

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
June 21, 2021
Held via Web Meeting due to Covid-19
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Tom Deyo, Ashish Goel, Sue Eastman, Firooz Gidfar, Katalin Roth, Mickie Simpson

Community members present, Cathy Scheiner, Mary Walsh, Katherine Stifel, Margie Orrick

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Jack Orrick

1. Approval of May Board meeting minutes
2. Sign Project Update
3. Beltway Update
4. Migration to New Database – plans for printing new directory
5. Crosswalk installation on Seven Locks Road
6. Treasurer's report
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting – August 9 / newsletter deadline

Item 1: Approval of May Board meeting minutes

The final version (circulated June 18, 2021) of the May Board meeting minutes were approved.

Item 2: Sign Project Update

Jack Orrick / Ken Hinga / Sue Eastman / Ashish Goal:

Ken Hinga has placed the order for two National Register Historic Places signs for the corner of Persimmon Tree and Lilly Stone / River Road entrance. Once signs are received, they will need to be painted, etc. Ken already working on refurbishment of other signs and will eventually need help with installation. Jack noted that the Parks department will need to be notified before installation and that permit has technically expired. Jack will follow up once installation dates are clarified. Ken has talked to Larry at the club about refurbishing club signs; potentially to be tackled after current signs completed.

Item 3: Beltway Update

Jack Orrick / Tom Deyo / Katherine Stifel:

Review of announcement by MD Transportation Planning Board deciding to take the Beltway project out of the priorities for the environmental impact study. Most likely not the end of the beltway expansion project. Given expansion plans for the American Legion Bridge moving ahead, impact on neighborhood is still a concern. The planning board's decision has been

appealed and a revote this year is a possibility. Public Works vote may be more consequential for the project. Review of letter by Jack Orrick addressed to Secretary Buttigieg regarding the Beltway. Copy of letter (*2021 0621 beltway Buttigieg ltr w attachments.pdf*) posted on CSCA website. Congressman Raskin has acknowledged receiving a copy of the letter. Community / Board concerns regarding the beltway expansion revisited; Toll lanes vs HOV lanes, noise pollution, air pollution, environmental impact, health concerns, etc.

Item 4: Migration to New Database

Jack Orrick / Margie Orrick / Ashish Goal:

Notice has been received from AtoZ regarding migration of database at the end of June 2021. Neighborhood Works call last week. Database has been moved. Existing AtoZ database is still available but need to get notice out to neighborhood to sign onto new database. Ashish voiced concerns regarding the board losing some control over the new database's content & formatting. Margie suggests that a test run is done with the board members signing onto new database before neighborhood roll out.

Ashish compiling list of dues received and preparing reminder notices for folks who haven't paid their dues yet. List completion and printing goal by end of week. New database allows for an updated account (at cost) that would allow for Paypal payments through the database website; Given most dues are being paid by Venmo now, may not be worth the cost or trouble to upgrade database service to paid service.

Item 5: Crosswalk Installation on Seven Locks Road

Jack Orrick

Susan Shipp and Charlotte Troup Leighton from Cabin John have been in conversation over the past 18 months with the Dept. of Transportation ([Aaron Kraut at Andrew Friedson's office](#)) regarding adding crosswalks on Seven Locks road near palisades Park, Macarthur, etc. without much success. They have reached out to Jack for a conversation with [Aaron Kraut](#) to raise these issues. He was helpful in drawing up a list of locations where the communities would like to see crosswalks. It would make sense to have a crosswalk at Lilly Stone and Seven Locks. The Dept of Transportation has said that they would come back with feedback by [August 22nd](#). The other related news is that the Parks Dept have plans for a crosswalk on River road to connect the trails on either side (confirmed by Bob Turnbull at the Parks Dept.).

Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Ashish Goal:

Treasurer's report to be circulated after the meeting. Total number of dues paid to date 320 members this year, compared to 360 total last year. Expecting 30-40 dues being paid after the 2nd mailing, putting us on course to average same number as last year. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Item 7: Old Business - None

Item 8: New Business - None

Item 9: Next Meeting – Aug 9 / Newsletter deadline

Next Meeting: August 9 (2nd Monday due to vacation plans; no July meeting)
Newsletter planned for July 2nd, to be mailed on weekend of July 10th.

Monthly Meeting completed 8:13 pm

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