

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association  
April 23 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes Draft

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Stefan LoBuglio, Petra Jacobs, Julie Weber, Sindy Udell, Bill Draper, Rob Gorman, Yvette Quintela

Guests: Tim Williams, Malcolm Stevenson, and Jenny Spreitzer

CSCA President Jack Orrick convened the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Minutes were approved. In his treasurer's report, Rob explained that he was completing the required non-profit tax filings for both state and federal systems. With regard to the budget, he indicated that \$11,900 in dues had already been collected through March, and he was expecting that dues payments would exceed the original budget estimate of \$14,500 by the end of the year, given that dues tend to rise in years that we circulate the directory.

Jack discussed the agenda for the annual meeting which would include: thanking community members who have contributed to the board's work this past year, recognizing board members who were departing from the board, announcing the new slate of returning and new board members, and having two presentations. Sue Eastman would be asked to present on the tax benefits of Carderock Springs Historic designation for interior and exterior renovations. And Scott Wilets would present on the Architectural Review Committee's work and more broadly the design guidelines that conform to the development's covenants.

In terms of the slate of board members to be presented at the annual meeting, the nominating committee (Rob Gorman, Julie Weber, and Yvette Quintela) provided a final list. Board members leaving included Rob Gorman, Yvette Quintela, Sindy Udell, and Bill Moore (who had previously resigned). Nominated new board members included Jenny Spreitzer (At-Large) who would represent South Carderock, Tim Williams who would assume the CSCA Board Secretary role (replacing Stefan LoBuglio, who would remain on the board in an At Large position), Svitlana Sweat who would become Treasurer, and Tom Deyo who would become Vice-President. Jack asked that the outgoing Secretary and Treasurer try to connect with the incoming nominees for these positions to provide as easy a transition as possible. Rob and Stefan indicated that they had done so, or would be doing so in the near future.

There was a brief discussion about the traffic safety referendum, and some concerns raised about unsigned letters being distributed to residents' mailboxes that contained factual inaccuracies. Jack shared that the final results on the referendum would be available in advance of the May 6 annual board meeting.

Petra Jacobs provided a report on the Beltway Noise and Air Pollution Working Group. She solicited comments on a written response that the group planned to provide to the MD State Highway Agency (SHA) related to the proposed expansion the beltway. As she explained, the SHA shared that it would initiate an Environment Impact Study in conjunctions with their timetable to develop plans to expand the beltway. In their comments, the working group discussed the harmful impact expanding the beltway would have on Carderock Residents from a noise and air pollution standpoint including the elementary school. The group also exhorted the SHA to follow through with their commitment to replant the side of the beltway whose vegetation has been removed last year. This was done under a project to remove invasive species and the expectation was that SHA would replant with native species. However, there is concern that the prospect of developing beltway expansion plans will delay the SHA's replanting schedule. Residents have noted that with much of the vegetation removed, they are experiencing greater noise and pollution and some residents are now seeing vehicle headlights that they hadn't seen before.

Petra also reported on the work of the Montgomery Quiet Skies Coalition. She shared that representatives had attended a meeting before the County Council on April 10 to request funding to help with the legal case against the FAA. She indicated the coalition would next meet on May 10, 2018 at the Brookmont Church building.

Under old business, Jack asked if anyone was aware of any need to get a newsletter published before our May Board meeting scheduled for May 21. As there was no response to this, Jack indicated that the next newsletter would be issued in late May, early June.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Submitted by Stefan LoBuglio, CSCA Secretary