

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**19 January 2015 CSCA Minutes CSCA Board Meeting**

Board members present: *Anne Carlson, Rob Gorman, Bill Moore, Jack Orrick, Phil Rider, Donna Schwartz*

**1) Opening and Comments –**

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

**2) Secretary's Report –**

The December Meeting minutes and the Meeting minutes from the Fall Meeting were approved with the minor changes suggested during review.

*Donna will consider December Meeting minutes and the Fall Meeting minutes final.*

**3) Treasurer's Report –**

Rob Gorman presented a summary of the 2014 finances. Thirty percent of the amount collected from dues (total from dues = \$14300) was added to the contingency fund.

Rob presented the draft 2015 budget.

The committee agreed to provide set amounts for the Beautification committee, Environmental committee, Senior Program, Welcome committee, as well as fund the proposed house tour, and signage highlighting Bennett involvement in the Carderock neighborhood.

Items discussed and still needed for the 2015 budget include:

Cost to publish the directory.

Cost for a maintenance/landscape contract for the Carderock Springs/River Road entry.

***ACTION: Phil to complete paperwork for the Montgomery County Civic Federation.***

***ACTION: Barb to provide estimate on cost for directory printing.***

***ACTION: Rob to contact Pepco regarding billing events.***

**4) New Business –**

- Phil provided an update on the interactions of Sue Eastman and Michal Freedhof with Pepco. The Public Utility Commission has recognized that there are complaints against Pepco regarding electrical fires and has indicated that Pepco has accountability (there is enough evidence to go to court). [Pepco has been unwilling to put in writing what they have done to address electrical issues in the neighborhood. There is an ongoing private lawsuit with an individual CSCA resident and Pepco. The situation is ongoing and changing. More information will be included in the CSCA Newsletter when appropriate.

- Bill Moore suggested updating the CSCA website. The use of an app "Next Door" will be evaluated. Amy Moore to discuss the website with Margie Orrick.

***ACTION: Amy Moore to contact Margie Orrick and discuss potential ways to update CSCA website.***

- Phil suggested actively engaging neighbors in Carderock South (not all homes are Bennett homes – they maintain their own association that maintains their park).

- The possibility of having a total teardown and rebuild within Carderock Springs was discussed. Phil thinks that the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is prepared for this type of discussions. The ARC is appointed by the CSCA Board and is supported by the CSCA board in their actions. No further action needed at this time.
- Artis Senior Living organization, an Alzheimer's facility proposed to be built on River Road, was discussed. Jack will investigate and determine the stage of planning. Phil has been in contact with the president of the Clewerwall homeowners association.
- Phil will work with Barb Ames to generate a letter for CSCA dues collection. The letter will include what the dues cover. The letter will be sent to neighbors with an enclosed stamped envelope as well as the update to the Directory. Pay Pal will be an option to pay dues.

***ACTION: Phil Rider and Barb Ames to draft letter for 2015 CSCA dues collection.***

***ACTION: Board members to let Phil know if they can help prepare the dues mailings.***

- The newcomers potluck will be held on February 8. Phil asked for volunteers to help Mary Lou Shannon with set up and clean up.

***ACTION: CSCA Board members to let Mary Lou Shannon know if they will attend and can help with the newcomers potluck.***

- Jack updated the status of the proposed CSCA House Tour. He has been in contact with Scott Wilets, ARC, to choose houses that have engaged with the ARC. The proposed timeframe is May/June and will be for Carderock neighbors only. Jack will continue to work with Scott to identify houses to include on the tour, and to prepare a brochure that includes details of the properties. One purpose of the tour is to highlight the work ARC does in the neighborhood and to show how the integrity of the neighborhood can be maintained during the remodel process.
- There will be a February CSCA Newsletter (articles due on February 1).
- Phil will prepare an article for the CSCA Newsletter detailing the volunteer opportunities within the CSCA (social committee, beautification committee, tree guideline consultations, newsletter). Phil will also post this on the neighborhood chat.

***ACTION: Phil to write article for CSCA Newsletter outlining open CSCA Board positions.***

- Phil will post a message on the chat that questions regarding tree removal can be sent to him.
- Phil will ask the Montgomery County Civic Federation for input from other neighborhood associations on guidelines for trees.

***ACTION: Phil to contact Montgomery Civic Association and ask about ways other neighborhoods have written and enforced tree removal guidelines.***

Next CSCA Board meeting: **February 16, 2015**, at the clubhouse (7 pm).

Meeting adjourned.