Carderock Springs Citizens Association

Minutes from Board Meeting on October 17, 2022,

Held via Zoom.

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

Board Members absent: Meaghan Sullivan Curry

Community members present: Karen Ringo, Gary Ratner, Rick Wilson, Kimberly Young, Stefan Lebuglio, Anja Caldwell, Marci Greenstein

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

Agenda:

1. Approval of September Board meeting minutes – Ashkan and Maya to circulate
2. Treasurer's report - Ashish to circulate
3. Fall CSCA meeting – 11/6 @ 7 pm, Jason Loewith to present
4. Halloween House Decorating Contest - Kimberly
5. Tree Preservation Guidelines – survey soliciting comments
6. Old Business – Village, Beltway widening; Knob sign rehab
7. New Business
8. Next Meeting - Discuss the next meeting date – third Monday is November 21 (note this is Thanksgiving week – should we move it to the 14th?); the Newsletter deadline

Item 1: Approval of September Minutes

No comments on minutes. Deemed approved.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report – Ashish Goel

Ashish delivered the treasure report. We paid for the insurance today, which was $1203. More money should be allocated to the newsletter to be within the budget. The newcomer dinner cost is not completed yet, but the total cost is estimated to be slightly more than $6700 - Kimberly will finalize the expenses soon. We received approximately $3000 in contributions, so actual cost is close to the budgeted $3500. We still have budget room for about $2000 in expenses for 2022 that would allow us to contribute the full $5300 for the contingency. Sue is to submit expenses for the Cuppa – these were mainly related to coffee from Starbucks. Karen and Kimberly brought up the issue of revisiting the dues so that we meet the expenses for the social events. They will submit a proposal in the next meeting in November to be discussed. Jack suggested an alternative to having a fundraiser instead of raising the dues.

Item 3: Tree Preservation Guidelines – survey soliciting comments

There has been only one response to the survey so far. We need to find a different way to promote the survey. Ashkan suggested using the membership directory to send emails directly. Jack will work with Gary to put the text for the email together to be sent to the community.

Item 4: The newcomer dinner feedback

Kimberly reported on the feedback to the dinner. There was a discrepancy between the number of people who RSVP'd and those who showed up. She recommended collecting the money in advance so that folks feel obliged to show up. Kimberly thanked the members of the board, the events committee, and volunteers for their help and suggestions to make the dinner a success. Next year Ashish and Kimberly will work together to develop a mechanism to collect the funds in advance.

Item 5: Fall CSCA meeting – 11/6 @ 7 pm, Jason Loewith to present

We will provide beverages and sides for this event. We are expecting 25-40 participants. Jason Loewith, artistic director of the Olney theater, will present the state of theater in recent years and the impact of the pandemic on performance art.

Item 6: Halloween House Decorating Contest - Kimberly

Only nine families has signed up so far. Karen has produced a flier that will be placed in mailboxes to promote the event. We are currently in need of judges – perhaps two members of the board. Diane Karlik has recommended a fourth competition category for environmentally friendly decorations. One idea for promoting the concept for the following years is to take pictures and post them in the newsletter. There will be a map of the houses signed up for the competition provided for judges - Ashkan and Sue volunteer to serve as judges representing the board.

Item 7: Old Business – Village, Beltway widening; Knob sign rehab

The village will have another Cuppa meeting on the second weekend of November at the club. Maja gave an update on the Village booth at yesterday's fall festival and the impressive level of engagement from everyone. Regarding the beltway widening – a couple of organizations, including the Sierra Club, have filed lawsuits against the beltway widening – the results to be determined.

Item 8: New Business

WSSC sent a letter for changing water main breaks starting in 2028, but it appears that not everyone is getting the repairs since some of the houses were excluded from the distributed map. Jack agreed to follow up with the WSSC rep to get more information on the project.

Item 9: Next Meeting - Discuss the next meeting date – third Monday is November 21 (note this is Thanksgiving week – should we move it to the 14th?); Newsletter deadline

Jack raised the issue that the 21st of November is thanksgiving week so the 14th might be a better day for our next meeting – everyone agreed. Articles for the November newsletter are due by the 30th of

October with pictures of the winning Halloween houses. Also, we will advertise the fall dinner and the Cuppa event in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashkan A. Malayeri and Maja Husar, Secretaries

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