

Carderock Springs Citizens Association  
Minutes from the Board Meeting on February 19, 2024

Held via Zoom.

Board Members present: Jack Orrick, Rick Wilson, Maja Husar, Katalin Roth, Ashish Goel, Sue Eastman, Steven Seitz

Board Members absent: Ashkan Malayeri, Brian Glenn, Meaghan Sullivan Curry

Community members present: Gershon Ratner, Katherine Stifel, Kimberly Young, Scott Wilets, Rosemary Oshinsky, Karen Ringo, Elaine Honig

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

**Agenda:**

1. Approval of January Board meeting minutes – see attached
2. Treasurer's report for February – Ashish
3. Planning for Annual Meeting – April 21 or 28?; Speaker from Montgomery Historic Trust; Board leadership for 2024-2025
4. Update on plans for revised ARC Guidelines
5. International Potluck Dinner – March 16
6. Village events
7. Traffic Safety Committee – updates? – Rick
8. 2024 Dues letters – seeking assistance on stuffing envelopes
9. Survey Responses and Next Steps
10. Directory Printing – March 30 deadline to notify A to Z if we plan to print a hard copy of the directory in 2024
11. Old Business – Knob sign rehab; Beltway widening
12. New Business

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

They are deemed approved.

**Item 2: Treasurer's report:**

- Ashish has sent dues emails to 422 households; so far, we have received 150 household dues, slightly under 50% of the households around the neighborhood. We will send more email reminders and physical mailers later – Early March is the deadline to send the physical mailer in early March. We can also use the international potluck or annual meeting to remind folks to pay their dues.
- There is a new line for village donations.

**Item 3: The relationship between the Village events and CSCA events:**

- Kimberly mentioned that it might be better to join the events.

- Katalin pointed out the distinct differences between the villages and CSCA events since the villages will morph from mainly social events into more social support systems of neighbors helping neighbors to do things.
- Maja briefly reviewed the origins of the Village and its founding ideas.
- The board agrees that the two teams should coordinate more to boost each other's engagement with the community. Kimberly will try to attend future village meetings to increase team cooperation.
- Ashish and Gary proposed a new subcommittee for the villages to increase the fundraising and operational synergy between the teams, and they proposed unifying two teams into one committee.
- Katalin proposed partnering with other neighboring villages.
- We will revisit the issue after the meeting between Kimberly and the Village Committee

#### **Item 4: Annual Meeting**

- Jack proposed April 28 since we will have another week to prepare. We will confirm with Larry as he has been holding this date and April 21.
- Sue has found someone from the county historic preservation committee who might be able to attend the meeting to discuss tax credits but has not confirmed this person.
- We hope to present the updated ARC and tree committee guidelines at the annual meeting. Katherine and Scott are still determining whether the new ARC guidelines will be ready for the annual meeting, given the scope of their changes.
- Maja and Jack proposed that the ARC present the essence of the changes to the ARC guidelines rather than the final product if they still need to be prepared by the annual meeting. Scott proposed a presentation of different projects around the neighborhood, from original photos of the neighborhood to the new renovations, and discussed what the proper alterations would look like.
- The tree and ARC committee will meet, hopefully at the end of February, to discuss harmonizing the ARC and tree preservation guidelines.
- Leadership: Jack will announce the new leadership. Rick Wilson will be the new president, and Maja will remain the vice president.
- We need someone willing to take over as treasurer from Ashish. The board members will contact anyone who might be interested. Ashish suggested the possibility of having a co-chair for a transition period.

#### **Item 5: International potluck dinner**

- Kimberly needs help purchasing the drinks, setting up, and cleaning up.
- We discussed ways to make the event fun, such as pairing name tags (countries and capitals).

#### **Item 6. Directory printing**

- We must decide if we need to continue printing the directory by A to Z - this should happen by the next meeting in March.

#### **Item 7. Traffic Safety Committee**

- Rick provided an update.
- It is unlikely that the county will implement the new speed hump rules any time soon - likely sometime at the end of the summer.

- The committee will engage the neighbors on the Fenway with an informal poll about the speed humps.
- Jennifer Hughes will arrange a meeting with the county to determine if there are other traffic calming measures beyond speed humps.

**Item 8. Old Business – Knob sign rehab; daffodil planting**

- There are no recent updates. Sue will followup on Wewish Knob sign.

**Item 11. New Business**

- None

**Newsletter deadline:**

- Tentatively, March 1 is the deadline.
- Alex Flowers is the new co-editor of the newsletter. She will solicit new articles for the newsletter moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashkan A. Malayeri, Secretary