

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**March 7, 2011 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting**

Present: Tom Hilton, Jack Orrick, Georgia Petsche, Phil Rider, Mary Lou Shannon, Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

To begin the meeting discussion, Phil began a review of the meeting agenda. Participating in discussions were Margit Meissner (ARC Liaison), Diane Karlik (Garden Committee) and several other neighbors who attended the meeting,

1) Appreciation –

Phil Rider recognized the efforts and expressed appreciation to Margie Orrick and Noelle for the efforts they put in the newsletter and noted the informative article on “going green” in the latest version.

2) Secretary's Report –

The February Minutes were approved with minor corrections. As an additional discussion, it was decided that any significant changes to posted minutes would be captured in parenthesis within the original minutes and re-posted with changes noted.

*Gunnar Tomasson to incorporate corrections and then consider February Meeting minutes final.*

3) Treasurer's Report –

Tom Hilton provided the current CSCA Treasure's Report. He discussed the current balances of the checking and savings accounts and the recent expenditures impacting the balances. In discussing the savings balance, Tom suggested \$50,000 as a target amount to maintain.

The savings account had increased significantly due to the CSCA dues payments received to date. Annual dues have been received from 180 households so far. Tom recognized Barbara Ames' efforts in getting out the dues statements.

*The Treasurer's Report was approved*

4) Safety Committee -

Phil reported the Safety Committee continues to discuss options for managing speeding on Fenway Road.

5) Garden Tour –

Mary Lou Shannon is coordinating a Carderock Springs Garden Tour of 7 – 8 neighborhood gardens. The Tour would be a fund raiser for the CSCA and is planned for May 7, 2 pm – 5 pm.

Discussion on the Garden Tour established the suggestion of creating a handout for the Tour to include topics such as native plant gardening, etc. Additionally, it was also agreed that a price of \$10 per household/couple would be appropriate.

**UPDATE: It was decided during post meeting discussions on the Garden Tour that the cost of \$10 per person and \$15 per couple was appropriate.**

6) Beautification –

Georgia Petsche provided an update on the proposed repairs to the stone wall at the intersection of Lilly Stone Dr. and Persimmon Tree Rd. A proposal will be ready for Board review by the April meeting.

7) Environmental Committee –

Diane Karlik discussed the recent topics the Garden Committee was addressing. The Committee is sponsoring a speaker from Rachel Carson on the topic “How to Landscape” according to Rachel Carson’s vision. One idea was to schedule the event on the same weekend (May 7 – 8) as the Garden Tour.

8) Other Items –

Topic of Interest - ‘Radiation Exposure’:

Phil gave a brief overview of an upcoming lecture by Dr. Devra Davis at Pyle Middle School. Dr. Davis is the author of “Disconnect” and will discuss the science behind cell phone radiation, the dangers of cell phone use and the lack of government regulation. The lecture is scheduled for March 17, 7 pm – 9 pm at Pyle Middle School.

CSCA Meeting Schedules:

The Board approved moving the monthly CSCA Board monthly meetings to the second Monday of every month to accommodate Board member schedules.

*Approved – CSCA Board meetings to occur on the second Monday of each month.*

9) International Potluck Dinner –

The Board is coordinating an International Potluck Dinner on March 27, starting at 5:30 pm. Phil has been working on this effort. Barbara Ames will coordinate the wine for the potluck.

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10) Annual Meeting/Social Networking –

Schedule:

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 7 pm. A social networking event will precede the meeting, starting at 6 pm, and is being coordinated by Mary Lou and Margit Meissner. Mary Lou and Margit have been discussing different activities to encourage people to meet and get to know one another. People will be asked to bring cheese and crackers or something similar to share.

*Tom Hilton will coordinate the wine for the Annual Meeting*

Reports:

- The Secretary's Report will include a highlight of Board and community activities for the past year.
- Treasurer's Report will be a summary of the past year.
- The Safety Committee will provide a summary report and Phil encouraged the other committees to present as well.

Board Membership:

For the upcoming year, all Board members plan to return with the exception of Tom Hilton, serving as Treasurer, who is planning to move from the area. Bob Stocker has offered to fill the Treasurer position for the coming year. Phil proposed Diane Karlik as the Nominating Committee Chair. Diane accepted the position. The proposal was then seconded and passed. Each Board member should submit a one-paragraph bio as part of the nominating/election process.

*Diane Karlik to serve as the CSCA Board Nominating Committee Chair*

*Each Board Member to submit a one-paragraph bio to Phil*

Community Notification:

Phil will ask Barbara to assist with creating re-usable signs that the Board could post around the neighborhood to announce CSCA events.

*Phil to discuss CSCA event signs with Barbara*

11) Air Soft Guns –

Phil distributed a pamphlet on Montgomery County weapons law. There was a general consensus during the discussion and guidance from law enforcement that a key element of the law is the restriction of location. The discharge of any gun or projectile is limited to private property, with the specific exclusions mentioned:

*“No person shall discharge any air gun within five hundred feet of any home or residence other than his own; any school or school grounds, whether private or public; any church or church grounds; any place of public assembly; nor any public park or playground within the county.”*

Phil will draft an article for Board review/comment before publishing in the CSCA Newsletter.

*Phil to draft article on the topic of Air Soft Guns for Board review.*

12) CS Chat –

Phil mentioned that he had previously thought that the Board had an official role in the CS Chat. Margie Orrick noted in a CS Chat posting that the Chat is independent of the Board; the CS Chat was created and is maintained by a group of Carderock Springs neighbors. She provided a summary of the Chat to the Board:

Margie set up the CS Chat about five years ago after seeing a need for such a communication venue within Carderock. Margie approached the CSCA and the CS Swim and Tennis Club about hosting a chat; neither organization was interested in assuming that responsibility. There are currently about 350 members on the Chat, which is administered by Margie and others. Margie is currently in the process of refining the CS Chat guidelines.

13) Recognition –

Phil concluded the meeting with a recognition of Margie Orrick's efforts and contributions to the community, including the CS Chat and the CSCA Newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned.