker – Larrisa Johnson, the Residential Energy Program Manager from Montgomery County - who spoke about the future of going electric and energy saving. She introduced a couple of concepts, including a quick energy check-up that is complimentary and done by the utility company. The home performance audit is 100 dollars and is done with the utility company – it takes about an hour and is comprehensive. She introduces the go electric initiative to save and reduce energy bills. Some of the components of these initiatives are:

1. Switch to electric cars. She talked about the incentive for buying electric vehicles and how to utilize state and county-wide funds available.
2. She talked about the electric heat pumps and the incentives from the county and states to convert to electric heat pumps.
3. Buying a Smart thermostat. These can be bought from the Pepco marketplace much cheaper than elsewhere.
4. Electrifying the kitchen – induction or electric cooktops are more energy efficient and healthier.
5. Cooking in a toaster oven – these are more energy efficient.
6. Keep your fridge stocked since they are running around the clock. The refrigerator should be set between 35-40 degrees.
7. Swap out your leaf blower for an electric one.
8. Sweep and rake your leaves.
9. Leave the leaves – don't pack your leaves and leave them on the lawn.

The annual meeting ended at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashkan A. Malayeri, Secretary