

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**October 21, 2019**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Ashish Goel, Sue Eastman, Jenny Spreitzer

Board members excused: Tom Deyo, Petra Jacobs, Bill Draper

Community members present: Howard Evoy, Stefan LoBuglio

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Jack Orrick

- 1) Approval of September Board meeting minutes
- 2) Treasurer's report
- 3) Fall Meeting – November 3 @ 6:30 pm; Isabelle Gournay U of MD
- 4) Congressional Country Club Golf Course Regrading and Stream Replanting
- 5) Letter to SHA – reps to serve on Historic designation review process
- 6) Old Business – PEPCO Issues; Street Light Repair; Beltway Sound Barriers; Montgomery Quiet Skies. Website Redesign Update
- 7) New Business
- 8) Next Meeting date and Newsletter deadline

**Item 1: Minutes**

September meeting minutes were approved with one change to Item 3 (spelling correction).

**Item 2: Treasurer's Report**

Our three-year financial trend is positive. Board agreed that 7-month CD maturing at the end of the year should be rolled over: Ashish will check with the bank on the process and report back in November. Board decided regarding showing income for CD, that we should wait until the CD matures to show income. Ashish projects \$4,500 going into savings at the end of the year. We will contribute the full contingency amount (10% of dues) to the contingency fund.

The board discussed the contingency fund and whether we should continue funding it at the same level next year. Our total savings is about \$60,000 now, which would not be sufficient to defend the covenants in a meaningful way should this be required. We therefore decided to continue contributing to the contingency fund as in the past.

**Item 3: Fall Meeting on November 3 at 6:30 pm**

The Fall meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 6:30pm. Isabelle Gournay, architectural historian at University of Maryland, has been invited to speak on the design significance of Carderock Springs and historic designation.

#### **Item 4: Congressional Country Club Golf Course Regrading and Stream Replanting**

Community sent several emails and a letter requesting information to Richard Weaver with the county, but he still hasn't responded. Next step will require a call from Jack Orrick to Weaver and if that doesn't get results, we will escalate to Weaver's manager.

#### **Item 5: Letter to Maryland State Highway Administration – Representatives to Contribute to Section 106 Historic Resources review**

CSCA sent a letter in response to July 10<sup>th</sup> letter from SHA. John Tiernan, Elena Gartvig and Konstantin Gartvig were nominated to serve regarding the Section 106 Historic Resources review.

#### **Item 6: Old Business – PEPCO Issues; Street Light Repair; Beltway Sound Barriers; Montgomery Quiet Skies; Deer Hunt. Website Redesign Update**

- **Quiet Skies:** Howard Evoy reported that attendance at the most recent meeting here was relatively sparse (about 30 people). Coalition is working to shepherd \$125,000 county council funding (plus \$125,000 from Arlington county) for a study to be done by a consultant. The Coalition just came out with an RFP for the work; it will take possibly 6 months to choose the supplier and then another year or more to get the report. The FAA indicated that it was willing to discuss immediate action: since the Coalition didn't have a consultant yet, Howard got in touch with Jennifer Hughes at the county and with Jack Orrick's help, sent Council member Friedson a letter, which resulted in quick funding of \$10,000 from the County to hire one technical expert to meet with the FAA. This consultant has been hired.
- **Pepco:** Sue Eastman reported that we had an outage on September 12. This requires Pepco to do several tests per our settlement with Pepco from 2 years ago. Pepco said that they would dig up and replace cable on Edenwood Court. However, Sue observed the work being done in the incorrect place (i.e. not the side of the road indicated by Pepco): when asked, the contractors doing the work said that the Pepco cable information was incorrect. Sue took pictures and communicated everything to the OPC Consultant--a distribution engineer—who believes that we have a "dual voltage problem" caused by a pole on Seven Locks Road.

#### **Item 7: New Business**

- **Artis Project:** building project on River Road appears to be proceeding now.
- **CSCA events for next year:** Progressive Dinner, Newcomer's Welcome Dinner, International Potluck Dinner. Any new ideas, please contact Craig Stoltz.

#### **Item 8: Next Meeting Date and Newsletter Deadline**

- Articles in by November 1. This will be our last newsletter for the year.
- November 3: Annual Meeting.
- November 18: next board meeting, the last of the year. No board meeting in December.