

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
September 16, 2019
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Tom Deyo, Ashish Goel, Sue Eastman, Petra Jacobs, Jenny Spreitzer

Board members excused: Jack Orrick, Bill Draper

Community members present: 5 total, including Craig Stoltz, Howard Evoy and Lisa Simon

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Tom Deyo Acting Chair

- 1) Approval of August Board meeting minutes
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) Newcomer Reception, October 6
- 4) 2020 CSCA Dues
- 5) Fall Meeting, November 3
- 6) Old Business - Congressional Country Club Golf Course Regrading and Stream Replanting/MNCPPC update; Montgomery Quiet Skies; Beltway Sound Barriers
- 7) New Business – County Deer Hunt; Architectural Resources section on our website
- 8) October Meeting date; Newsletter Deadline

Item 1: Minutes

August meeting minutes were approved without changes.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report

Ashish reported that the Citizens' Association budget is tracking with 2019 projections. We had budgeted being \$3,000 in the red this year but we underspent on many projected costs so are more or less even. We also made \$1,000 more than predicted on membership dues. There are still bills to pay for 2019—insurance being the largest of these—but Ashish estimates that there might be \$1,000 in revenue at the end of the fiscal year (with \$3,000 going to the contingency fund).

Projections for 2020: Ashish is projecting that we don't need to raise dues; biggest change will be that we earn \$1,000 in interest on our accounts; we won't have a directory charge since we won't print next year or the year after. When preparing next year's budget, Ashish will add \$1,000 for branding (in addition to previous expenditure levels). Predicted revenue after contingency will be \$1,000.

Item 3: Newcomer Reception on October 6

The reception will be a potluck dinner: everyone is invited, a mix of newcomers and oldtimers. There will be party hats or some other identifier to distinguish newcomers. Craig Stoltz will ask Bill Draper if we have an indication in the membership database about how long people have

been members. Craig needs help with setup: he encouraged everyone present to RSVP and volunteer.

Item 4: 2020 Association Dues Discussion

CSCA Board needs to announce 60 days in advance if we intend to raise dues for 2020. It would be helpful to have a 3-year view of CSCA finances in order to get a bigger-picture view. For 2019 dues were \$50, for 2020 we believe that they can remain \$50. Motion to not raise dues made, seconded and approved.

Item 5: CSCA Fall Meeting, November 3

The Fall meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 6:30pm. Isabelle Gournay, architectural historian, has been invited to speak on design significance of Carderock Springs and historic designation. Information will be included in the October newsletter and on CS-Chat.

Item 6: Old Business – Congressional Country Club Golf Course Regrading and Stream Replanting/MNCPPC update; Montgomery Quiet Skies; Beltway Sound Barriers

- **Congressional Country Club Golf Course Regrading and Stream Replanting/MNCPPC update:** Tom Deyo reported that the county did approve the work and it received state stormwater approval. Congressional committed up to \$800,000 to pay for remediation within the Cabin John watershed. The CSCA is trying to get more information about who controls the decisions on this pool of funds and where it is going to go.
- **Montgomery Quiet Skies:** there will be a meeting at the Carderock Club on Thursday, Oct 3 at 7 pm for newcomers, 7:30 for those already familiar with the issues. Howard noted that we need more community interest and complaints for the Quiet Skies Coalition. He's very involved but not enough other community members are. At the FAA meeting we need a roomful of people to make an impact.
- **Beltway Sounds Barriers:** State committee for public works decided to begin with I-270 expansion. SHA shared the county plan with Petra: plan is that Carderock area will get 2 new managed lanes in each direction: this is more than we thought and more than they promised. Petra has drafted a letter from the community to SHA. She asked all to look at letter and send her comments as soon as possible. Carderock has been asked to participate as a consulting party in NEPA evaluation of project: John Tiernan or Konstantin or Elena Gartvig will represent the community.
- **Sound Barriers and Quiet Skies Reporting:** Tom Deyo noted that our recent CSCA newsletters have devoted a lot of space to Beltway expansion and Quiet Skies. We discussed whether the newsletter was the best vehicle for reporting in depth on problems facing the community. The Board agreed that issues such as these are probably better publicized and discussed on CS-Chat rather than in the printed monthly newsletter.

Item 7: New Business – County Deer Hunt; Architectural Resources Section on Website

- **County Deer Hunt:** The deer hunt is a county initiative, already underway. Citizens were informed about it on CS-CHAT and in the August newsletter. We discussed and decided that the Board should not have a position for or against the hunt.
- **Architectural Resources on the Carderock Springs website:** as a service to the community, Lisa Simon offered to solicit and collect architectural resource suggestions and authentic upgrade suggestions (for ex, aluminum framed double-paned windows; gutter suggestions; and roofing ideas) to be listed on the CSCA website. This would be a page with tips. We will discuss how to word the request with ARC members and then solicit on CS-Chat.

Item 8: October Meeting date; Newsletter Deadline

Next Meeting date is October 21. Newsletter Deadline is September 25.