

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
March 20, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Guests: Diane and John Karlik, Bill and Jennifer Hughes, Petra Jacobs, Stephanie Land (CSCA Data Manager), Catherine and Mark Remijian, and Anne Carlson.

CSCA President Jack Orrick convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

After the Board members and guests introduced themselves, the Board approved the minutes from the 2/20/17 meeting and the Treasurer's report.

The traffic survey was moved up next on the agenda to accommodate guests who had come to the meeting for this topic. Jack Orrick gave a brief overview of the appointment of the traffic safety committee last year, and its careful and deliberative process to discern the diversity of views held in the community by administering the survey. He added that the meeting was the first opportunity for the Board members to discuss the findings from the survey and that a larger community discussion was planned in coordination with the April 30 CSCA Annual Election Meeting and Reception.

He and other Board commented that they were pleased with the response from the community to the survey as 233 households out of 550 participated. CSCS Data Manager Stephanie Land provided a more detail explanation of the survey results and helped explain the charts and tables in the report. It was determined that final reports would be placed on the CSCA website under the traffic safety committees' section.

The Board agreed with a summary that the survey results indicated that the community supported action to address a perceived traffic safety issue on Fenway but differed in their support of the different options presented. There was little support for pavement markings and most support for speed cameras. Traffic islands attracted strong and equal support for and against them. If islands are considered, the survey did reveal interest in installing trial islands. The Board did make a recommendation for those supporting trial islands that they seek agreement among households on both sides of Fenway which would be directly affected by this traffic measure.

There was a question of why speed cameras were listed as an option on the survey given past statements by the police and County DOT at past community meetings that Fenway did not have sufficient traffic volume or incidents of speeding to be eligible for these measures. The Traffic Safety committee was asked to follow-up with the police about speed cameras and the possibility of installing a permanent speed monitoring board.

Some of the guests commented that they interpreted the study as strongly supporting definitive measures. Others suggested that the survey might need to be further analyzed by sections of Fenway. Two guests did raise concerns about the 42% response rate, but Stephanie Land indicated that this was quite good for this type of survey.

Finally, the Board recommended that the Traffic Safety Committee bring some graphics to better illustrate the traffic island option, and also indicated that if trial islands were installed, it would want a meeting with the County following the trial period and before a decision was made to make them permanent.

Under Old Business, Board Member Seth Hertlein indicated that he and Petra Jacobs had written an article in the CSCS newsletter describing the work of the CSCA Beltway Noise Working Group. They were planning to hold a Saturday meeting to garner more support among neighbors most affected by highway noise and to also present at the Elementary School PTA. At the next meeting, the Working Group may ask for a resolution of support from the Board.

Under new business, the Board agreed to support a resolution in support of the Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition. This group formed to address increased air traffic and noise over Montgomery County due to changes made in the designated corridors of air space used for aircraft to descend for landings. The Board appointed Diane Karlik to serve as one of the two delegates from Carderock. A second delegate will be recruited.

In other business, the Board discussed the neighborhood house tour scheduled for June 25. The tour will highlight 5-6 homes in Carderock that have had innovative renovations that have enhanced their homes and went through the CSCA Architectural Review Committee process. Additionally, the Board learned that Noelle Lewis was resigning as newsletter editor and recognized her long and significant volunteer service to our community. Margie Orrick was announced as the new editor. Finally, Treasurer Rob Gorman asked whether the CS Chat could provide a description of how it is moderated. While reminding the board that the CS Chat is not directly associated with CSCA, Jack Orrick indicated that he would ask Margie Orrick, one of the Chat founders and moderators, to respond.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.