

Carderock Springs Citizens Association

Minutes from the Board Meeting on September 18, 2023

Held via Zoom.

Board Members present: Jack Orrick, Rick Wilson, Maja Husar, Ashkan Malayeri, Ashish Goel, Brian Glenn, Meaghan Sullivan Curry, Katalin Roth, and Steven Seitz

Board Members absent: Sue Eastman

Community members present: Catherine Remijan, Karen Ringo, Kimberly Young, Jonathan Fogg, Katherine Stifel, and Geoff Turner

Jack Orrick called the meeting to order around 7:30 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Approval of August Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's report for September
3. Traffic Safety Committee
4. Fall Welcome Meeting
5. Fall Annual Meeting
6. Old Business
7. New Business

Item 1: Approval of August Meeting Minutes

They are deemed approved.

Item 2: Treasury report

Ashish reported on our balance and upcoming expenses/dues.

- The welcome party will be the next significant expense coming through – we will have a better idea in the coming weeks.
- \$47,000 in CDs that are earning approximately 4% a year.

Item 3: Fall Welcome Meeting – Kimberly to provide update on plans, needs, format

- Event will be held at the Club on Saturday, September 30 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm.
- This will be significantly smaller than last year – close to pre-COVID numbers. About 30 families. There are 20 new families in the community, and 6 have RSVP'd that they will be attending. We should have the final numbers next week.
- The response from new families has been overwhelmingly positive. Kimberly stressed making sure that we spread the word about the event properly.
- The food will be buffet-style from Mezeh, and volunteers will serve food.
- We will have balloons and lights with a musician playing acoustic guitar.

- We will have honey as a welcome gift for new families.
- There is a need for volunteers as servers (three more), another person at the welcome table, and folks to help with the cleanup.
- Karen Ringo suggested recruiting high school students by offering SSL hours.
- Volunteers from the board are also needed to introduce new families.
- Rick will have CSCA boards that he will place around the neighborhood to promote the event.
- Jack requested that Board members who are in town volunteer to assist Kimberly for the event.

Item 4: Traffic Safety Committee

- Rick reported on the formation of the committee.
- He mentioned that Jennifer Hughes had requested the county to monitor the speed by installing monitors on Fenway Road. But the county will hold off making any decisions pending the revision of the new regulations. The regulations need to be approved by the county council first.
- 11 people have nominated themselves to be a member of the committee.
- Rick listed the criteria for choosing the new members, including the preference for the members living on Fenway, being younger parents with kids, and being cooperative. Catherine Remijan suggested that an additional criteria should be to select residents from different segments of Fenway Road.
- Rick and Maja gave snippets about each candidate. Catherine Remijan, Jonathan Fogg, and Geoff Turner were present to introduce themselves in person at the meeting.
- The names are the following (in the order that Rick received them):
 - Jennifer Hughes, 8400 Fenway
 - Mercy Beehler, 8105 Fenway
 - Ariana Foley, 8113 Lilly Stone
 - Andrew Jaco, 8408 Peck Place
 - Don Goldberg, 8008 Fenway
 - Jennifer Manner, 8205 Fenway
 - Claire Shields, 8305 Fenway
 - Catherine Remijan, 8613 Fenway
 - Jonathan Fogg, 8309 Fenway
 - Geoff Turner, 8412 Peck Place
 - Myadali Soe-Lin, 8108 Fenway
- Each board member will send a list of 7 names they think should be on the committee to Rick as the liaison to the traffic safety committee. Rick would compile the names and announce the 7 individuals receiving the most votes in a couple of days.

Item 6: Fall Annual Meeting

- Jack queried the board on the timing of the CSCA fall meeting and the speaker for the meeting.
- Potential dates are the 5th and 12th of November. Jack to check with Larry at the club.

- This will be a short meeting starting at 7 p.m. and finishing at 8:30 p.m with social time and refreshments in addition to the speaker.
- Ashkan suggested Steven Holland as a speaker for the fall meeting. Steve is with NIH and is knowledgeable on the various vaccine programs that are being promoted to the public.

Item 7: Old Business:

- In the previous meeting, Maja raised the issue that the part of Fenway Road that spans the creek from Congressional Country Club looks shabby with overgrown weeds in the last meeting. Since then, she has connected with the county, and her contact at the county handles the maintenance of this part of the neighborhood.
- Katalin mentioned that the next CUPPA meeting will be on Saturday, September 23rd, at 9 a.m.
- Rick Wilson mentioned that beltway widening will move forward.
- Daffodil planning will be announced in later fall. We will wait for Ann Carlson's update.
- Jack asked if we can publish the September newsletter as is written now without further additions and do another one towards the end of October – the board agreed.

Item 8: New business:

- None.

The next meeting will be on October 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashkan A. Malayeri, Secretary