

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
September 19, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Rob Gorman, Julie Weber, Yvette Quintela, Stefan LoBuglio, Sindy Udell, and Seth Hertlein.

Other association members present included: Sue Eastman, Sandra Dembski, Lisa Deyo, and Karen Roman.

President Jack Orrick convened the meeting at 7:36 pm.

The meeting began with the approval of the prior month's minutes which occurred without comment. Treasurer Rob Gorman reported that the association received an additional \$600 in dues payments from Carderock Citizens who had responded to the association's reminder letter sent in July. He also shared that the Beer, Bourbon, and Barbeque event held in August had mostly paid for itself and left only \$100 in expenses for the association to cover.

Sandy, Lisa, and Sue provided an overview and history of the work of the Carderock Conservation Coalition (C-3). In April 2015, the C3 received a grant award of \$11,500 to help fund rain scape assessments and several pilot rain scape management plans. The funding covered assessments for 46 homes -- almost ten percent of the neighborhood -- and funded an innovative resident's project on Lily Stone. As a result of the C3 work, Montgomery County has designated Carderock as an Official Rainscape Community. Currently \$2,100 remains from the grant and County Lead Pam Rowe is in the midst of completing assessments. The C3 committee has begun discussions with the Carderock Club that these funds -- and some additional monies that all together would total \$3,300 -- could be used for rain water management for the Carderock Club house and grounds. Citizen member Jean Ratner has played a key role in overseeing this whole project.

Karen Roman provided the traffic committee update. She indicated that the county was gathering additional speed data from two points on Fenway (Upper and Mid Fenway between Carderock Drive and Lily Stone). She indicated that the data would be shared at a community meeting arranged in October at which the County police and traffic officials would present their findings. She shared that they likely would focus on two options to reduce speeds on Fenway -- bump outs and pavement markings, and that all of the information gathered would be placed on the website. Some discussion the ensued about the timing of the CSCA fall meeting, and Karen agreed to invite the County representatives

There was a reminder provided about the Newcomers potluck planned for Sunday, September 25, and asked if board members could provide appetizers between 4:30pm -- 5:30pm.

On Old Business, Jack reported that he had been contacted by several residents concerning the association's past efforts to support efforts to erect sound barriers for homes bordering the beltway. In 2006, he indicated that this was pursued by residents affected by traffic noise, and state and county officials had been contacted. However, the effort was not successful as it would have required 75% of these residents to agree to an increase in property assessment to pay for the barriers. Board member Seth Hertlein volunteered to lead this effort and to survey interest among current residents as to whether to pursue measures to mitigate noise from the beltway by building a wall or through other environmental mediation measures.

The board discussed plans to support the planting of daffodils to recognize the contribution of long-time resident Mary Lou Shannon who moved in April. Citizen Ann Carlson is leading this event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.