

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
18 May 2015 CSCA Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Board members present: *Anne Carlson, Rob Gorman, Stefan Lo Buglio, Bill Moore, Jack Orrick, Donna Schwartz*

Also in attendance: Noreen Chohan, Martin Spicer, Nathaniel Spicer, John Karlik, Erik Nothman, Sigrid Boubel (sp?), additional people

1) Board Introduction and Discussion of Future Meeting Times/Dates

Jack Orrick called the meeting to order; introductions were made.

CSCA Board meetings will be held on Monday June 15 @ 7:30 pm (Anne and Donna will be absent), and Monday August 17 @ 7:30 pm. There will be no meeting in July.

2) Approval of April Meeting/Annual Meeting Minutes

The April Meeting minutes were approved with minor changes suggested during the review process. The April Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

3) Treasurer's Report

Rob Gorman provided the Treasurer's report. \$750 in fees was collected in April (~75% of homes have paid dues).

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

ACTION: Rob to send a reminder to pay dues.

4) Appointment of Noreen Chohan to ARC

The board approved the appointment of Noreen Chohan, an interior designer, to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Noreen has lived in Carderock Springs for approximately 1.5 years. Noreen joins three architects, Scott Wilets, David Wahl, and Doug Soe-Lin, on the ARC.

Jack proposed that Noreen could act as a possible liaison between the CSCA Board and ARC; Jack will speak with Scott Wilets on the roles and responsibilities of the potential liaison.

Anne mentioned that she would like the ARC to consider what to do in case of a potential teardown. It was discussed that the CSCA Board needs to enforce covenants and the ARC is to review proposals and plans. It is not the role of the ARC to decide what to do with a failure to comply with covenants.

ACTION: Jack to speak with Scott Wilets on the potential role of a liaison between the CSCA Board and the ARC.

5) House Tour Logistics

The Carderock House Tour will be held on Sunday June 7 from 2 to 5 pm. Jack will sell tickets at the clubhouse starting at 1:50 pm. The fee will be \$10/person. Each person will receive a brochure that will act as a ticket and include a map of the house and garden locations.

Homeowners will be present to act as guides; Mary Lou Shannon has volunteered to serve as the guide at the Singerman house. Jack will solicit other volunteers to be greeters at each house. The ARC has been asked to participate. Bill and Anne will not be available to help.

Amy Moore and Melissa Wilets are helping design the brochure.

ACTION: Jack to add notices to the CSchat advertising the house tour and asking for volunteers.

ACTION: Rob to ask the Boy Scouts if they could assist on the house tour.

6) Public Hearing on Artis Senior Living Project – 8301 River Road, Bethesda, MD

Jack has recused himself from all discussions of the Artis Senior Living Project. Bill Moore, CSCA Vice President, will be the point person for all discussions concerning Artis.

There will be a Public Hearing (Montgomery County Planning Board) on the project held on June 4 at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, time to be determined. A second meeting (Public Hearing) will be held on June 25 at 9:30 am at the Office of Zoning at 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD. Bill and Anne will attend the June 4 meeting; Bill will also attend the June 25 hearing. Bill will plan on testifying before the Planning Board. If he is unable to provide oral testimony at the Planning Board Meeting, he will prepare written comments and submit them prior to the June 4 meeting.

The points that Bill will focus on include: 1) traffic safety, 2) parking overflow, 3) construction-related issues. Bill will solicit input from the neighborhood via the CS Chat. Residents will also be prompted to recall accidents that they have been involved in on River Road.

Members of the neighborhood in attendance voiced concern regarding traffic accidents on River Road, and if the Board has any input on final traffic patterns or on the building plans. Concerns regarding lighting were raised as well as the egress of cars from the site, ease of converting a residential lot to a commercial establishment, and construction traffic and dust and dirt removal

Individual homeowners are encouraged to send comments directly to the Montgomery County Planning Board (e mail MCP-Chair@mncppcmc).

Jennifer Gold sent comments stating that a staff:patient ratio was under represented in the Artis planning presentation.

ACTION: Bill to draft comments to the Montgomery County Planning Board for the CSCA Board. He will solicit input from the community as well as reports of traffic incidents on River Road. He will ask for input on zoning issues.

7) Old Business

Bill has researched the use of Next Door, an information – sharing platform of neighborhoods that has website information and some features of the current chat. He has set up a pilot and invited Margie Orrick to participate. Once the pilot is working, Bill will invite the board to join and provide feedback. This should occur in the next 30 days.

Rob has met with Melissa Wilets and Mary Lou Shannon on creating an outdoor display on Carderock History. Rob will follow up with Melissa on progress.

Barbara is working towards updating the neighborhood directory with a Fall publish date.

8) New Business

Washington Gas may be initiating work in the neighborhood. Jack will follow up and try to get more information.

ACTION: Jack to determine if Washington Gas will do work in the neighborhood and what the scope is.

Meeting adjourned.