

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
July 16, 2012 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Present: Barbara Ames, Larry Ondrejko, Jack Orrick, Georgia Petsche, Phil Rider, Ryan Robbins, Bob Stocker, Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

1) ARC –

Phil Rider began the meeting with the introduction of Ryan Robbins as a candidate to serve on the ARC. Phil provided an overview of the CSCA Board's role within the community and also that of the ARC. The Board is responsible for upholding the covenants; the ARC supports that effort.

It was noted that in the past, communication between the ARC and the community has been an issue. The Board created a liaison position to facilitate and encourage participation. The effort has been successful but prompt and effective communication has been the key.

Motion to approve Ryan's nomination to the ARC was made. Motion was seconded and approved.

Ryan Robbins approved as ARC Member.

2) Secretary's Report –

Gunnar Tomasson presented the June Meeting minutes for review and mentioned some recent edits. Following discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

Gunnar Tomasson to consider June Meeting minutes final.

3) Treasurer's Report –

Bob Stocker provided an overview of the monthly Treasurer's report, including year to date financial results and comparison to the previous year's finances. Following discussion, the report was approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

4) CSCA Membership Dues and Feedback –

Phil –

Read a response received following the distribution of a recent CSCA dues statement. The response was drafted and submitted from a neighbor in a non-Bennett house asking "What does CSCA do for me?"

The question posed some discussion since a primary role of the Board is to uphold the architectural covenants related to the Bennett houses. The Board was interested in what percentage of non-Bennett homes vs. Bennett homes participate in the CSCA.

The Board discussed the similarities with the South Carderock community where a separate Citizen's Association operates. The idea of a CSCA liaison position working with South Carderock neighbors was proposed.

Barbara Ames will do an analysis of houses (Bennett/non-Bennett) and CSCA membership participation.

5) Beautification Committee Report –

Georgia Petsche reported maintenance of the Carderock Dr. neighborhood entrance was ongoing. Additionally, as discussed in recent Board meetings, the “Carderock Springs” sign on Hamilton Spring Rd. and Lilly Stone has been painted and stained.

6) 50th Anniversary Planning –

Jack Orrick provided an update in the 50th Anniversary planning efforts. He said that the decorating group of the Committee is working to set up decorating plans. Invitations are set to go out this week and notices will also be provided on CS chat.

Phil suggested sending out a 1-2 page notice with information and details on the anniversary celebration.

Jack noted that a recent party held for the opening of the Pavilion had the band set up by the diving board. This arrangement left the Pavilion open and worked well. The other option being considered was to have the band set up in the Pavilion. Much of the planning will be dependent on the weather which will not be determined until much closer to the actual party date.

Larry O recommends that the band set up in the club house which gets the band out of the weather and provides a dance floor.

Jack asked whether an announcement or welcome should be planned, such as Phil representing the CSCA. Phil offered that he would rather not have too much focus on “ceremony”. He would make some brief comments and suggested Jack consider making comments in his role as the 50th Anniversary Committee Chairperson. The overall talk and program should not last more than ten minutes.

Jack will review the indoor/outdoor/Pavilion set-up question with the Committee.

7) Other Items –

Phil has received some feedback regarding contractors providing poor service in the neighborhood. The question raised was whether or not the Board has any responsibility to assist neighbors. The consensus of the Board was that the issue of contractors was best left to the individual working directly with the contractor.

Diane Karlik had recently proposed organizing a community tag sale. In Diane's absence, Phil provided the update that Diane had received no response to her proposal to the community. As a result of the non-response, she may not follow through with the idea.

The regular newsletter will not go out next month. Phil will contact Noelle and let her know.

With the area hit by the recent storm, Phil said the issue of tree maintenance was raised by neighbors. Specifically, are neighbors responsible for trees that pose a danger to other homes? What do the County codes say about this issue? The guidance is not clear; Phil said he would contact the County to obtain clarification and share his findings with the Board.

Phil will contact Noelle and let her know status of newsletter for August.

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Meeting adjourned