

## March 2018 CSCA Meeting

Board Members in attendance: Jack Orrick, Rob Gorman, Petra Jacobs, Bill Draper, and Julie Weber.  
Excused: Stefan LoBuglio, Yvette Quintela, and Sindy Udell

Neighbors in attendance: Phil Rider, Nancy Everett, John Karlik, Tim Williams, Malcolm Stevenson, Annie Carlson, Cheryl Glaessner, Sue Eastman, Linda Stocker

### **I. Welcome and passing out of Agenda**

### **II. Quick Words Shared by Jack about Traffic Calming**

- a. Jack shared that the board was not talking substantively about traffic calming at the meeting
  - i. On a logistic front, Jack indicated that the next survey would be distributed in early April now that the most recent traffic information was obtained from the County

### **III. Discussion of Welcoming Committee and Social Committee**

- a. Phil is leaving for 2 years to live in London. In his absence,
  - i. Craig Stolz: has offered to be the Social Committee Leader
  - ii. Leanne Long: has offered to be the Welcome Committee Leader
- b. 7 people are on the Welcoming Committee
- c. Welcoming Committee process was discussed whereby
  - i. 1 committee member will be assigned to Open House/hours to give ARC document to realtor and discuss reinforcing covenants
  - ii. Committee then learns from realtor when house was sold and what the move in date will be
  - iii. 1 committee member then gives 2 documents to new family
    1. Welcome Doc (Carderock area info and contact info with questions)
      - a. Committee member will emphasize citizens association and club itself
    2. Carderock Expectations document (what to do to be good neighbor)
      - a. E.g., Importance of ARC; keeping car off street; garbage bin placement
  - iv. Jack underscored the need to educate realtors on covenants/architectural projects/additions
    1. He also suggested bringing CSCA newsletters to Open Houses
  - v. Discussion ensued regarding where else and how often to publish Carderock Expectations document (as a reminder to those who are not new additions to the neighborhood, too); whether in newsletter, online, whether yearly or more often
  - vi. Sue agreed to be liaison between ARC, community, and CSCA Board
    1. She would be responsible for helping to get list of ARC projects/agenda out to community by newsletter or chat or otherwise
      - a. ARC request process was discussed, including that families undertaking architectural projects need to use form to get sign-off from neighbors

- b. Discussion continued regarding what to do when people do not adhere to ARC rules/process
  - i. Jack talked about enforcing covenants and ARC process by educating neighbors and asserting peer pressure on them
  - ii. Anne talked about a case 10 years ago when a homeowner did not abide by ARC process, and the CSCA Board fought it (cost over \$50K)
    - 1. Rob said there is currently 55K set aside in current budget to help enforce adherence to proper ARC process
  - iii. Nancy suggested that the ARC could publish PR stories – Before/After (Problem/Fix) related to homeowners who used ARC for addition/change
    - 1. Could distribute this doc to realtors and homeowners
    - 2. Sue suggested could use rain scape example
      - a. Later in meeting, Sue shared that there was still \$800 available in rain scape fund for Carderock resident who had rain scape project planned already

**IV. Discussion of House Tour**

- a. Jack discussed house tour, indicating there were 3 or 4 homeowners on board
- b. Anne offered to place her house on the tour
- c. Group agreed that house tour helps promote education of midcentury architecture and supports expectations of all neighbors to preserve architecture even when additions are made

**V. Approval of Minutes from Jan/Feb Meetings**

- a. Jack asked board members to approve meeting minutes from previous months, which they did

**VI. Discussion of CSCA Dues and Payments**

- a. Rob informed the group that he had already collected \$5850 in dues already
  - i. He also reiterated that the contingency fund had over \$55K in it

**VII. Discussion of Tree Removal Guidelines and Committee**

- a. Cheryl suggested that more than one person on the committee would be helpful – especially if there was a controversial or complicated decision
  - i. Nancy and Linda volunteered to be on tree committee
- b. Linda stated that the neighborhood needs rules and guidelines re: tree removal/cutting/pruning
  - i. Jack said that there was an attempt to clarify rules several years ago, including weighing the desires for privacy, safety, and open space

**VIII. Discussion of CSCA Nominating Committee**

- a. Rob reported that there were vacancies on board and that he had circulated a list of who on the current board was staying on for another year
  - i. Vacancies reported include:
    - 1. 1 VP; 2 at-large positions, and 1 Secretary
  - ii. The candidate for treasurer was reported to be Svitlana Sweat
- b. Jack shared that the new candidates for the board would be voted upon on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM
  - i. There would also be a presentation by the ARC at this meeting

**IX. Discussion of Newsletter Deadline**

- a. Jack reported that the next newsletter deadline would be on April 5/6 and that the newsletter would be distributed the week after
- b. Nominations for board would be included in the newsletter (in adherence to Bylaws which require 2 weeks' notice regarding who the candidates for the board are)
- c. Susan suggested including the Carderock Expectations document in the newsletter

**X. Discussion of Beltway Noise Project**

- a. Petra and Tim gave update on Beltway Noise project, including:
  - i. Drafting letters to Delegates and Berliner asking if expansion of beltway will occur
  - ii. Obtaining support from the board and Carderock PTA
  - iii. Preparing letters to support the noise study
- b. Jack stated that the expansion may not occur until 2020 or later – funding is an issue
- c. Sue asked if there was map or overview of expansion plan

**XI. Update on Quiet Skies Coalition**

- a. Report was shared by John/Petra on behalf of Diane Karlik
- b. 4 Carderock residents went to recent coalition meeting, while many others sent letters
- c. The coalition meets bimonthly (next meeting is scheduled for May 10)
- d. More volunteers are needed to work on different parts of the issue

**XII. Invitation to Arborist's Tree Walk**

- a. Invitation was from Diane Karlik who is organizing the walk on May 5
- b. Need 10-15 people to sign up for it to be a go
  - i. \$10 of \$20 fee will be required of participants

**XIII. Adjournment of Meeting**