

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
June 7, 2010 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting**

Present: Barbara Ames, Georgia Petsche, Phil Rider, Mary Lou Shannon, and Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at the CS Clubhouse with notice provided to the community that the meeting was open to all; several neighbors did attend and participated in discussions. The Board members introduced themselves and provided a brief personal history. Following the Board introductions, the neighbors attending the meeting provided a similar introduction.

Discussion –

To begin the meeting discussion, Phil distributed the meeting agenda.

1) Secretary's Report/Annual Meeting –

Gunnar Tomasson had previously distributed a draft version of the May Annual Meeting minutes. Following discussion, the minutes were approved.

Gunnar Tomasson to update May Meeting minutes status from draft to final.

2) Treasurer's Report –

The Treasurer's report will be deferred as Tom Hilton was not able to attend the June CSCA meeting.

3) Covenants –

Jack Orrick has posted the numerous applicable Carderock Springs covenants and included data indentifying properties to the specific version/set of covenants. Jack found that 9 separate covenants were issued between 1962 through 1968. Each set is linked to a specific set of properties using property Block and Lot numbers. The Carderock Springs covenant information can be found at:

<http://carderocksprings.net/article.php?id=19>

Tom Hilton drafted a letter to Montgomery County regarding the covenants and the enforcement of those covenants. The county provided a detailed response which Tom will share at a later time.

Mary Lou Shannon discussed a Washington Post article on Glen Echo Heights. She forward the link, which included a resources directory, to the CSCA Board for review. Mary Lou left a voice message for a neighborhood point-of-contact to discuss their "Good Neighbor Handbook". Many of the ideas would be positive for the Carderock neighborhood. One of the concepts brought out for discussion was placing signs on properties undergoing renovation stating that "this construction is in compliance with spirit of the community..." The Board liked the idea of adding to the transparency of neighborhood home improvements.

4) Beautification –

As part of the proposed handbook on living in Carderock, the suggestion was made to include a list of the types of plants that do well in the neighborhood. This would include topics such as deer-resistant plants, plants friendly to wildlife and native plants.

An additional suggestion was made for the tree/garden committee to include ecology/environmental issues impacting Carderock.

Georgia Petsche noted that a tree was leaning considerably near the intersection of Carderock Springs Dr. and Fenway Rd. The tree is on Park property so it is not the responsibility/jurisdiction of the neighborhood but it should be addressed.

The “Carderock Springs” sign at the intersection of Persimmon Tree Rd. and Lilly Stone Dr. is being knocked down by the expanding root systems of close-by pine trees. Does the ARC have input on wall design? Jonathan Graham might be willing to help with the design elements of the sign/stone wall. Georgia had previously gotten an estimate of \$3,000 to complete repairs.

Phil is not certain whether or not the sign/stone work costs will need approval via community vote or whether the Board can approve the expenditure. The Board will look into developing proposals for the work.

Georgia has looked into getting a maintenance contract on the Carderock Rd./River Rd. entrance. What about talking to the persons that did the landscaping work at the Club? Manual, who does the maintenance work on the Club grounds, might be available; he generally charges \$20/hr. Georgia proposed a one-time, \$150 expense to cleanup the Carderock Rd./River Rd. entrance. The proposal was approved by the Board.

The Board will look into developing proposals to design and repair the “Carderock Springs” sign at the intersection of Persimmon Tree Rd. and Lilly Stone Dr.

Georgia to proceed with her proposal, approved by the Board, for a \$150 cleanup of the Carderock Rd./River Rd. entrance

5) Safety –

Gunnar provided an update on his request to the County to address a safety concern with a storm drain at the intersection of Lilly Stone Dr. and Hamilton Spring Rd. He received a positive e-mail response from the County but has not seen any repair performed. Phil noted that the County does have limited funds these days and has been using funds very carefully, including less maintenance of public grasses (medians, etc.)

Phil asked how does the community collect and submit road/maintenance needs the County should address. Carl Goodman had done this effectively in the past; Phil will contact Carl to discuss the issue with him and seek his assistance.

Phil to contact Carl Goodman to discuss the community’s effort to collect and submit road/maintenance needs the County.

6) Welcome Committee –

Mary Lou is planning to update a welcome letter. She has proposed a “welcome reception” be held for new residents at the Clubhouse. Based on some discussion, the reception would precede the October meeting. Barbara Ames offered to assist with the reception.

7) Directory/Membership –

Barbara Ames is looking into selling advertising space in the Carderock Directory in order to offset the costs somewhat. She will have the data proof-read in an effort to minimize typos and errors.

Phil would like to see newsletter updates welcoming and introducing new neighbors.

8) Committees –

Phil suggested organizing the committees in September when people are back in town after summer vacations. He initially thought the committees should be formed quickly but thinks that postponing until September will be more effective.

Mary Lou asked for input on what the Welcoming Committee should include. Some ideas were where to find the covenants, the history of the neighborhood, and lots of information yet to be determined.

The proposed idea to consider ‘personal support’ within the community was not approved by the Board following some discussion. The concept was considered too far-reaching for the Board to address effectively and appropriately.

9) Miscellaneous –

John Whalen has volunteered to revamp the Carderock Springs website; he will coordinate his activities with Margie Orrick.

Noelle Lewis has volunteered to assist with the Carderock Springs newsletter.

To accommodate summer vacation and the long weekend for July fourth, the July and August meetings will be combined into a single meeting on July 26th, the last Monday of July.

Phil mentioned the upcoming vacancy on the Architectural Review Committee with Steve Kunin’s departure. He would like to address the vacancy and consider an appropriate farewell for Steve.

Meeting Adjourned.