

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
June 17, 2013 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Present: Barbara Ames, Margit Meissner, Larry Ondrejko, Jack Orrick, Phil Rider, Donna Schwartz, Mary Lou Shannon, Bob Stocker, Joe Tobin, Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

1) Secretary's Report –

Gunnar Tomasson presented the May Meeting minutes for review. Gunnar highlighted two change requests that had been received after distribution of the initial draft minutes. Following discussion, the minutes were approved to include the two change requests.

Gunnar Tomasson to consider May Meeting minutes final.

2) Treasurer's Report –

Bob Stocker provided a review of current balances in CSCA accounts and income statement. He noted that membership dues were at 74% of the goal. A second mailing is planned to encourage further participation and membership. Barbara Ames said that last year's second mailing brought in an additional \$800 in dues fees. Phil proposed that an effort be made to specifically focus on new comers to introduce them to the CSCA.

The Treasurer's Report was approved without changes.

3) Social Events –

Joe Tobin provided the current planning status for the September Community party. The party is being planned with the proposed theme of "Swing into Fall". The Social Committee is looking into either a DJ or a band to provide swing music.

The date is September 21st, with an event start time of 6 pm. The target charge rate is \$39 per person to cover food and alcohol.

4) Tree Survey –

Jack Orrick said that he would provide an update of the tree survey at the August meeting.

5) Community Recommendations List –

Mary Lou Shannon recently took over the maintenance of the Resident Recommendations List. Some recent negative comments posted on CS Chat about the list prompted her suggestion that a sentence be inserted into the list to clearly state that the list is neighbor generated and is not maintained by the CSCA. Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed with the suggestion.

Mary Lou will insert a clarifying sentence regarding the maintenance of the Resident Recommendations List and re-post to CS Chat.

6) Aging-in-Place Discussion –

Mary Lou participated in a local discussion on aging-in-place. Mary Lou proposed having a regular, coordinated event at the Club for older community members beginning this fall. In previous years, there had been an active men's group and a women's group. Her suggestion was to have a combined men's/women's group. One suggestion was to have speakers attend meetings to provide information and discussion. The question raised is whether the Board would support the initiative.

Phil said the focus could be on how the community can be supportive of senior neighbors. Mary Lou recognized that this was not a true "aging-in-place" effort but would like to start the initiative smaller, with a manageable effort such as a "Senior Café" at the club.

The proposal to support a Club-based event for older community members beginning this fall was approved.

7) Grading at Community Entrance –

Phil said that Diane Karlik offered to contact the County regarding the grading problems at Carderock Drive. Diane would like the support of the Board on this effort so she can reference the Board in her letter/communication.

The proposal to support the effort to engage the County regarding the grading problems at Carderock Drive was approved.

8) PEPCO and Electrical Issues –

Phil provided a status update regarding Michal Freedhoff's effort to lobby PEPCO to assist Carderock community efforts to identify and address electrical issues. Michal has gotten attention and support from political persons with her efforts.

Phil suggested that having Michal affiliated with the Board would give her a role as a designated representative. The Board agreed and discussed how to include her. During the discussion, several committee concepts and names were debated for Michal's role with the final decision being "Public Works Committee."

The "Public Works Committee" was established with Michal Freedhoff as the Chair.

9) Mid-Century Modern Bus Tour –

Phil discussed a request that had been sent to Mary Lou requesting the sanction of the CSCA Board for an upcoming bus tour of local mid-century modern homes. The tour is scheduled for October 5th. The Board agreed to 'sanction' the tour; Donna Schwartz agreed to serve as the coordinator with the bus tour. One question to address is what type of houses are they interested in including?

The suggestion was made that this effort should be coordinated to include the ARC.

The Board agreed to sanction the Mid-Century Modern Bus Tour scheduled for October 5th.

10) Newsletter –

Joe Tobin suggested that the notice of the September Community party be included in the August Newsletter; a notice in the July edition would probably be too soon. Larry Ondrejko will check with the Club person who helps coordinate music for her input and suggestions. He will pass any information on to Joe.

Larry also suggested that a notice of the party be posted in the Club notice box.

Gunnar mentioned that the newsletter had not been updated to include Ryan Robbins on the ARC. Phil said that he would contact Noelle and ask her to update the list.

Larry Ondrejko will check with the Club person who helps coordinate music for her input and suggestions and provide information to Joe.

Phil to contact Noelle and request adding Ryan Robbins to the ARC member list in the newsletter.

11) CSCA Meeting Schedule –

Phil said that it was not necessary for the Board to meet in July. The next meeting will be held on August 5th with the following meeting occurring on the 3rd Monday of September.

12) Other Issues –

Bob Stocker mentioned that he had a brochure for speed monitor signs. Phil said that the county regulations would not allow the community to install a sign.

Meeting adjourned