CSCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8/19/2024

Acting Secretary – Katalin Roth

The meeting was held at the Swim and Tennis Club. Meeting was convened at 7:30 pm.

In Attendance: Board members: Rick Wilson, Maja Husar, Charlie Heidlage, Ashkan Malayeri, Deborah Tanno, Sue Eastman, Katalin Roth

Absent: Ashish Goel, Kyle Lierman, Steven Seitz.

Community Members : Karen Ringo – Welcoming Committee, Kimberly Carlins Young – Events Committee, Alvina Long – Village liaison, Howard Harris

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the June meeting were unanimously approved, with one amendment to the first item on presidential authority

TREASURER'S REPORT Deborah Tanno provided the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

TEAR DOWNS

The topic of a Town Hall meeting to assess the community's concerns about "tear-downs" was discussed. Tentative Date of November 17, from 5 to 6:30 at the Club, was set for this meeting. Rick Wilson will connect with representatives of the Historic Preservation community about this issue, and will also discuss with ARC and other board members, and he will prepare a draft FAQ sheet. Charlie Heidlage will prepare a draft of focus questions for the meeting. An open-ended discussion is the preferred format.

EVENTS

Kimberly Carlins-Young reviewed social events planning. The Welcome New Members Dinner is scheduled for 9/28. (The fourth Saturday of every September is the planned date for this annual event.) Time will be from 5-8 pm. Board members will be assigned one or two new resident families to introduce. Format, catering and pricing were decided. New families will not pay for the dinner.

Kimberly also provided an update on the graduation party, which was very successful; she recommended and the Board agreed that this should be an annual June event.

CARDEROCK DIRECTORY was discussed. Ashish will coordinate and has contacted A to Z printers for scheduled publication in December. Board members will seek advertisers from local business owners. An advertiser fact sheet will be made available, Karen Ringo will assist with this. New CSCA circle car magnets were discussed and purchase of new magnets was approved as part of welcome packets.

KNOB IMPROVEMENT GRANTS were discussed, Charlie Heidlage proposed that the CSCA fund modest knob improvements such as benches-this proposal was well-received; the Village gardening committee might also provide assistance on this effort. Charlie will prepare a more detailed proposal for the Board's review at our next meeting.

Village updates were provided by Maja and Alvina. A speakers series will be launched, and the garden committee is now in place. The next CUPPA will be on Sunday September 14.

ELECTRICAL FIRES Sue Eastman provided an update on the latest meter fire. She has been working with the state and county to hold Pepco accountable and requests that the CSCA draft a letter to Pepco regarding this hazardous situation; Rick has agreed to draft a letter on behalf of the CSCA and will circulate this to the Board. Sue committed to write an article for the coming newsletter.

Old Business:

TREES AND ARC- discussion deferred until the next meeting.

FINDING ADDITIONAL BLOCK COORDINATORS- discussion deferred until the next meeting; Rick will send a list of needed coordinators to the board.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE UPDATE – still pending in County Council .

REPAVING OF CARDEROCK SPRINGS DRIVE – appears to be underway. The Board wrote a letter urging this action earlier this year.

New Business:

DOG BITE: Rick said he had been contacted by a homeowner about his wife being bitten and scratched by a dog in Carderock. Members asked for more information, and one member asserted that this is an animal control issue that falls within county jurisdiction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katalin Roth, Acting Secretary