

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**21 September 2015 CSCA Minutes CSCA Board Meeting**

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

*Also in attendance: Catherine Remijan, John and Elaine Honig, Marci Greenstein, Susan Cohen, Ron Collins, Jeannine Mjoseth (sp?), Jaime Manzano, Arthur Bruestle, Paula Laboy, Scott Wilets, Eric Nothman*

**Artis Appeal (discussion led by Bill Moore, VP CSCA)**

*Jack Orrick recused himself from the discussion about the Artis Alzheimer Center.*

Bill Moore provided an update on the Zoning Examiners decision on the Artis Senior Living (Alzheimer's) facility, to be located on River Road opposite the entrance to Carderock Springs Drive. The project was approved with 18 conditions, including one regarding traffic safety. Each year Artis Development must provide a safety traffic update on the River Road Artis driveway intersection to the Zoning Examiner. Technical staff will evaluate the data independently. Anne Carlson (as a private citizen) filed an appeal to the decision. The appeal was posted on the CS-chat.

Bill mentioned the focus of the board is to work towards improving the safety of the intersection for all drivers and pedestrians; this will be done by the Traffic Safety Committee (a subcommittee of the CSCA board). Attendees were invited to participate in this subcommittee. The subcommittee will analyze potential safety measures that could be used at this intersection. The subcommittee would like to work with Artis to find safety mitigation measures.

The ensuing discussion ranged from traffic issues to the broader zoning issues.

Jaime Manzano also filed an appeal with a focus on the change of the area from being single-family residential to multiple-family residential and commercial dwellings. Catherine Remijan noted the additional of a turning lane for the Quarry Springs condominium project may cause more problems for traffic on river Road. She is against the Artis development.

Eric Nothman noted that the exception for the Quarry Springs condominium project included language that the exception granted for the project should not be used when making decisions for other developments, and that a park was to be constructed as part of the agreement. Eric would like to oppose the Artis development based upon zoning changes, not just safety issues.

Scott Wilets asked if there was a traffic plan included in the proposal from Artis, ho would like to see the drawing.

Some attendees expressed the view that the board should either appeal or support your appeal. The board did not vote whether to support the appeal. Bill reiterated that the goal of the CSCA board is to ensure safety at the intersection. He would like to solicit input on traffic issues independent of the Artis development decision.

*Jack Orrick joined the meeting.*

### **1) Approval of August meeting minutes**

The August Meeting minutes were approved as distributed with the correction of a typographical error on page 4.

### **2) Treasurer's Report**

Rob Gorman provided the Treasurer's report for August.

- A separate checking account was created for C3
  - The grant from the Chesapeake Bay Conservation will be \$12000 in total, to be received in installments. Currently \$7100 has been received.
- Monies collected from dues via PayPal (~\$580) will be transferred to the checking account.
- Rob has revised/updated the directory entries and sent the file to Barbara Ames.
  - Rob will create a few additional listings to be included in the directory and transfer these to Barbara.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

### **3) Board Protocol Discussion**

Jack will create an agenda for each board meeting in advance of the meeting. He would like to follow the agenda at each meeting.

Increased communication on CSCA-sponsored events is needed. Board members are encouraged to attend these events. There should be board members at each event.

### **4) Discussion of Tree Removal Consultant to the Board**

Jack may have identified a resident to be the tree consultant. Lisa Wilcox Deyo will speak with this person as will Jack. These conversations should occur prior to the next CSCA meeting. Scott Wilets is familiar with this person and stated that a common sense approach should be taken regarding tree removal. Lisa has been involved with the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) on some larger projects in Carderock Springs that involve tree removal and/or involve drainage or landscape issues. The hope would be that this type of involvement would continue. Scott supported the nomination of this individual as the tree consultant.

It was suggested that an additional question be added to the ARC renovation application form asking if trees would be removed during the construction process.

***ACTION: Jack to meet with potential tree consultant.***

***ACITON: Scott Wilets to review ARC application form and determine if a question regarding tree removal should be added.***

### **5) Directory Update**

Barbara Ames has worked with Melissa Wilets on the neighborhood directory. Melissa's design that was used for the Carderock Springs home tour will be used as the directory cover. Barbara will request a quote from Indigo Ink on printing costs. Indigo was used for the Home Tour brochures. Barbara is to

send all files for the directory to Melisa for compilation and then printing. Mary Lou Shannon is currently proof reading the directory. A decision was made to hand deliver the directories to all neighborhood mailboxes. This may be done at the same time as the next newsletter.

***ACTION: Barbara to send files to Melissa for the directory.***

***ACTION: Barbara to request quote for printing the directories from Indigo Ink.***

## **6) Fall Calendar**

Jack proposed that Clare Kelly, Montgomery County Planning Department, be the invited speaker at the CSCA Fall Meeting. The meeting will be held on Sunday November 8 and will include a discussion of the book entitled *Montgomery Modern: Modern Architecture in Montgomery County, Maryland, 1930-1979*. The event will also include book signing and wine and cheese.

***POST-MEETING NOTE: Fall Meeting will be on November 15.***

Upcoming events include:

*SUN OCT 25 UNICEF Fall Festival*

*SUN NOV 15 Fall Meeting*

*SAT NOV 21 (5:30 pm) International Family Thanksgiving Potluck (CSCA)*

*SAT DEC 12 Carderock Creates*

*SUN JAN 17 (3 – 6 pm) Wine Tasting; \$10/couple (CSCA)*

*SAT FEB 13 (7 pm) Valentine dessert potluck with champagne with dancing; \$10/couple (CSCA)*

*SAT MAR 19 (5:30 pm) A Day before the First Day of Spring Progressive Dinner (to begin at the club with appetizers/wine and beer, then proceed as a progressive dinner at different homes for different courses) (CSCA)*

*APR –CSCA Spring Meeting*

*MAY/JUN/JUL/AUG – no programs planned other than club gatherings on holiday weekends*

## **7) Old Business**

- It was suggested that the posters that Mary Lou Shannon created and maintained on Carderock Springs history be digitized.
- Rob Gorman, Melisa Wilets, and Mary Lou had initial discussions on an outdoor sign display featuring Edmund Bennett.

***ACTION: Rob to follow up with Melissa on the status of the outdoor sign project.***

***ACTION: Jack to speak with Larry Ondrejko regarding placement of the outdoor sign on club property.***

***ACTION: Barbara to purchase 4 more signs to post as reminders for CSCA Board meetings (Monday at 7:30 pm). An additional 4 signs that can be used for other CSCA-sponsored events will also be purchased.***

## **8) Newsletter Articles**

Deadline for articles will be 02 October 2015.

- Bill will provide an update on the Artis Development activities and the Traffic Safety Committee with a long-term effort to increase safety at the River Road intersection.
- Sue Eastman will be asked to provide an update on interactions with Pepco.
- C3 will be asked to provide an update on the Rainscapes program.
- Theres Kellerman will be asked to provide an article on the upcoming UNICEF Fall Festival.
- Phil Rider will be asked to provide a calendar of upcoming events.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: Monday October 19 @ 7:30 pm (Clubhouse).**