

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
28 March 2016 CSCA Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Anne Carlson, Stefan Lo Buglio, Jack Orrick, Donna Schwartz

Also in attendance: Malcolm Stevenson, Bill Draper, Susan Smith-Pinelo, Greg Pinelo, Jeff Ludwig, John Karlik, Michael Timms, Deborah Tanno, Catherine Remijan, Seth Hertlein, Amber Hertlein, Michael Goldstein, Linda Engel, and others

1) Traffic Safety and Neighborhood Discussions

Jack Orrick led a discussion on traffic within the Carderock Springs neighborhood. The discussions focused on traffic calming measures on Fenway Road. Traffic on Lilly Stone was mentioned but as there are already speed bumps installed so there will be no additional action from the county. The intersection at Lilly Stone and Hamilton Spring has a 4-way stop sign. Running the stop sign is a problem and is a legal offense.

The county will monitor traffic volume on Fenway Road, scheduled to occur in the next few weeks. The county (Department of Transportation) is responsible for our neighborhoods roads. The last volume study was conducted 5 years ago. The volume will trigger options that are available from the county. All options will meet county standards for access of emergency vehicles. Options would be presented at a meeting by the county with the neighborhood. They will consider are all feeders to Fenway of equal importance, is speeding an issue, how can speeding be addressed.

A survey is needed to understand the neighborhood thoughts on traffic. Jack Orrick is working on the survey. People from the neighborhood that are professions in survey preparation are helping in this effort. Catherine Remijan volunteered to assist as well. Questions to include on the survey were discussed including "if you are in favor of bump outs (or some traffic calming measure), would you want one in front of your house?" One option is to have surveys tracked to individual houses to better understand the thoughts of a neighborhood or block.

John Karlik volunteered to be on a new traffic safety committee and to act as chair.

The county proposed traffic claiming measure 5 years ago and presented these options at a neighborhood meeting. The meeting was well attended with different points of view, people wanting calming measures and people opposed to calming measures. No further action was made at that time, as there was not enough community support. Many new families have moved into the neighborhood and opinions on traffic calming may have changed. An informal survey of Fenway households by Susan Smith-Pinelo counted 130 adults and 80 children on Fenway with 5 school bus stops.

Several suggestions on how to calm traffic were mentioned, including:

- Installation of electronic speed signs that state "your speed is"
- Painting of bright colors on roads at intersections
- Requesting the presence of police cruisers in neighborhood as a deterrent
- Installation of bump outs
- Installation of speed bumps
- Installation of "Locals Only" signs at neighborhood entrances
- Requesting a speed camera corridor (this option is administered by the police)

The next steps for traffic calming decisions are 1) county to conduct traffic volume study, and 2) CSCA Board to prepare survey on traffic issues.

2) Approval of February Meeting Minutes

The February Meeting minutes were approved.

3) Treasurer's Report/Budget

Rob Gorman provided the Treasurer's report for March (February 2016) by email.

ACTION: provide update on collection of dues, specifically from homes in South Carderock and those recently added to database (Rob)

4) Entrance monument

Mike Goldstein and Linda Engel proposed repairs to an entrance monument on their property at the corner of Lilly Stone Drive and Permission Tree. Lane. The upper rock wall is failing and will be rebuilt using existing stones, the lower rock wall will be repointed. Additional holly tress will be planted and ground cover will be added to the open bed area. The existing Carderock Springs sign that was mounted on the rock wall needs to be replaced. Mike and Linda are paying for repairs and plantings. Linda is securing bids on the cost of a new sign. The CSCA board will contribute to the cost of the sign. It was suggested that a plaque be added to the sign noting the National Park Service's Historic Register of Historic Places status of the neighborhood. The upper bed area may be a location for planting daffodils as part of the plantings to honor Mary Lou Shannon's contributions to the Carderock Springs neighborhood.

5) Annual Meeting

The CSCA Annual Meeting will be held on April 17 at 6:30 pm the Clubhouse. This meeting will also serve as to honor Mary Lou Shannon and her contributions to the neighborhood. Phil Rider is organizing the event. There will not be a speaker at the meeting, but rather select tributes to Mary Lou followed by a celebration with wine, beer, soft drinks, cake, and appetizers.

Phil has requested that the Board approve a budget for the event. Jack had asked Phil for an estimate of the cost, but had not heard back. Jack moved that Phil be authorized to spend whatever he felt was necessary for the food and drink with the understanding that the cost should not exceed \$200 - 300 (in which case Phil would notify the Board before spending).

Anne Carlson suggested planting beds of daffodils throughout the neighborhood in honor of Mary Lou Shannon's contributions to the Carderock Springs neighborhood. The CSCA board will pay for the bulbs with planting to occur Fall 2016.

The slate of Board members for 2016 is being developed. Jack Orrick (President), Bill Moore (Vice-president), Rob Gorman (Treasurer), Stefan Lo Buglio (member at large), and Julie Weber (member at large) will be proposed. Bill Draper and Seth Hertlein will join the board as members at large. Larry Ondrejko will serve as liaison with the Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club Board Swim and Tennis club.

Jack is in discussion with other neighborhood members to join the board.

Post meeting note: After the meeting, Jack had discussions with Cindy Udell and Yvette Quintella, and each agreed to serve on the Board. In addition, Stefan LoBuglio agreed to serve as Secretary after the election at the Annual Meeting.

6) Old Business

Updates to the Carderock Springs 2016 Neighborhood Directory have been made. Changes include adding households that were missed in the previous version. A limited printing of directories will be made and distributed to the households that were missing from the directory.

The Neighborhood Directory is available electronically on the Carderock Springs website.

7) New Business

Stefan Lo Buglio will be responsible for placing signs announcing meetings in 2016. Anne Carlson gave the signs to Stefan.

Donna Schwartz will review the box of CSCA Board information that was provided by Gunnar Tomasson, specifically looking for information from the previous safety committee. Donna will then give the box to Jack Orrick or the new CSCA Board secretary.

8) Newsletter Article and Deadline

Potential articles include updates on Artis, traffic safety committee, dues reminder, and upcoming events.

Deadline for articles will be April 1, 2016.

Meeting adjourned.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, April 17 @ 6:30 pm (Clubhouse)

There will NOT be a CSCA Board meeting in April.