

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
15 June 2015 CSCA Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Board members present: *Barbara Ames, Stefan Lo Buglio, Jack Orrick, Julie Weber*

Also in Attendance: *Washington Gas Representatives and additional neighbors, Sue Eastman, Katherine Stifel*

In Donna's absence, Jack acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

1) Presentation by Washington Gas Regarding Upcoming Gas Line Replacement Work

Kelly Caplan from Washington Gas ("WGL") briefly described the project and introduced the team that will be assisting-- Bill Speak - Construction Supervisor, Brendan Gamble – Construction Manager, and Justin Goolsby – Contractor to Infrasource (working with WGL). The project will involve the replacement of the main gas line and feeder lines to each of the 113 residences located along Hamilton Spring Road (commencing at Lilly Stone Drive and ending at Hamilton Springs Court), Glenmore Spring Road, Glenmore Spring Way, Park Overlook Drive and Park Overlook Court, commencing in late-June/early-July, and likely extending through November. WGL will be sending a letter to each impacted resident shortly providing more details.

The presentation discussed the method for replacing the lines and the impacts on residents, which would include, at some point during the process, turning off gas service to each impacted residence for several hours. The WGL representatives will be making contact with each affected resident to arrange for the service turn-off, and if needed, moving the gas meter from inside the home to outside the home (where it can be read remotely).

Several community residents who attended this portion of the meeting asked questions, including what impacts the work would have on new additions and relocated gas lines, what would be the process if residents were out of town for extended periods, and whether other homes in the neighborhood were ultimately going to be included in the work. The WGL representatives indicated they would be as flexible as possible in scheduling the work, but if residents knew they would be out of town for a substantial period of time, they should contact the representatives and let them know. They were not sure about what the future schedule was for other homes in the neighborhood, but indicated that they would be back to CSCA to provide more details.

2) Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Following the departure of the Washington Gas representatives and other neighborhood guests, Jack Orrick called the Board meeting to order. The corrected CSCA Board meeting minutes from May 18, 2015 were approved.

3) Treasurer's Report

Rob Gorman was not in attendance, but Jack distributed the report he had sent to the Board by e-mail prior to the start of the meeting.

4) Appointment of River Road Intersection Safety Committee

Bill Moore had previously volunteered to chair a new committee of the CSCA that would look into the issue of traffic safety at the intersection of Carderock Springs Drive and River Road, which had been the basis of his testimony at the Planning Board Hearing on the Artis Alzheimer's facility hearing on June 4. Anne Carlson had expressed interest in participating in this committee as well. After some discussion, Stefan Lo Buglio and Julie Weber also agreed to participate on the committee. Sue Eastman suggested that it may be possible to recruit members from the prior Safety Committee, which had looked at speeding issues in the neighborhood, as well.

The Board voted to approve the appointment of the River Road Intersection Safety Committee with Bill Moore as Chair and the above additional members. Jack indicated that this committee should publicize its work to the community and work over the summer to develop recommendations to take back to the Board. Julie suggested writing to Councilmember Roger Berliner to let him know about the issue, and Stefan agreed to contact Councilmember Roger Berliner.

5) Update on PEPCO Proceedings/ Carderock Conserves

Sue Eastman advised the Board on the status of the Public Service Commission investigation into the PEPCO response to the CSCA PEPCO Committee's questions on the status of the electric transmission line upgrades to the neighborhood. The Public Service Commission was issuing a notice to compel PEPCO to deliver additional documents, and Sue indicated that, while some progress had been made, PEPCO appeared to be continuing to obfuscate the extent of the work actually done in the neighborhood. Jack asked Sue to attend a future Board meeting where the merits of the PSC investigation could be discussed in more detail.

Sue Eastman also gave a brief description of the status of the Carderock Conserves Group and the \$12,000 County grant that had been received to help with developing additional rainscapes in the neighborhood.

6) House Tour Recap

Jack reported that the House and Garden Tour held on Sunday, June 7, had been a great success, with over 100 paid participants and a profit of approximately \$450 earned. Cudos were given to Melissa Wilets for the design of the brochure, Jack suggested that the profits be directed towards the planned outdoor display that Rob Gorman and Melissa Wilets had been planning. In addition, Jack reported that the cover art for the House Tour brochure could be used for the upcoming Carderock Neighborhood Directory.

7) Old Business

(i) Directory - Barbara Ames indicated that she was in the process of gathering information for advertisers for the upcoming Directory and hoped to produce a copy for distribution in early fall.

(ii) Next Door – Bill Moore had indicated prior to the meeting that he did not see the need to continue to explore this method of communication

(iii) Display on Carderock History – Melissa Wilets had indicated prior to the meeting that she would have time to reengage on this project in the fall.

(iv) Maintenance of Carderock Springs sign at River Road entrance – Prior to the start of the Board meeting, Georgia Petche stated that she did not think that anyone was maintaining the entranceway and keeping it mowed. Jack indicated that he thought a maintenance contract had been entered into but that he would look into this.

Post-meeting notes: Anne Carlson went down and did some clean-up around the entranceway. Jack contacted Phil Rider who passed along the name of a landscape worker who had been contacted in the past. Jack was able to work out an arrangement for four visits over the course of the year by this landscaper to be charged at the rate of \$150 per visit.

8) New Business

There was no new business brought before the Board.

9) Newsletter

Jack indicated that a newsletter was planned to be published in late-June for distribution in early-July. Mary Lou Shannon indicated she would be writing an article, and Jack indicated he would write an article on the Washington Gas Line Replacement update. Jack asked for submission of other newsletter articles by June 20.

Meeting adjourned.