Carderock Springs Citizens Association

Minutes from the Board Meeting on April 15, 2024

Held via Zoom.

Board Members present: Jack Orrick, Rick Wilson, Maja Husar, Ashkan Malayeri, Ashish Goel, Sue Eastman, Steven Seitz

Board Members absent: Brian Glenn, Meaghan Sullivan Curry, Katalin Roth

Community members present: Scott Wilets, Katherine Stifel, Nader Khalaf, Jennifer Hughes, Karen Ringo, Ann Elizabeth Carlson, Charlie Heidlage, and Gary Ratner.

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

Agenda:

1. Approval of March Board meeting minutes – see attached
2. Annual Meeting Agenda, including highlights of the year, thanks to volunteers, officer director election/update on MoCo Speed Hump regs and presentation by ARC
3. Division of tasks for Annual Meeting
4. CSCA Comment Letter by Traffic Committee on MoCo Speed Hump regs
5. Old Business
6. New Business

Item 1: Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

- They are deemed approved.

Item 2: Annual Meeting Agenda

- Maja discussed the agenda for the annual meeting
- We will recognize folks who contributed significantly to the neighborhood.
- We will discuss the upcoming events in 2024 – will include Kimberly in the comprehensive list.
- Election of the officers will happen next.
- The traffic committee will give an update on the progress
- The Carderock Village Committee will also give a report.
- Each of the above reports will be about 5 minutes.
- The meeting will finish with a special presentation by the Architecture Committee (about 20 minutes + Q&A).

Item 3: Division of tasks for the Annual Meeting

- Tasks were assigned to members of the board for the meeting – Rick to come early with keys for building access; Jack to bring beer and wine; Steve to bring snacks; Ashish to prepare Treasurer's report and send to Maya for inclusion in slide presentation; Maya to finalize slide presentation and arrange for set-up of laptop to Club AV; others to help with setting up and clean up; Jack to set up signs in community; Rick to take down signs and store for future use. In addition, Kimberly will bring left-over waters, plates, napkins and cups to meeting.

Item 5: CSCA Comment Letter by Traffic Committee on MoCo Speed Hump regulations.

- Jennifer Hughes updated us on the latest proposed speed hump regulations by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation.
- The proposed new regulations by the county were discussed. Comment period ends in mid-May with Traffic Committee submitting a comment letter in favor.
- In the new sets of regulations, any traffic count criteria are entirely limited
- The speed limits are simplified to average speed over the limit rather than speed of a percentile of cars traveling.
- As a condition to the County approving speed humps for a community, a meeting must be held, under sponsorship and promotion by the County, with all the community members invited to discuss the traffic calming measures. However, only the members of the community who live on the affected road or the feeder roads will have a vote. The proposal is to decrease the percentage of votes from 80% to 70% for the main road and 50% for the feeder roads.
- The new regulations will most likely go into effect in June at the earliest.
- The section of Fenway that is being considered for speed humps is the segment between Carderock Drive and Carderock Springs Drive.
- 31 households in the segment are affected.
- The County will conduct official polling of the community.

Item 6. Old Business

- Steven discussed the Carder-Eco column in the newsletter, which negatively singled out certain companies that do lawn maintenance work around the neighborhood.
- Karen Ringo mentioned the need to set up a committee to provide financial assistance to those in need. Maja and Sue discussed the possibilities of using the Village's resources to help in these situations, including tapping into the list of volunteers.
- Maja discussed the condition of Carderock Springs Drive. Jack suggests that the CSCA board write to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to support fundamental repairs on that road. His suggestion was well received by members of the board. The co-Presidents will draft and send a letter.

Newsletter deadline:

- Alex Flowers will ask for the deadline on the first Friday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashkan A. Malayeri, Secretary