

Carderock Springs Citizens Association  
Minutes from Board Meeting on August 21, 2023

Held via Zoom.

Board Members present: Jack Orrick, Rick Wilson, Ashkan Malayeri, Susan Eastman, Maja Husar, Brian Glenn, Meaghan Sullivan Curry, and Katalin Roth

Board Members absent: Ashish Goel, Steven Seitz

Community members present: Jennifer and William Hughes, Orlando Fidalgo, Geoff Turner, Kyle Lierman, Gershon Ratner, Rosemary Oshinsky, Amanda Lierman, Mercy Du, Andrew Beehler, Kimberly Young, Darrell Tanno

Rick Wilson called the meeting to order around 7:35 pm.

Agenda:

1. Approval of May Board meeting minutes
2. Board member 101 and future format of board meetings - Jack and Maja
3. Traffic calming measures on Fenway Rd. - Rick and Jennifer Hughes (see attached memo)
4. Newcomers / Welcome Dinner - Kimberly Young
5. Chautauqua - what's next? Darrell Tanno
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next Meeting

**Item 1: Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

Jack made a correction to the May minutes. They are deemed approved.

**Item 2: Board Member 101 and future format of board meetings**

- Jack gave an overview of the responsibilities of board members, including:
  - Members are supposed to let others know whether they are attending the meeting or not to make sure we are reaching a quorum
  - He encouraged the members to take part in board-sponsored events.
  - Keeping their eyes and ears open to bring important issues to be discussed at the board.
- Maja discussed the future format of the meetings:
  - She queried the board on the meetings' timing- members agreed to keep the current timing, third Monday of each month starting at 7:30 pm.
  - She also asked if changing the meeting to in-person, hybrid, or keeping it virtual is possible. Members will provide feedback to Maja on which format is preferable before the next meeting. There seemed to be general consensus that moving to

a hybrid model for at least some Board meetings in the future would be desired. If we do move to having some meetings in person, we need to check with Larry Ondrejko regarding the availability of the club.

**Item 3: Traffic calming measures on Fenway Rd. - Rick and Jennifer Hughes (see attached memo)**

- Jennifer Hughes discussed her concern with the speeding problem on Fenway. She urged the board to support another evaluation from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation for a reassessment of traffic calming measures.
- Mr. Orlando Fidalgo discussed his personal experience when his son came close to having an accident with a speeding driver. Multiple other community members also expressed their concerns and personal experiences with this Issue.
- Some board members also discussed their concerns and experiences with speeding.
- Jack gave a brief history of this issue in the neighborhood; the most crucial problem is that when we are not eligible for speed bumps, there are not many options, e.g., flashing speed warning signs, which were deemed impractical due to low traffic. He gave a background on speed islands/bump outs and why many folks were against them due to concerns for the safety of walkers and cyclists. The speed islands were ultimately rejected by a margin of 2 to 1 when put to the vote in the neighborhood.
- Rick said the board could create a committee to delegate the authority to work with the county to devise a solution for this issue. He proposes a seven-member committee (mostly from Fenway neighbors) elected by the board. At Jennifer's suggestion, there would be at least one Board member to serve as liaison to the committee. The committee will work with the county to reevaluate the traffic, and hopefully, the county's study will favor speed bumps. If the county doesn't approve speed bumps, the committee will return to the board with alternative solutions.
- The board unanimously approved the formation of the Neighborhood Traffic Committee. We will seek volunteer nominations in our following newsletter with the appointment of the committee to occur in September.

**Item 4: Newcomers / Welcome Dinner - Kimberly Young**

- Kimberly presented her ideas for the dinner which will be held on September 30 at the Club.
- The caterer will be the same as last year. The cost will be similar to or slightly less than last year.
- The catering charge will be \$3000-3100
- \$100 for the music band
- \$60 for the raffle prizes (Wine)
- \$50 for tables
- She proposed the following payment structure:
  - Five and under will be free
  - 6-18 will be \$5
  - Adults \$15 when prepaid/preregistered
  - \$20 at the door if not preregistered
- We aim to have a higher price for door registrations to encourage neighbors to register ahead of time so that we don't have the issue of food shortage similar to the last year.

- Maja and Jack suggested the following payment structure for folks who pay at the door without registration. Their motion was approved unanimously.
  - For kids 6-18 cost will be \$10
  - For adults cost will be \$25

**Item 5: Chautauqua - what's next? Darrell Tanno**

- Darrell gave the background – Over the past 2 falls, he has led a lecture series, with 3 presentations every night spread over a period of 3 nights with each event held 3-4 weeks apart. The speakers discuss issues that are of general interest to the community.
- Darrell is proposing a new person to take over the responsibility for organizing these lectures since he will be away for a significant amount of time in the fall. The job involves soliciting speakers from the neighborhood, promoting the lectures, and ensuring the speakers adhere to the format (25 mins). He will seek volunteers via neighborhood chat and the newsletter.

**Item 6: Old Business**

- Sue and Garry will organize a meeting between the tree and architecture committees to discuss the implementation of the tree preservation issues.
- The tree committee will also discuss with the realtors around the neighborhood to make them aware of the new Tree preservation bylaws.

**Item 7: New Business:**

- Jack mentioned that the Moore administration has proposed a new funding arrangement for the replacement of the American Legion Bridge which may also involve widening of the Beltway between the bridge and the I-270 spur. We therefore may need to reengage with the SHA on Beltway widening issues.
- Maja raised the issue that the part of Fenway Road that spans the creek which runs from Congressional Country Club is looking shabby with overgrown weeds. Jack suggested that the CSCA send a letter to the County to request that they attend to this.

**Item 8: Next meeting schedule/Newsletter Deadline**

- Next meeting will be September 18th. Articles for the September newsletter must be submitted by September 11. Kimberly will prepare a stand-alone flyer to advertise the Welcoming Dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashkan A. Malayeri, Secretary