

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**May 12, 2009 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting**

Present: Barbara Ames, Tony DeMarinis, Tom Hilton, Greg Holloway and Gunnar Tomasson

Greg Holloway called the meeting to order. Noting that this was the first meeting for the newly elected Board, Greg provided a re-cap of the preceding year's activities. He shared some of the lessons-learned from the accomplishments and challenges encountered last year.

In previous years, Board meetings were conducted monthly with the exception of two months during the summer. Greg presented a motion to conduct monthly Board meetings without months off during the summer. No objections were made so the motion was passed.

*Motion Passed - CSCA Board meetings will be conducted monthly throughout the full year.*

The next item discussed was the question of what should the Board work to accomplish in the coming year. Greg proposed three basic goals for discussion, all of which were agreed upon by the Board:

1) Increase Community involvement through outreach efforts –

The CSCA By-Laws provide for the involvement and votes of all CSCA members. The primary issue is how best to reach people (e-mail, physical mail, etc). Greg has proposed compiling a list of CSCA e-mail address but recognized that many community members may not have e-mail. The cost and logistics of distributing printed notices need to be addressed. It was noted that active interest in CSCA activities was very topic dependent.

2) Encourage and improve property maintenance and upkeep –

With the intent of maintaining the overall appearance of the Carderock neighborhood, the Board would work to develop procedures to encourage residents to provide a reasonable level of maintenance to their property. The challenges to this goal are how would the community encourage upkeep and how would the Board encourage positive, cooperative communication.

*Barbara Ames volunteered to lead a committee to develop a procedure addressing property maintenance and upkeep.*

3) Evaluate traffic control issues and options –

Traffic control issues have been an ongoing point of discussion within the neighborhood. At Citizens' Association Annual Meeting held on April 26, representatives from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation provided a presentation of options (including the installation of narrow islands, traffic bump-outs on either side of the road and narrowing the roadway) to reduce the overall speed of traffic on Fenway Rd. The County has identified funding for structural changes to Fenway but a community consensus has not been determined regarding which option, if any, would be preferred.

*Tony DeMarinis volunteered to lead a committee to explore traffic options and to gauge community opinion.*

Greg asked about future meetings and how schedules were for people. Based on the discussion, Greg proposed Monday or Tuesday evenings for future Board meetings.

The last item discussed was distribution of historical documents to the newly elected Board. As reference documents, Greg thought the Board members should have significant documents available for review.

*Greg will forward relevant communications and documents to the new Board members.*

Meeting Adjourned.