

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
January 20, 2014 CSCA Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Present: Diane Karlik, Jack Orrick, Phil Rider, Donna Schwartz, Gunnar Tomasson, Bob Stocker

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

1) Secretary's Report –

Gunnar Tomasson presented the December Meeting minutes for review. Gunnar reviewed comments received on the draft distributed for review. Diane Karlik asked that the points she presented in written format to the Board for discussion at the December meeting be added to the minutes. Phil Rider had presented a summary of the discussion to Diane in email following the December meeting; Phil offered to provide that summary to Gunnar as input for the revision of December meeting minutes.

Diane asked about the Montgomery County Civic Federation and CSCA membership status. The Federation meets, discusses and represents area civic associations on broad or large issues. Diane recommended the organization as one the CSCA should join. CSCA is currently not a member but has been in the past. Membership used to be included in our by-laws; Jack Orrick noted that those by-laws were changed when we amended them to delete one of the Vice President positions. Bob checked his records and said we have been paying an organization of non-profits for years. Diane brought up that that particular organization (the non-profit organization) does not seem to serve the needs of the community or its set-up, and that since we have been paying this automatically for years, that we should instead look at this Civic organization that would monitor and inform us about concerns that might directly affect us. There is a membership fee. The homepage and additional information can be found at www.montgomerycivic.org.

Diane offered two additional organizations for consideration, including the more local Bethesda citizens group (bethesda.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov). The second organization mentioned was the Bethesda/Chevy Chase Regional Services Center (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc) located on Edgemoor La in downtown Bethesda.

Bob Stocker said he would check the fee status of the group.

Gunnar Tomasson will incorporate noted changes and consider December Meeting minutes final.

2) Treasurer's Report –

2014 Budget Review

Bob Stocker reviewed the budget for the upcoming year. There was a decrease in funds of \$737.64 out of 485 homes identified as within the CSCA area. Based on that number, approximately 60% of homes join the CSCA as dues paying members. Diane offered to drive around the neighborhood to confirm the accuracy of non-Bennett home addresses captured on the current homes list.

The upcoming dues mailing is being coordinated by Bob and Barbara Ames. CSCA discussion provided consensus that the mailing should include a description of how the membership fee of \$50 is used and mention that PayPal can be used to submit payment.

Jack Orrick offered to send the website link of CSCA addresses associated with the covenants to as confirmation of member addresses.

The proposed budget was approved.

Diane Karlik will confirm the accuracy of non-Bennett home addresses on the current homes list

3) Annual Meeting scheduled for April.

Phil discussed the upcoming CSCA annual meeting, scheduled to be held in April. Well prior to that time, Phil asked that the current board members let Phil know who is planning to return as Board Members and Committee Chairpersons. Please let Phil know as soon as possible so any vacancies can be addressed in advance.

4) Committee search

There are two positions on the Board which remain open: the Social Chair and Welcome Chair positions. Phil would like to see someone given the role to reach out to persons new to the neighborhood. That role would likely fall under the Welcome Committee.

5) Newsletter –

Barbara Ames had offered to draft a notice that some of the roads in the neighborhood are to be re-surfaced soon.

Bob Stocker will submit an article on the now approved 2014 CSCA budget information

Barbara Ames to post newsletter notice regarding re-surfacing of some Carderock roads.

Bob Stocker will write newsletter article on budget for the upcoming year.

6) Newsletter –

Phil asked for any topic ideas for the January newsletter. Barbara Ames recently learned that some of the roads in the neighborhood are to be re-surfaced soon. She will post a notice in the newsletter.

Barbara Ames to post newsletter notice regarding the re-surfacing of some of the roads in the neighborhood.

Bob Stocker will write newsletter article on budget for the upcoming year.

The newsletter will also include an announcement on the vacant Committee Chair positions.

Meeting adjourned