

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
February 15, 2021
Held via Web Meeting due to Covid-19
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Ashish Goel, Jenny Spreitzer, Tom Deyo, Sue Eastman, Gary Ratner, Petra Jacobs

Community members present: Mickie Simpson, Gunnar Tomasson, Philip Singerman

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm by Jack Orrick

1. Approval of January Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's report
3. Replacement/refurbishing entrance signs – status
4. Dues mailing/database migration
5. Nominating Committee for April election of Directors
6. Congressional Country Club sediment control update
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting –March 15, 2021; newsletter deadline

Item 1: Approval of January Board meeting minutes

Approved.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report & Budget Discussion

Treasurer's Report

- \$60 was erroneously withdrawn from our account. Ashish will work with bank to rectify the error. At end of January, Ashish will work with bank to put \$8,000 into our 7-month CD and roll over all that is currently in there. \$550 charge for landscaping at River Road paid in January as well. Jack will contact Juan Carlos and Ashish will contact Manuel for landscaping quotes for 2021.

2021 Budget Discussion

- \$1,500 budgeted for directory printing, which Jack thinks is reasonable. We might be able to bring it down with more ad sales. We want to complete dues cycle and make sure database is as accurate as possible before printing. This is probably a Fall project.
- Sign Upgrade project: Jack believes this is a Capital Project that we can move to "Capital Expenditures" rather than carry as an Operating Budget cost.
- Beltway widening: in budget for \$3,500. It's not clear how much, if any, will be needed.
- The 2021 budget was approved by the Board.

Item 3: Replacing/refurbishing entrance signs

Jack provided background on signage project. We thought this would proceed more quickly but Permitting has been an issue: County permits needed for two of the signs and Parks permits needed for another (the one on River Road). Jack finally got a copy of what is needed for permitting from Douglas Stevens from Parks: there are a LOT of requirements. Jack will ask Ken Hinga for a “site plan” and Melissa for a sign drawing. Jack will do as much as he thinks is reasonable to get a dialog going with Parks. If it’s going to cost thousands of dollars, we will abandon the project or adapt our current sign in a way that might not achieve our initial goals of visibility and branding. We won’t order any signs until our permits are complete.

Regarding sign and lighting at Lilly Stone, Ashish visited the sign and recommends that we leave the current light and perhaps put in a spot light on the sign. We need an electrician and an estimate for this but Ashish believes the sign should be painted brown first. Will consult with Melissa Wilets on exact brown color. Sue Eastman will contact Melissa and two neighborhood volunteers.

Action Items

- Jack to move ahead with permitting.
- Sue Eastman will contact Melissa and two neighborhood volunteers.

Item 4: Dues mailing/database migration

Dues notices will go out electronically soon. Ashish needs to delete old residents from the directory before mailing. Jack received an email about our ability to accept credit card payments – we currently do this via Paypal. Ashish believes that people can use Paypal without a Paypal account.

Action Item: Ashish to send out dues notices electronically.

Item 5: Nominating Committee for April election of Directors

Annual Meeting Speaker: Sue will reach out to Barbara Wolanin as possible speaker for our April meeting. She used to be the Curator at the U.S. Capitol building.

Jenny will be on the Nominating Committee as well as Tom Deyo, who may both be leaving the board. Jack requested suggestions for potential board members.

Action Items

- Sue will ask Barb Wolanin about speaking at April meeting.
- Nominating Committee will begin outreach for new board members. Please send suggestions to Jack.

Item 6: Congressional Country Club Sediment Control Update

Since our January board meeting, Steven Peck informed Jack about January 28, 2021 hearing regarding Congressional “Performance Center” planning approval, so Jenny Lockwood, Jack Orrick and Lisa Deyo presented at the hearing regarding the current stream issues. The Planning board approved the work that Congressional wishes to undertake. There was confirmation that Congressional still has planting to do and the Planning Board admonished them to complete the planting and remediate the problem.

Item 7: Old Business

Quiet Skies

- Tom shared some slides from the report by the consultant hired by Montgomery and Arlington Counties. Westerly Departures are now more over the river than over inhabited neighborhoods, including Carderock. Density maps of flight arrivals in 2014 versus 2017 showing how flights became much less dispersed – we are right in the center of the concentration. It is being proposed that “Daric,” the point where all planes converge and head down the river, be moved across the river to Langley and that the other paths above there be more dispersed. This would not be a mandated approach – it would be something the controllers at DCA would agree to do on their discretion. It would be in the books as an option. The “official” FAA pattern won’t change.

Beltway expansion

- There might be work to be done in the Fall when Environmental Impact Statement and Programmatic Agreement with the agencies are released. Concessionaire will work with MDOT Programmatic Agreement are finalized. All of this will come to a head in the Fall when agreement needs to be made before the final “Record of Decision” goes to the Board of Public Works for approval. It would be good to reach out now to MDOT regarding current status of Programmatic Agreement – Petra will do this. Evergreen is very closely involved with MDOT regarding the Moses Hall Cemetery there.

Item 78: New Business

- None

Item 9: Next Meeting date/Newsletter deadline

Next meeting: March 15, 2021

Newsletter: February 26, 2021 for distribution in early March

Adjourned 8:47 pm