

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
Minutes: September 20, 2021 Board Meeting
Held via Zoom due to Covid-19

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Tom Deyo, Ashish Goel, Gary Ratner, Petra Jacobs, Susan Eastman, Mickie Simpson

Community members present: Kimberly Carlins Young, Karen Ringo, Katherine Stifel, Stephan Lobuglio, Eliseangel Vossen-Fidalgo

Meeting called to order by Jack Orrick at 7:32 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Approval of August Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Welcoming Potluck on September 26
4. Update on Beltway widening
5. Sign refurbishment – phase 2
6. New Directory – deadline for submission of update information: October 15
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting – October 18; Newsletter deadline

Item 1: Approval of August 9 Board meeting minutes

Board review and approval of August minutes deferred until October meeting.

Item 2: Treasurer's Report – Ashish Goel

The cost for sign renovations was about \$1,500. Ashish emailed a Treasurer's Report to the Board on September 20.

Item 3: Welcoming Potluck on September 20

Jack noted that, while we originally estimated 75-80 people would attend the event, it now looks like it will be double that, including 60 newcomers. Most of the RSVPs have been from families, about half of whom are newcomers. Kimberly indicated she was expecting 180-190 people to come.

Jack said we would need to budget a total of \$3,500 for the event. He indicated that the band would cost \$350, beverages about \$500 - \$600, and the cost for food \$15.30/person. Expecting to recoup about \$600 in payments from old-timers, the net cost to the Association for the event should be about \$2,900.

The caterer will be "Carnivore", the band the "Vandalays." Both will arrive about 3:30 p.m., with the band playing from about 4:30 – 5:30. Mickie agreed to work with Kimberly to plan for an icebreaker game for newcomers to meet old-timers. There will also be a drawing for newcomers and one for all attendees, including prizes.

Participants will start going through the food lines at 5:30. Folks will eat inside and outside of the Pavilion and can use chairs from the Clubhouse.

Craig Stoltz will start the program with introductions of the new families, including humorous questions. Jack will talk about the role of the CSCA, going until 6:30. After that, the rest of the time will be for socializing.

Jack asked Kimberly if she could prepare a master list of all people who had RSVP'd that could be used to check off names when attendees paid. Sue volunteered to collect payments. Ashish asked if attendees could avoid paying if they did not want any food or drink. Jack said all old-timers should pay \$10 per person, with \$5 for each child aged 5-12, no charge for the youngest children, and all newcomers free.

Ashish noted that the event could be a good time to verify families' listing for the Directory. It was suggested that Bill Draper, who's in charge of the Directory, should set up a table and use his laptop for this purpose.

Jack thanked Kimberly and everyone else who had helped to develop the Newcomers' Event.

Item 4: Update on Beltway widening – Petra Jacobs

The CSCA will be commenting on the SHA letter of September 8, 2021 which indicates that there will be no impacts on the Carderock Springs Historic District.

The Beltway widening plan has been revised to avoid impacting the Moses Hall cemetery, but the construction will come closer to Hamilton Spring Road. The current plan will impact 3.2 square feet of the 7610 Hamilton Spring Road property, currently being rented (we have since discovered this is 7608 Hamilton Spring Rd). CSCA needs to push back for a more creative plan to avoid this impact.

Katherine noted that the current plan will destroy a canopy of trees in that immediate area. Jack said we should continue to urge preserving the trees, but we cannot know the specific impact on the trees until we see Transurban's plans. Issuance of these plans is uncertain.

Item 5: Sign refurbishment – phase 2

Sue will contact Katalin to arrange for her to take photos of the signs to see what fix-up, especially painting, is needed. Ken Hinga has brown and white paint and can assist in wood repair. Sue will handle this phase of the project.

Item 6: New Directory – deadline for submission of update information

The deadline for submission of revisions to the Directory is October 15. Jack would welcome it if someone could fact-check the Directory. Please contact him if you would be willing to do that.

Item 7: Old Business

Karen indicated that she had decided to postpone the Park Overlook Block Party she was planning to sponsor until May 14 or 21, 2022 because of the Delta variant of Covid. Jack noted that CSCA does not have any meeting or event planned for May.

Stephan reported that he had spoken with the County police again about potentially installing a solar-powered sign as a “pilot” to slow down traffic on Fenway Road. The sign would flash your speed if you exceeded the speed limit, but not result in a ticket. No word yet from the County.

Item 8: New Business

None.

Item 9: Next Meeting – Oct. 18; Newsletter deadline

Next meeting: October 18. Deadline for submitting articles for the Newsletter is October 1.

Gary Ratner, Secretary

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