Carderock Springs Citizens Association

Minutes from the Board Meeting on November 17, 2025

Board Members Present: Maja Husar, Charlie Heidlage, Ashish Goel, Sue Eastman, Katalin Roth, Dan Simon, Kote Lomidze

Community Members Present: Stephanie Land, Rose Oshinsky, Lisa Sandy, Jonathan Blythe, Flavia, Sandy, Joe Alcock, Peter, Howard Weisberg, Scott Wilets, Katherine Stifel

Agenda (Meeting Commenced @ 7:30PM)

- Approval of minutes
    - No comments, deemed approved

Treasuer's Monthly Report

- Deborah traveling, not supplied

OLD BUSINESS

- Review/Update of Historic Designation (Maja)
    - Reviewed proposed process to pursue historic designation
    - **3 Step Process:** 1) Expand/Approve ARC Design Guidelines, 2) HPC Collaboration Phase, and 3) Final Community Review of HPC Guidelines (refer to previously submitted document)
    - Discussion of best ways to engage w/ community to obtain feedback. Preference against letting disputes arise on the chat.
    - Proposals include Google form, dedicated inbox, office hours. Board agreed to establish a working group to devise and propose solutions.
    - Discussion around incorporating Tree Committee feedback into the community evaluation
    - Discussion about the voting threshold required to approve new ARC Guidelines. Howard noted that the 2007 vote was conducted on majority of votes cast.

- Peter from the community suggested petitioning the community for views on the appropriate threshold
- Jonathan referenced an anecdote that the existing guidelines were approved by 75% [of votes cast] (in contrast to Howard's comments)
- Dan asked for additional clarity around "all or nothing". Can perhaps individual tracts of homes opt out?
- Jonathan noted several points of order regarding the process and considerations for the order of operations (voting in guidelines, commencing the process to pursue the property survey)
- Dan suggests looking to Potomac Overlook's experience to understand the interplay between developing design guidelines and forming the official county rulebook.
- It was resolved to establish a Design Guideline working group to review the ARC's 2025 revised guideline manuscript and funnel feedback to the ARC. Working group comprises Dan, Sue, and Katalin. Design Guideline working group to meet at least once in December.
- Board's collected "high level" feedback was shared with the ARC

- Carderock Village Update (Howard)
  - Howard provided Village's year in review, discussion of community engagement (refer to prior submitted document)
  - Board provided feedback that Village could be more ambitious in its budget request with suggestions to renew emphasis on intergenerational programming