

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
February 17, 2014 CSCA Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Present: Barbara Ames, Bill Moore, Jack Orrick, Phil Rider, Donna Schwartz, Mary Lou Shannon, Bob Stocker, Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

1) Secretary's Report –

Gunnar Tomasson presented the January Meeting minutes for review. Gunnar identified and discussed revisions made to the original minutes based on comments received. The revisions include more detailed information on the civic organization discussion in Section 1 and clarification of addresses in membership list (revised to read confirmation of non-Bennett homes). Following discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

Gunnar Tomasson will consider January Meeting minutes final.

2) Treasurer's Report –

Bob Stocker provided the Treasurer's Report, noting that there had not been much activity since the previous meeting. Activity did include the receipt of CSCA membership dues from four households.

The upcoming dues mailing is being coordinated by Bob Stocker and Barbara Ames. The necessary information has been compiled and Bob will provide that to Barbara.

The Treasurer's Report was approved without changes.

3) Committee search

There are two positions on the Board which remain open: the Social Chair and Welcome Chair positions. While the search for both positions is ongoing, Mary Lou Shannon suggested that Noureen Cholan might be willing to serve as a co-chair for the Welcome Committee. Mary Lou think it would be important to have someone to work with her that has the history and knowledge of the community.

4) Pepco Activity in Carderock –

As a result of the recent investigation conducted by Pepco on one of the Carderock Springs feeders, Pepco has begun replacing the associated transformers and wires. Since the wires and transformers throughout the neighborhood are about the same age, the question was raised during discussion whether the other Carderock Springs feeders are being considered for replacement. There has been no indication from Pepco that additional replacements are planned.

5) Neighborhood Security –

Prompted by recent break-ins, Jack Orrick provided an overview of suggestions to address neighborhood security. One idea was the establishment of a Community Watch program. Such a program has been applied in Carderock but it does require commitment in time and effort from the community. Jack recalls that, when it had been applied, ‘Block Captains’ were identified and occasional patrols conducted to establish presence.

Bill Moore mentioned for consideration that cameras could be posted in key areas, notably access points to the neighborhood. The term “Electronic Community Watch” has been applied to such efforts in other communities.

Cameras offer a deterrent to both break-ins and vandalism. Bill will research prices and any issues/constraints regarding civil liberties as a result of surveillance.

Phil suggested that the issue of neighborhood security could be addressed during the April meeting.

6) CSCA Board Membership –

Phil asked that the current board members let Phil know who is planning to continue on the Board during the upcoming year. Bob Stocker said that he would like to turn over the Treasurer duties but will not leave the position vacant.

Please let Phil know as soon as possible who is planning to continue on the Board so any vacancies can be addressed in advance.

Meeting adjourned