Carderock Springs Citizens Association

Minutes from the Annual Meeting on April 28, 2024

Held in person.

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

Board Members absent: Brian Glenn, Meaghan Sullivan Curry

Community members were present: Gershon Ratner, Katherine Stifel, Kimberly Young, Anja Caldwell, Margie Orrick, and many other community members.

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

Agenda:

1. **Highlights**:
    - Maja gave an update on the highlights of the work by the board in the past year, including:
        1. Tree committee and review process
        2. Annual house tour
        3. Appointing the new neighborhood traffic committee
        4. CSCA volunteer sign-ups with more than 40 new volunteers
        5. Beautifying projects
        6. The Carderock Village group
        7. Social activities include the welcome dinner, fall meeting with Steven Holland, International Potluck Dinner, monthly CAPPA and SIPPAs, Halloween House Decorating Contest
    - Kimberly gave an update on the future social events. Other than the above social events we will have a brand-new Graduation Parties for kids who are graduating high school
    - Maja thanked all the folks who helped implement new initiatives (above) during the last year.
    - Jack gave Tom and Lisa Dayo special recognition for all their contributions to the board, including several positions on the board and branding efforts. Jack also recognizes Ashkan Malayeri, Bill Draper, and Ashish Goel for all their contributions as officers on the board.
    - Maja and Rick recognized Jack's numerous contributions to the board as a member and president. The board presented the Orrick family with a mini knob sign made by Ashish and a memorial engraved rock.
2. Treasurer report:
    - Ashish gave an update on the report.
    - We have spent $5000 dollar less than expected which was added to the contingency fund.
    - We have increased the budget for this year to $18,549 in expenses.
    - We have increased the budget for the social events to $2,000
    - We have been investing in CDs for approximately $100k
3. The election of officers and members
    - Deborah Tano will serve as the treasurer.
    - Charlie Heidlage will serve as a member at large.

- Kyle Leirman as the new Secretary.
- There were 11 proxy votes and many in-person votes in favor – the quorum was reached (more than 20 votes). The slate was elected with no opposition.
- Rick Wilson gave a moving speech as the new president.

4. Traffic Committee updates:
    - Jennifer gave an update on the new county regulations for approval of speed humps.
    - New regulations by the County DOT include:
        1. The median speed limit is set to more than the speed limit
        2. They are eliminating the number of cars on the road.
        3. There is a requirement for the neighborhood-wide meeting to explain the traffic-calming measures.
        4. The affected households will vote on Fenway Road from Carderock Drive to Cardrock Springs Drive.
        5. If we meet the criteria, the affected households will vote (the new rules need 70% of the directly affected and 50% of the feeding roads to approve the calming measures).
        6. The voting process will be performed by the county.
5. Carderock Village update:
    - Sue gave a presentation on the history of Cuppa and Sippa and what has been done so far, including new initiatives such as the plant exchange program and drop-in walking group. The next Cuppa will be on May 15 with a new initiative: kids' book exchange.
6. Katharine Stifel gave a presentation on the Architecture Review Committee, its history, purpose, structure, and meetings. She also discussed the new Architectural Design Guidelines and the importance of adhering to the architectural covenant. Ashkan and Lisa Dayo also discussed their experiences with the ARC.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashkan A. Malayeri, Secretary