

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
May 17, 2021
Held via Web Meeting due to Covid-19
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Tom Deyo, Ashish Goel, Sue Eastman, Gary Ratner, Petra Jacobs, Firooz Gidfar, Katalin Roth

Community members present: Art Bruestle, Kenneth Hinga, Kimberly Carlins, Joan Segreti, Stefan LoBuglio, Lisa Bronfman, Paula Posas (Sierra Club), Barbara Coufal (Citizens Against Beltway Expansion) plus several others

Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm by Jack Orrick

2020-2021 Year in Review

1. Approval of April Annual meeting minutes
2. Sign Project Update
3. Beltway Update
4. Treasurer's report
5. Status of Dues collection
6. Plan for Social Events - Kimberly Carlins
7. Next Meeting – June 21; summer meeting schedule; newsletter deadline

Item 1: Approval of April Annual meeting minutes

The final version (circulated May 17, 2021) of the April Annual meeting minutes were approved.

Item 2: Sign Project Update

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

Permitting completed. Department of Parks permit deadline June 1st. Will need to request extension if work can not be completed by that date. Sue & Ken continuing efforts re. repairs, paint, new post installation, and studying feasibility of making the sign more legible for cars on River Road, without increasing sign size. Melissa Wilets has printed a full size mock-up of the sign that can be used to verify the legibility of the sign. If necessary to improve legibility, a new font may be possible solution. Ashish to revisit supplier choices based on budget and timely delivery schedule.

Item 3: Beltway Update

Jack Orrick / Petra Jacobs / Barbara Coufal (CABE) / Paula Posas (Sierra Club):

Updates on Beltway expansion. Scope of beltway expansion has changed. Phase 1 South (Alternative 9), which includes the American Legion Bridge and I-270 to I-370 currently under consideration. Vote possibly early summer by Board of Public Works on concessionaire instead of previously suggested July timeline depending on the status of the resolution of the bid protest by a competing bidder.

Questions regarding actions by state and deadlines changing. Per Paula Posas (Deputy Director of the Sierra Club) certain changes taking place at state legislatures to simplify process of Beltway expansion and bypass procedural objections. Both Barbara (CABE) and Paula suggested that it is time for efforts to go beyond state level and start pushing at the Federal level. Contacting US House of Representatives (Jamie Raskin) and US Senate Representatives (Chris Van Hollen, Ben Cardin) individually and as CSCA.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Ashish Goel:

Treasurer report circulated and dated 05.17.2021 reviewed.

Item 5: Status of Dues collection

Ashish Goel:

Dues Collection with slight increase compared to same time last year. Venmo payments increased. Email outreach has had positive effect. Ashish to prepare reminder dues statement to be sent out by mid-June.

Item 6: Plan for Social Events

Kimberly Carlins has kindly volunteered to plan social events. Ideas suggested for social events such as event to celebrate high school senior graduates, neighborhood talent show, etc. Kimberly suggested polling neighborhood for feedback on events with most support. Plan to hold newcomers welcoming reception in the fall and have a community meeting sometime in late fall to celebrate return to normalcy.

Item 7: Next Meeting – June 21 / Newsletter deadline

Next Meeting: June 21

Board Meetings to continue on Zoom for now but preference aired for in person meetings for larger community events. Will have one meeting for July and August - question remaining on when to meet. Jack to circulate poll before June meeting to get preferences.

Deadline for Articles: May 28

Monthly Meeting completed 9:02 pm

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