

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association  
May 17, 2011 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting**

Present: Phil Rider, Mary Lou Shannon, Georgia Petsche, Jack Orrick, Bob Stocker, Barbara Ames, Margit Meissner (ARC Liaison), Diane Karlik (Green Committee)

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

1) Secretary's Report –

Barbara Ames, filling in as CSCA Secretary, provided the Secretary's report. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved unanimously without changes.

*Gunnar Tomasson to consider April Meeting minutes final.*

2) Treasurer's Report –

Bob Stocker submitted a written report listing the following:

Bank account balances:

Savings 1	\$ 61.98
Savings 2	\$25,040.39
Checking	<u>\$10,014.92</u>
Total cash balance	\$35,117.29

The treasurer's report also included a 2011 listing per month of revenues and expenses. It was agreed that the treasurer's report be included in the monthly newsletter. Additionally Bob reported certain statistics including the number of dues paying households this year to date (51% approximately), the number of annual dues statements returned by the post office, the number of households that had not paid dues in 10 years, etc.

Past due statements will be mailed prior to the June board meeting. Barbara Ames will review the 26 returned statements and update the names and mailing addresses where possible from the Montgomery County real property website. Mary Lou Shannon will review the list.

It was further agreed that the Treasurer develop a budget for the current fiscal year and present it to the board at the June meeting. The budget will include specific budgets for the committees. The board agreed in general that it was best for committees to have the authority to spend smaller sums within their budgets without having to secure board approval first.

Georgia Petsche moved that we close the small savings account. Motion approved unanimously.

Recognition The board asked Gunnar Tomasson to write a letter of thanks and congratulations to Mary Lou Shannon and Nancy Everett for their efforts in organizing and conducting the successful 2011 Carderock Springs Garden Tour. This letter will be presented at the May 19, 2011 community meeting in the clubhouse.

3) Beautification Committee –

The Garden Tour raised approximately \$642 which will be earmarked for general use by the Beautification committee.

Sign at Lilly Stone & Persimmon Tree Lane. Georgia Petsche reported that she has the wood stain and is ready to have the sign stained when weather permits.

Landscaping at Lilly Stone & Persimmon Tree Lane. Georgia requested proposals from two landscape designers. Lisa Wilcox is too busy at this time with other work. Jonathan Graham submitted a design proposal. General agreement by the board that the Goldstein's need to approve any ivy cleanup and landscaping at this location. The Goldstein's had previously indicated that they strongly preferred to use their current landscaper and the board wants to respect their preferences and cooperate with them.

4) Green Committee –

Diane Karlik reported that the neighborhood trash pickup scheduled for May 21st had been advertised via the chat. Neighbors are asked to bring their empty mulch bags for use in picking up trash.

Rachel Carson presentation on Sunday, May 22nd at the club. Diane Karlik reported that CSCA is hosting Dr Diana Post, president of the Rachel Carson Council. Dr. Post will present a talk on Miss Carson's gardening preferences. Mitch Baker of American Plant Food will also be present to answer questions about organic gardening and the green approach to gardening.

The CSCA will pay an honorarium of \$125 to the Rachel Carson Council.

5) Miscellaneous –

Barbara Ames will look into rustic signposts or community bulletin board signage that the CSCA could use for meeting and other event notices.

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6) Newsletter –

Jack Orrick is writing an article for the newsletter about the neighborhood covenants and items generally governed by the covenants and requiring approval by the ARC. The purpose of his article is to convey general information to new residents who may be unaware or uninformed about the covenants.

Jack solicited the opinion of the Board concerning the need for residents to seek ARC approval of repainting exterior colors or replacing existing fencing which had previously been approved by the ARC, and the consensus was that no further approval is needed in such circumstances.

7) ARC Liaison Report –

Margit Meissner reported on the issues pending before the ARC. Karen Roman has a proposal pending, and there are several fence issues and painting issues in front of the ARC. Margit agreed to give a listing of issues facing the ARC to the newsletter for publication each month.

Phil Rider has the CSCA yard signs that indicate an ARC approved project. Margit Meissner will let Phil know when projects are approved so he can deliver a sign to the homeowner. This will give the neighbors notice of approved projects, and highlight the ARC's role in approving projects.

8) Safety Committee –

Discussion of the board's role and ultimate decision authority over whether or not to allow the county to install bump outs and/or median planters on Fenway Road. The board has the authority to approve this project, without the approval or consent of the residents. The discussion of whether or not the board will make the decision was ultimately not completely decided.

Consensus of the board after lengthy discussion is as follows:

Proposed timeline for a potential Fenway Rd project

May 19, 2011 meeting - Montgomery County traffic engineers to present the results of their study and proposals for bump outs. A film presenting the safety issue of neighborhood speeding will be presented and the engineers will answer questions from the attendees.

Safety committee will meet to deliberate and prepare a proposal for reducing speeding on Fenway Road.

CSCA board will solicit additional input on this important issue from the community. This will be a written survey of all residents, with addresses so that the Fenway Road residents as a group will be evaluated, as will all residents. Purpose is to discover what percentage of residents believes speeding is a real problem on Fenway Rd. If there is a strong consensus that action should be taken, then the board may agree to make the decision.

Further agreed that there will be no rush to action, rather a deliberate and open process.

Survey issues raised but not decided upon include:

- Should Fenway Road residents' votes have more weight than the surrounding streets?

- Should votes from streets directly connected to Fenway have more weight?
- How are votes counted—by house or by residents?
- What percentage is needed for action or inaction?
- Should only dues paying members have votes?

Unsigned and anonymous letter to Ike Leggett purporting to be “Citizens of Carderock Springs” was published on the chat. Because the letter is unsigned, the board will take no action at this time to correct the misleading and inaccurate statements contained therein. Phil Rider expressed concern that these statements malign Jennifer when she has provided valuable assistance to the safety committee.

9) Upcoming meeting schedule –

Generally the board will meet at the club on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. The meeting scheduled for July 20 will serve as a combined July/August meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.