Carderock Springs Citizens Association

Minutes from Board Meeting on September 12, 2022,

Held via Zoom.

Board Members present: Jack Orrick, Ashkan A. Malayeri, Maja Husar, Ashish Goel, Katalin Roth, Susan Eastman, Meaghan Sullivan Curry.

Board Members absent: none

Community members present: Karen Ringo, Stephanie Land, Katherine Stifel, Kimberly Young, Gary Ratner

Jack Orrick called the meeting to order around 7:30 pm.

Agenda:

1. Approval of August Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's report - Ashish
3. 60th Anniversary/Newcomers event on September 17 - Kimberly and Stephanie
4. Tree Preservation Guidelines – survey soliciting comments
5. Old Business – Village, Beltway widening; Knob sign rehab
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting - Discuss next meeting date – October 17; Newsletter deadline

Item 1: Approval of August Minutes

No comments on minutes. Deemed approved.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report – Ashish Goel

Ashish delivered the treasure report. We paid Kimberly for the cheese and wine party. We had a backlog of newsletter delivery payments that we paid off this month. We have approximately $12,000 more than what we spent – we have roughly $3,000 of expenses for the rest of the year except for the social parties. We should be able to put away about $5,000 toward the contingencies. $3,500 was earmarked for the 60th Anniversary Party. A note was made that CSCA tends to overbuy for the events.

Item 3: 60th Anniversary/Newcomers event on September 17

Stephanie Land is now the event co-chair for the party. We have about 326 people coming for the party (including 82 children), which exceeds our expectations. We have been able to cut costs with the help of the citizens. Revenue from ticket sales was estimated at $3,290. We will have eight original owners coming to the party, and we may investigate ways of assisting them with the payments. The club will help with two cases of white and two cases of red wine for the party. Thirty-three newcomer adults and 20 children will attend. The team has been able to cut costs across the board except for cake (need enough for all attendees) and decorations, but we should still be in good shape and under the $3,500 that was budgeted originally. Megan and Katalin offered to cover the expenses for the original members who are attending. The team is looking into ways to honor the original owners with a slideshow and a

toast. Kimberly proposed getting the board members to introduce the newcomer families during the event. There will be also Human Bingo that encourages mingling of new and established residents. Jack will raise a toast to honor original residents. All original residents will also enter a raffle for the glass artwork donated by local artist/resident. Another glass artwork will be a prize in the Human Bingo. There will also be two bottles of wine to raffle among the entry tickets. Margie Orrick will write a limerick in honor of 60th Anniversary. Party favors are postcard with an event logo design (by Sue Eastman) and pockets with flower seeds. Link to Sign Up genius will be sent for board members to help prior to, during and post the event.

Food will be served in two locations - inside of the club (no bugs, temperature controlled) and right outside of it, keeping the pavilion area just for the seating and tables. Note on catering (Food is catered by mezze) – per person catering format may not be as optimal as family style – if people who RSVP-ed do not show up, we may end up with too much food ordered.

Item 4: Tree Preservation Guidelines – survey soliciting comments

We need to set up a way to receive feedback from the community on the recently proposed tree guidelines – Jack suggests using survey monkey or google Forms to receive input from the community. The board agrees that the simpler the technology is, the higher the chances of receiving feedback. The main question that needs to be asked from the community is if they are ok with adopting the guidelines, and if not, they should provide specifics. Maja and Ashkan suggested proposing concrete questions to make the results easier to interpret. Jack emphasized the importance of receiving comments from the respondents. Jack, Sue, and Gary will complete the questionnaire with Margie's technological help. Jack suggested posting the link on the newsletter or sending a blast email through the directory to all the residents.

Item 5: Old Business – Village, Beltway widening; Knob sign rehab

Sue and Katalin provided a report on the CUPPA event that was held recently. The gathering was very well received. A good number of people, 40-50 showed up. Katalin and the rest of the team are thinking about having the second one soon. Folks in the community are excited about building a sense of community, and these gatherings are a great avenue to do that. There are different needs for help around the neighborhood that others can provide. The team is also looking into having a regular meeting – e.g., every third Saturday.

Item 6: New Business

No new business was raised during the meeting.

Item 7: Next Meeting - Discuss next meeting date – October 17; Newsletter deadline

Jack suggested either Nov 6 or Nov 13 for the fall CSCA meeting, held in person at the club. We will have a speaker (Jason Loewith, artistic director at Olney Theater), refreshments and discuss the survey results.

The next board meeting will be on October 17th.

The newsletter will be pushed back to September 30th to be finalized and distributed by October 7th.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashkan A. Malayeri and Maja Husar, Secretaries

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