Carderock Springs Citizens Association
Minutes from Board Meeting on October 20, 2025,
held at Carderock Springs Clubhouse

Board Members Present: Maja Husar, Charlie Heidlage, Deborah Tanno, Ashish Goel, Sue Eastman, Kote Lomidze, Kyle Lierman, Katalin Roth

Community Members Present: Stephanie, Howard Harris, Scott Wilets, Dominique Rhychlik, Laura Ard, Caroline, Alvina Long

Agenda (Meeting Commenced @ 7:30PM):

- Approval of Minutes
    - Minutes approved without objection

- Treasurer Report (Deborah): February financial report reviewed, showing approximately $17,900 in expenditures within budget expectations. Board discussed ongoing insurance matters and requested a clean invoice for volunteer insurance from Adora.

Old Business:

- County Historic Designation Process (Maja / Charlie)
    - Ongoing county historic designation vote remains open through midnight; approximately 100 of 352 households have not voted.
    - Vote requires 50%+1 of all 352 homes; abstentions and “no” votes will be treated equally.
    - This vote does not create a historic district; it authorizes the Board to communicate community support for next steps in the county preservation process.
    - Results will be announced after validation via the Google Form system managed by Charlie.
    - Covenants remain unchanged unless revised by the community through a separate process.
    - Concerns raised about the 50%+1 threshold; the Board agreed future voting thresholds may be revisited during guideline review.
- Updated HPC / ARC Guidelines Review (Scott Wilets, ARC / Maja)
    - Draft historic preservation and ARC guidelines will be shared for Board review.
    - Board members will have 30 days to provide comments.
    - Community feedback process discussed, including potential supermajority requirements.
    - Guidelines are being co-created; the county does not impose mandatory language.
    - Board discussed how community input will be incorporated before submission to BHPC.
- Community Input & Polling

    - Maja cautioned against relying on listserv/chat polls.
    - Board agreed not to issue a new poll at this time.

Committee Updates and Events:

- Newcomer Dinner (Stephanie / Maja)
    - Successful event with 127 attendees.
    - Plans to improve introduction process next year.
    - Stephanie will upload documentation to the CSCA folder and Google Drive.
- Halloween Contest (Stephanie)
    - 10 participating households across several judging categories.
- Fall Board Meeting (Maja / Events Committee)
    - Drinks and appetizers will be arranged.
- International Potluck (Events Committee)
    - Events Committee to set a date.
- Speaker Event (Maya)
    - Maya collecting speaker ideas over the next few days.
    - "Aging in place" is the leading topic.
- Carderock Village (Carlin / Board)
    - Board will coordinate with Carlin on the November 16 Carter Rock Village Live event.
    - Community continues to participate in garden tours, walking groups, and volunteer activities.

New Business:

- County Executive Race (Kyle)
    - Board will organize individual forums with County Executive candidates (Glass, Jawando, Friedson, and others).
- Finance & Administration (Deborah / Cora)
    - Deborah and Cora to investigate options for accessing CSCA funds and resolving security form requirements

Next steps:

- Board members to review and comment on guidelines within 30 days.
- Stephanie to upload Newcomers Dinner documentation.
- Events Committee to select date for International Potluck and prepare Fall Board Meeting refreshments.
- Maya to pursue speakers and the "aging in place" topic.
- Board to coordinate with Carlin regarding the November 16 event.
- Board to organize candidate forums.
- Deborah and Cora to resolve CSCA funds access/security forms.
- Board to announce historic designation vote results once validated.