

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
November 18, 2019
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Ashish Goel, Jenny Spreitzer, Tom Deyo, Petra Jacobs

Board members excused: Bill Draper, Sue Eastman

Community members present: Katherine Stifel

Meeting called to order at 7:42 by Jack Orrick

- 1) Approval of October Board meeting minutes
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) 2020 CSCA Budget
- 4) 2020 Dues Cycle & Statements, Updates to CSCA on-line Database
- 5) Meeting with MNCPPC and Soltesz on Congressional Country Club Golf Course Regrading and Stream Replanting
- 6) Report on hearing from Maryland suit on aircraft noise
- 7) Old Business – Beltway Expansion
- 8) New Business
- 9) Next Meeting date – January 13

Item 1: Minutes

October meeting minutes were approved.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report

The treasurer projects a surplus of \$3,000 for 2019 versus last year. Insurance bill of approximately \$1100 will be our last major bill of the year. CSCA received \$1300 more in dues than we projected for. In January, we will decide if we want to move the entire contingency amount (40% of dues – approx. \$4,770) to savings. The 7-month CD will come due at the end of December: the board decided to register the interest as “income” and roll over the principal.

Item 3: 2020 CSCA Budget Discussion

Proposed 2020 budget revenues of \$16,150: \$15,000 dues, \$150 advertising (newsletter), \$1,000 Account Interest.

- Dues will remain the same at \$50 for 2020.
- Grounds maintenance estimate will remain the same (the maintenance person hasn't billed us since the Spring – we need to contact him regarding billing and payment).
- We will reduce Committee Expenses a bit for the year (from \$2,400 to \$1,800).

- Branding plans for 2020: potential updates to signage to integrate National Register listing message. We could possibly use the new logo as a model for new signage.

If we stay on budget for 2020, we should reach our target of fully funding all budgeted activities and contributing roughly \$4,000 to the Contingency Fund.

Item 4: 2020 Dues Cycle & Statements, Updates to CSCA on-line Database

Membership Renewal cycle for 2020: email first, then mailing, then delivery via newsletter couriers. Ashish informed us that CSCA needs a different type of Paypal account to run the membership campaign via email. Bill Draper, Ashish and Jack will meet to discuss options. Bill's job is to keep the database current and work with AtoZ regarding updates.

In order to encourage online payment, CSCA will not charge an additional fee for the use of PayPal (as it has done in the past). We will need to change the language regarding this in our newsletter and outreach. Between now and then, Bill and Ashish will figure out how to integrate AtoZ Directory listings.

Item 5: Congressional Country Club Golf Course Regrading and Stream Replanting

Jack, Lisa Deyo and Jennifer Hughes met on November 8 with Richard Weaver of MNCPPC and representatives from Soltesz—the engineering firm hired by Congressional to undertake the regrading work regarding Congressional Country Club Golf Course. Burr Grey, a representative from Friends of Cabin John Creek, also attended the meeting.

The discussions centered around what the impacts would be on the stream running under Fenway Road which drains from the golf course, both in terms of volume and velocity of waterflow, given the removal of a large number of mature trees and native underbrush. Attendees noted that Cabin John Creek has degraded since the work had commenced in the fall. The representatives for Soltesz did not have any immediate answers, but promised to respond. They indicated that there would be planting of new grasses to help with absorption of water, but it was not clear exactly when or where this replanting would occur. The CSCA representatives also asked to see the stormwater management plan for the Club property, which MNCPPC agreed to provide. MNCPPC indicated that we could have another meeting with the Parks Department to discuss the \$800,000 budgeted for stream replanting.

Item 6: Report on Hearing from Maryland Suit on Aircraft Noise

Petra Jacobs and Tom Deyo attended the U.S. District Court of Appeals hearing held regarding *Maryland vs FAA*. The FAA lawyer argued that Maryland missed the 60-day deadline to protest. A decision will be made within 2-3 months.

Item 7: Old Business – Beltway Expansion

Beltway: Katherine Stifel received a letter from MDOT regarding surveying about to begin on her (and presumably her near neighbors' properties) regarding Beltway expansion. Petra can't

make it to the Joint Maryland House and Senate Priorities Meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 pm. She will send a note to CS-Chat to see if someone from the neighborhood can attend.

Item 8: New Business

- No new business was presented for discussion

Item 9: Next Meeting Date and Newsletter Deadline

- January 13: next board meeting
- No meeting or newsletter in December

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm