

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**April 25, 2021**  
**Held via Web Meeting due to Covid-19**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Ashish Goel, Jenny Spreitzer, Sue Eastman, Gary Ratner, Petra Jacobs, Firooz Gidfar, Bill Draper

Community members present: Barbara Wolanin, Margie Orrick, Alvina Long, Katherine Stifel, Jean Ratner, Elaine Honig, Amy Taylor, Scott Wilets, Katalin Roth, Sandra Dembski, Leslie Borsett, Stefan LoBuglio, Marcia Boogaard, Joan Segreti.

CSCA members voting by Proxy: Jeff Ludwig, Malcolm Stevenson, Tom Deyo.

A quorum was present and meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Jack Orrick

**2020-2021 Year in Review**

1. Virtual Board Meetings, Annual Meeting and Newcomers Reception
2. Submission of Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Programmatic Agreement on Beltway Widening
3. Montgomery Quiet Skies engagement on Reagan Aircraft flight path adjustment
4. Entrance sign plans
5. Congressional Country Club sediment run-off
6. ARC Update (including new member)
7. Treasurer's report

**2020-2021 Year in Review**

**Item 1:**

Year of virtual meetings on a monthly basis, including new comers' reception.

**Item 2:       Submission of Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Programmatic Agreement on Beltway Widening**

Jack Orrick:

State and country legislatures joined us on last year's Annual meeting call. Two major events this year. Release of draft environmental impact statement in the fall and the programmatic agreement under the NEPA process (which governs historic properties) in March. Given National Historic Registry of Carderock Springs it is an eligible consulting party for these two documents. They deal with impacts on the community by Beltway widening project. Nicole Ferran and Petra Jacobs have been involved with voicing the CSCA concerns, assisting in drafting comment letters and working on the details of these documents, which require exhaustive research. The CSCA also submitted a letter to the Board of Public Works requesting

CSCA be made as a concurring party which will allow us to participate in the design review over the next 12 to 18 months with the state's chosen concessionaire, Transurban. Transurban to do bulk of design work. If allowed to participate, CSCA hope to bring CS concerns to design review. Main issues identified included in this process: Limits of disturbance issue, noise wall, elevated ramps in latest design proposals reaching 40 ft height, spanning between / over River Road and Cabin John Parkway.

Petra Jacobs:

Looking at when Board of Public Works will meet. Board meeting possibly delayed by competing bidder who have raised concerns and are challenging Transurban selection process, resulting in the meeting potentially being postponed to July 2021.

**Item 3:           Montgomery Quiet Skies engagement on Reagan Aircraft flight path adjustment (MCQSC)**

Petra Jacobs:

CSCA was one of founding members of MCQSC. Its goal has been to address changes in flight paths and other procedures (NextGen) that moved flights from Virginia across to the river to our community in 2015-2016. Diane Karlik and Tom Deyo are representing with me our community at MCQSC. Based on MCQSC lobbying, MoCo worked with Arlington County to hire a consultant that has been working on alternative solutions. Councilmember Friedson recently organized a meeting to present the contractor's progress. Overall, flight frequency has been down due to COVID. In addition, since January 2021, departures to DCA above our community decreased due to a consultant's suggestion to shift these flights from our area towards the river. DCA arrivals are still being considered. The contractor proposes to disperse these flights more evenly between affected counties and the river instead of having them 100% channeled over MoCo, including Carderock Springs. FAA approved testing of this proposal and will have 180 days to complete it. We should know in late 2021, if this new proposal is feasible.

**Item 4:           Entrance sign plans**

Jack Orrick:

Community entrance signs project at the entrances to the community at three locations; off of River Road, Persimmon Tree and Lilly Stone Drive, and Lilly Stone Drive and Hamilton Spring Drive. Proposal to add sign at two of these locations to include "National Register of Historic Places" (NRHP) sign with Carderock roof outline design to help raise awareness of neighborhood registration on the NRHP. Lengthy permitting process for signs. First permit just received from Dept. of Parks (River Road location on Parks property). In process of applying for Variance Permit from Montgomery County with a goal of finishing permitting process by end of May 2021.

**Item 5:           Congressional Country Club sediment run-off**

Jack Orrick:

Congressional has done large grading process on their golf course. Over the past 8-9 months we have seen heavy sediment run off in spring running under Fenway Road (same spring that overflowed and washed away Fenway road about 18 months ago). In December we unsuccessfully argued for more requirements to be met by the club but the planning board has been made aware of the issues and the hope is that the issue will be resolved by planting of native grasses and trees around the golf course running to the spring. We will continue to discuss matters with the planning board and notify the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection if CS residents notice that the planting plans are not having the desired effect and more safeguards are needed.

**Item 6: ARC Update (including new member)**

Susan Eastman:

ARC committee has a new addition: Sandy Silverman, 40 years architect, Former Peace Corp volunteer, Member of AIA, AIA College of Fellows 2017, Retired from Perkins Eastman firm. Sandy Silverman will be the fourth architect on the ARC.

**Item 7: Treasurer's Report**

Ashish Goel:

Most of report details in last CSCA newsletter that was sent out and available on CSCA website. Main points for review at annual meeting:

2020 Highlights:

- 362 Dues Paying Members - most since we began record-keeping
- Largest Expenditures
  - Beltway Widening Support (\$7,947)
  - Physical CS Newsletter (\$2,995)
  - Entrance Landscaping and Lighting (\$1,254)
  - Administrative Expenses (\$1,710)

2021 Budget:

- Continued support of the Beltway Widening advocacy efforts (\$3,500)
- Entrance sign upgrade / refurbishment project (\$5,000)
- CS Neighborhood Physical Directory printing and distribution (\$1,500)
- Typical CSCA Expenses:
  - Physical CS Newsletter (\$3,750)
  - Entrance Landscaping and Lighting (\$1,480)

Dues collection in line with past experience at this point of the year. Increase in electronic dues collection via VENMO which will save the CSCA roughly \$125 annually compared to PayPal fees. Sending out electronic dues notices saves the CSCA over \$100 of postage annually. Treasurer presentation, including accounts, dues payment options and means of directory update shared via Zoom chat function. Any directory issues may be communicated with either Bill Draper ([bdraper99@gmail.com](mailto:bdraper99@gmail.com)) or Ashish Goel ([cscatreas@gmail.com](mailto:cscatreas@gmail.com)).

## **Plans for Coming Year**

Jack Orrick:

Completion of Sign project

New Directory towards second half of year.

Hope for resumption of in-person Newcomers Reception and Fall Annual Meeting depending on any COVID related restrictions that may still be in place at that time.

New Social Events Chair (Kimberly Carlins) taking over.

## **Election of Board Memembers & Officers**

List of nominees shared on Newsletter and neighborhood chat. Poll done electronically via Zoom. 3 votes by proxy named above.

Jack Orrick	President
Tom Deyo	Vice President
Firooz Gidfar and Gary Ratner	Secretary
Ashish Goel	Treasurer
Bill Draper	Membership Secretary
Sue Eastman	At Large/ARC Liaison
Petra Jacobs	At Large/Beltway Task Force Liaison
Katalin Roth	At Large
Mickie Simpson	At Large

List of nominees approved by full quorum.

Thanks to all those who have helped over the past year and the departing Board member including; Jenny Spreitzer, Craig Stoltz, Nicole Ferran, Anne Carson, Diane Karlik, Margie Orrick, Arienne Mahieu, Scott Wilets, Doug Soe-Lin, Katherine Stifel, Sandy Silverman, Sue Eastman, Nancy Everett, Mellisa Wilets, Ken Hinga. Lisa Deyo, Jennifer Hughes, and Jenny Lockwood

Concerns raised by Sandra Dembski regarding more recent renovations / additions and whether their designs meet guidelines required for NRHP. Sandy Demski and Susan Eastman agreed to talk about or to MHT and Peter Kurtze about contributing and non-contributing houses in CS. Sandy was instrumental in getting CS its NRHP designation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and a vote was taken to adjourn.

**Annual Meeting completed 7:36 pm**

Followed by a most informative presentation by Barbara Wolanin, Curator Emerita for the Architect of the Capitol

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