

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
October 19, 2020
Held via Web Meeting due to Covid-19
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Bill Draper

Community members present: Keith Woodard (Carderock South board president), Ken Hinga, Melissa Wilets, Katharine Stifel, Stefan Lobuglio

Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm by Jack Orrick

1. Approval of September Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's report
3. Replacement/refurbishing entrance signs; replacement of South Carderock entrance sign
4. Budget for 2021 – discussion of dues status
5. Comment letter on Draft DEIS - submitted
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next Meeting – November 16 (Note – no December meeting); Newsletter deadline

Item 1: Approval of September Board meeting minutes

Approved.

Item 2: Treasurer's report

It's a quiet time of year and Ashish had very little to report. We received a few more dues payments and we have pending charges to VHB and \$230 to Anne Carlson for daffodil bulbs.

Item 3: Replacing/refurbishing entrance signs

Keith Woodard of South Carderock discussed the South Carderock sign that was destroyed: he will file with insurance. Jenny will send photos of sign before and after. Keith has determined that the sign is on the storm drain easement not private property.

Department of Permitting Services must approve new signs visible from the roadway whether they are on County property or on private property. Hopefully this won't be complicated. If the signs are located in Right of Way, County Department of Transportation will also need to approve.

Mike Goldstein and Linda Engel own the sign at Persimmon Tree and Lily Stone. They paid for the landscaping around the sign (they will do the work on the landscaping, not us). They are sensitive to changing the color on the current sign, so perhaps we can improve lighting on it to improve visibility. We can also discuss color change when we have a firm plan for all the other signs.

Stone Trail and Fenway signs: we would need to go through county approval to put these up.

Sue, Ken and Melissa met last week to discuss signage so Melissa could design NRHP signs to complement River Road and Persimmon Tree signs already in extant. Ken would like to leave this meeting with direction on the NRHP signs. Ken will get pricing on replacing River Road sign. We discussed the options presented by Melissa – there was disagreement over whether it would be best to stick somewhat closely to the one NRHP sign we have or to choose a design with the shape of a Carderock roof. Melissa will reconfigure options a bit and we will vote.

Ken will get estimates for replacement of Carderock South sign; River Road sign; and two new NRHP signs. [Note: it was later determined via email that Keith Woodard would handle the replacement of the Carderock South sign: their goal is to reproduce the old sign without a flower planter element].

Jack considers this a capital project that we can pay out of our reserves.

Item 4: Budget for 2021; Dues discussion

Is there any need to raise dues? Ashish thinks we're doing fine at current level of \$50 and doesn't see any need to raise it. Tom thinks that we might need representation or more consulting for the Beltway project next year. The majority thought that we should not raise dues for next year. We haven't had any events this year and might have more to show where the money goes next year with the signage project. Tom suggested that we put the consultant in as a budget line item next year and the signage project as well.

Item 5: Comment Letter on Draft DEIS - submitted

Evergreen, Friends of Moses Hall and Cabin John communities all submitted letters as well.

Item 6: Old Business

- **Crosswalk at River Road and Carderock Drive:** John Carson received a letter from the state refusing the crosswalk on River Road at Artis. We discussed whether we should write a letter in support as well, or wait and see once Artis opens if they can get involved for their employees. There is a safety issue there that's going to get more serious as more pedestrians are crossing. Perhaps there could be a barrier to protect bikers. Gary asked what the criteria are that the county uses to put in a crosswalk. We should find these out and see if we can respond. Jack would like to know projections for Artis, which might help argue for a crosswalk. River Road is a state road, not a county road – so the discussion needs to be with (and has been with) the state. Should we get in touch with Artis and see if they would write a

letter in support as well? Jack will check with John Carson and, if Artis hasn't been contacted, Jack will contact them to see if they would be supportive of writing a letter with us.

Item 7: New Business

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Item 8: Next Meeting date/Newsletter deadline

Next meeting: November 16 (note: no December meeting)

Newsletter: articles in by October 30 and will aim to distribute the first week of November.

Adjourned 9:24 pm