

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
June 24, 2019
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Board members excused: Petra Jacobs, Bill Draper

Community Members Present: Scott Wilets, Kathryn Stifel, Erika Schantz, Marci Greenstein, Jeff Rich, Stefanie Klein

Guest: Marla Cohen, Executive Director of Adat Shalom

CSCA President Jack Orrick convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- 1) Approval of May Board meeting minutes
- 2) Treasurer's report
- 3) Adat Shalom parking for high holidays - Marla Cohen
- 4) Welcome Committee Recruitment / Directory Printing and Delivery
- 5) OPC assistance on resolving PEPCO surge issue
- 6) Old Business – Beltway Sound Barriers; Montgomery Quiet Skies. Website Redesign Update
- 7) New Business
- 8) Next Meeting date - August 19 (no July meeting); Newsletter Deadline

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May board meeting were approved pending one spelling correction.

Item 2: Treasurer's report

Ashish reported that May was not a high transaction month: CSCA received approximately \$400 in dues, which are not yet represented in the report. There are no plans for a second membership appeal mailing: the reminder appeal will be included with directory distribution.

Item 3: Adat Shalom parking for High Holidays: Marla Cohen, Executive Director and Jeff Rich, Carderock resident

- Marla Cohen reported that since Adat Shalom membership is at 450 families (less than the 500 anticipated) and fewer members are attending holiday services, Adat Shalom clergy and staff would like to move the High Holiday services on site this year (they have been at Wootton High School in the past). They anticipate 850 people maximum, but probably many fewer than this number will attend. Parking is the largest issue: Adat Shalom has contracted the CS Club to provide parking, as will Carderock Springs Elementary School and Adat Shalom itself. Congregants will also park on Lily Stone and possibly other streets.

- Dates and service hours will be
 - Rosh Hashana: September 29, 8 am – 2 pm service hours
 - Yom Kippur: October 8, 6-10 pm service hours
 - Yom Kippur day: Oct 9, 8 am – 2 pm service hours
- Marla informed us that many traffic police will also be on duty and vans will carry pedestrians around the neighborhood. The board requested that there be single corridor parking on streets in order to keep traffic flowing and Marla agreed.
- Marla also asked if the board thought there might be interest in an open house at Adat Shalom for the community: we agreed that there would be. Marla mentioned a possible date in late August.

Item 4: Welcome Committee Recruitment / Directory Printing and Delivery

- Jack reported that we have 11 community members who have volunteered to be “block captains.” We still need more people in South Carderock and on Stone Trail. A request will be made in the June newsletter to be distributed this week. We will also recruit these people to deliver directories. Directories are supposed to be delivered to us this week. We will then get it out to volunteers for delivery. Directory printing will be on budget at approximately \$1,500.
- Welcome Packet: still being designed but will be done soon. We are still considering a car magnet gift.
- Newcomers’ Dinner will probably be on Sunday, Oct 6 this year, with the club’s approval of the date.
- We will print reminder invoices for those households that have not paid their 2019 CSCA dues and include with the directories delivered for those homes. Ashish will prepare the invoices.

Action Items:

- **Deliver directories and membership reminder appeals to Welcome Committee recruits for them to deliver to neighbors**
- **Finalize Welcome Packet**
- **Gain club approval on Oct 6 Newcomers’ Dinner date**
- **Ashish to prepare invoices for households that have not paid 2019 CSCA dues**

Item 5: Maryland Office of People’s Counsel (OPC) assistance on resolving PEPCO surge issue

Sue reported that Mikhal Freedhof’s emails to officials has resulted in the Maryland OPC offering assistance to claimants. [Note: the OPC is an independent state agency that, per their website, “represents the interests of residential consumers of electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, private water and certain transportation services in Maryland.”] OPC has hired Peter Lanzalotta to analyze the data and summary statements provided by Carderock residents impacted by the surge. Our goal is to get safe, reliable energy and to have Pepco pay the claims made by community members.

Item 6: Old Business

- 1) **Beltway Expansion:** CSCA submitted a letter in May to Governor Hogan stating that we don't want houses to lose backyards; we don't want construction outside the right of way; and we want sound barriers.
- 2) **Montgomery Quiet Skies:** a meeting was held in Carderock in early June. FAA in August is moving all the flights going into National/Reagan Airport to "GPS" routing, meaning all of the flights coming in will follow a single narrow path. This path will cross Avenel, Carderock Springs and Cabin John before going down the Potomac River. The Quiet Skies Coalition is still trying to have a public hearing before this is implemented but it's unclear what will be done before August. Meanwhile the FAA is moving ahead.

Item 7: New Business

Street lights: Scott Wilets noted that they have a nice warm tone and are stylistically in keeping with the neighborhood. However, a few have glitches and are flickering on and off and others are never off. In addition, the lights are designed to throw light in one direction but the installation crew didn't know this, so the angles are quite varied. They should shine on the road. We agreed that the right person in county government to contact about the needed repairs is Dan Sinayi. Scott will send a note to chat to gather addresses where lights are problematic, so the county can come out fix them. Jenny will contact Dan about schedule for replacing lights in South Carderock, where to date only two have been installed.

Actions Items:

- **Scott Wilets will collect addresses and concerns regarding lights in Carderock**
- **Jenny Spreitzer will contact Dan Sinayi re Carderock South installation**

Next Meeting: August 19 (no July meeting):

- Jenny will not be able to attend

Next ARC meeting: July 17 (no August meeting)

Newsletter: next deadline TBD. It will occur after the August 19 meeting.

There being no other matters before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Spreitzer, CSCA Secretary