

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
September 18 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Rob Gorman, Sindy Udell, Stefan LoBuglio;
Excused: Bill Draper, Seth Hertlein, Yvette Quintela, Julie Weber, and Bill Moore.

Guests: Stephanie Land (Database Manager), Petra Jacobs, Diane and John Karlik, Joe Gottesman, and Michael Nannes.

CSCA President Jack Orrick convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

The Board approved the July 2017 minutes unanimously. CSCA Treasurer Rob Gorman presented the financial report which showed a healthy balance sheet. He indicated that the board has paid an invoice from the landscaper for \$534 and was waiting for invoices incurred for the newsletter distribution.

After these reports, Jack shared that Bill Moore and Seth Hertlein has resigned their board positions. He indicated that Petra Jacobs has agreed to be considered for the board and that he was reaching out to another individual as well. The Board then voted to appoint Petra Jacobs to the board.

Next, Petra and Diane discussed their plans to have the Quiet Skies Coalition present at the CSCA fall meeting on November 5. Petra shared that the coalition's work has attracted significant support including from MD Governor Hogan, MD Attorney General Brian Frosh, 15 associations, and 29 neighborhoods including Carderock. The history of this issue and the activities of the group are presented in articles in the recent CSCA newsletters.

Concerning the committee focused on reducing beltway noise, Petra indicated that there were no updates. At the last board meeting, the CSCA board passed a resolution in support of group's work (see CSCA Website).

Database Manager Stephanie Land next presented an analysis of the percentage of neighborhood residents who paid dues to CSCA. Her presentation addressed a question asked at the previous meeting as to whether the Board's decision to expand the distribution of the newsletter and directories to "annexed" areas contiguous with the historical areas of Carderock resulted in an increase of households contributing dues to the CSCA. Her analysis showed that 51% (251) of households paid dues in the historical area and 17% (13) of those in the Annexed area did so. While a lower percentage of households, the actual dues collected in the annexed area more than paid for the extra costs incurred by the board. The Board also decided to add all the houses on Persimmon Tree lane to the new annexed area distribution list.

To reduce the costs of distributing the newsletter and to subscribe to a "green" philosophy, Jack indicated that the Board will be seeking community opinion about distributing the newsletter by email while making some provisions for a central place near the clubhouse where residents can pick up printed copies.

The remainder of the meeting focused on the plans for the installation of the trial islands. The County will begin installing two side islands on Fenway road in October and will run a four-month test. This has been described in the CSCA Newsletter and on the CS Chat. After Jack reiterated this plan, Diane Karlik spoke and shared her concerns about the transparency of the process and offered her opinion that the trial islands will diminish safety. Resident Michael Nannes added his opinion that the trial islands will increase the proximity of pedestrians to cars. At the urging of John Karlik, the board did agree to extend the trial islands until the spring or four months in duration in order to determine how adverse winter weather might affect their effectiveness.

Final items of business included discussions of a possible house tour in mid-November, encouragement of board members and guests to attend the newcomer's meeting on September 24, information about a community yard sale organized by Diane Karlik on October 22, and authorization for Stefan LoBuglio to seek quotes for replacing the electrical lights illuminating the Carderock sign at River and Carderock Spring Drive with more energy-efficient and attractive ones.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.