

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**January 2, 2011 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting**

Present: Barbara Ames, Jack Orrick, Georgia Petsche, Phil Rider, Mary Lou Shannon

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

To begin the meeting discussion, Phil began a review of the meeting agenda. Participating in discussions was a neighbor who attended the meeting.

1) Secretary's Report –

The December Minutes were approved with minor corrections.

*Gunnar Tomasson to incorporate corrections and then consider December Meeting minutes final.*

2) Treasurer's Report –

The CSCA Treasurer, Tom Hilton, was not in attendance but had reported to Phil Rider that the CSCA is solvent. Suggested by Board members that future reports of account balances in checking and savings would be appropriate and useful for future minutes.

*The Treasurer's Report was approved*

3) ARC Membership -

ARC member – An interim ARC member, Curt Hasting, has been identified to replace Steve Kunin.

ARC community liaison – Role is to foster and facilitate communication between the ARC and our community. This is a public relations position.

Job description of the ARC community liaison:

- Liaison between community and the ARC
- Summarize applications pending and status
- Publish ARC projects for CSCA newsletter
- Serve as point of contact for the community to reach the ARC
- Respond timely to inquiries from community and ARC
- Attend monthly ARC meetings

Margit Meissner agreed to serve in this important function. A separate CSCA e-mail will be setup for Margit as the ARC Liaison.

*Margie Orrick will establish a separate CSCA e-mail account for the ARC Community Liaison.*

4) Beautification/Entryway update –

The Goldstein's have requested a proposal on the proposed repairs to the stone wall at the intersection of Lilly Stone Dr. and Persimmon Tree Rd. The proposal is anticipated to be available for the February meeting.

5) Survey results for leaf removal options –

Phil received 124 responses. He received one phone call from a citizen who wanted a community meeting regarding the leaf removal issue. Thanks to Margie Orrick for distributing the survey.

The vast majority of survey respondents do not want county curbside leaf pickup (over 70% voted for other methods). 30% of survey respondents were open or favorable to curbside leaf pickup, and some of these wanted an alternative or county pickup as a backup plan only. As a minimum of 80% of residents would be needed to agree, we are nowhere near close to having enough residents in favor. Phil Rider recommended that no further action be taken by CSCA. He noted that residents always have the option to group together to purchase this service privately.

*Motion made and accepted to table this issue indefinitely.*

6) Survey results for Snow removal options –

Phil received only three responses from his outreach to the Chat. All three replied that they were satisfied with the current arrangement. The Montgomery County website indicates progress and schedule for snow plowing by the county. This progress may not be detailed as to individual streets.

The Board decided not to pursue this topic until further notice or as our residents request more effort by the Board.

7) Survey results for Monthly newsletter distribution –

The issue of how to distribute important information to our residents. Forty-seven out of fifty-two residents polled indicated that they preferred the printed newsletter. Two preferred the website, and three preferred e-mail.

Margie Orrick will teach Phil Rider and Gunnar Tomasson how to post to our website.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Noelle Lewis for volunteering to serve as Newsletter editor for CSCA. Phil Rider will assist Noelle by providing info regarding CSCA developments. The next newsletter will introduce Margit Meissner as the ARC Liaison

8) Alternate energy sources discussion –

Phil Rider presented his article reviewing the alternatives to purchasing energy from our local utility company and the associated cost risk/reward parameters.

Items covered in the discussion

- This is a financial issue, not a “green” issue
- Anyone considering a “green” provider should research exactly what that means as a practical matter
- Most providers have to purchase their energy from PEPCO
- Marylandpublicservicecommission.org is a good website listing alternative energy providers
- PEPCO owns our local grid, therefore the alternative energy providers supply through PEPCO (and likely purchase their energy from PEPCO)
- Most of the alternate providers offer variable rates and possibly an opportunity to save money

The Boards will submit this article to be published in the next newsletter (end of January)

*Motion to accept the article for publication in the newsletter passed.*

9) Trees –

CSCA has asked Lisa Wilcox Deyo to draft a tree removal policy. Her position is “Tree Removal Expert and Expeditor”. The goal is to draft a simple, approachable and positive policy that would encourage residents to contact her before removing a tree. Phil Rider met with her to review the initial draft. Email will be [CSCAtree@gmail.com](mailto:CSCAtree@gmail.com).

Meeting Adjourned.