

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
February 7, 2011 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Present: Barbara Ames, Tom Hilton, Jack Orrick, Georgia Petsche, Phil Rider, Mary Lou Shannon, and Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

To begin the meeting discussion, Phil began a review of the meeting agenda.

1) Secretary's Report –

Gunnar Tomasson had previously distributed a draft version of the January Meeting minutes. The draft minutes were prepared by Barbara in Gunnar's absence. The distributed draft included revisions and change comments received in response to the distribution of an initial draft. Following a brief discussion, the minutes were approved.

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

2) Treasurer's Report –

The CSCA Treasurer, Tom Hilton, provided his report on current financial status and addressed the upcoming distribution of dues statements. Some discussion followed including whether the period covered by the annual dues should mirror that of the Board. The By-laws do not address the start and end times of membership.

Tom noted that dues do trickle in throughout the year but that most are paid shortly after the dues statements are mailed. As in the past, South Carderock residents will receive dues statements.

The Treasurer's Report was approved

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Gunnar Tomasson to consider November Meeting minutes final.

4) Safety Committee –

- Phil addressed the apparent increase in the number of thefts and related activity as discussed by several members of the community on the CS Chat. The general consensus is that people need to take individual action such as motion lights, keeping cars off the street and locked, etc.
- Speeding on Fenway continues to be an issue. Montgomery County has said that it will perform the work on Fenway Road once an option has been selected. Some of the proposed options can be approved by the Board while others would require neighborhood consensus.

5) Other Items –

Neighborhood Debris Question –

Two viable options were identified for the management of extensive storm debris such as the neighborhood recently experienced. The first was hiring persons or a company to do the work on an individual, house-by-house basis. The second was for the home owner to collect the debris and place curb-side for pick up in a bag/container or bundled. Several persons asked about the viability of a community organized pick up but there are too many variations in yard size/configuration and extent of work needed.

What about dead trees that are dangerous? The County will send someone out to determine if a tree is dead, provide the homeowner with a period of time to remove the tree. If the home owner does not take action, the County will perform the work and seek reimbursement from the homeowner. If reimbursement is not provided, a lien can be placed on the property. Barbara will look into what guidelines the County provides. The suggestion was made to consider posting the names of recommended/trusted tree services.

Georgia will provide County service contact information to Phil.

Barbara will look into what guidelines the County provides.

ARC -

Scott Wilets will be the main point-of-contact for Margit Meissner, the ARC Liaison position. Scott and Margit will agree who will contact households to discuss ARC issues.

Bill Kline is a possible ARC member to fill the current vacancy. Phil is working on getting in touch with him to discuss details.

Phil to discuss ARC vacancy with Bill Kline

International Potluck -

Phil will take on the role of coordinating this effort. A question was raised whether or not to include kids; the initial thought is to limit the event to adults. Weekends seemed to best, with Sunday evening proposed as a good option. Margit offered to assist with the planning.

Annual Meeting –

The Spring Annual meeting includes the election of the CSCA Board for the upcoming year. Phil would like to get an idea who plans to return. Tom noted his upcoming retirement and move from the area, creating a vacancy for the Treasurer position.

April 10 at 6 pm was proposed as the date and time for the Annual Meeting. Invitations will be through the newsletter.

Board members to provide Phil with their intent (return/not return) for the upcoming Board year

Meeting Adjourned.