



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting
April 4, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Owen Brown Community Association
6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: 4/18/17

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045.

Present: Board Chair, Jason Milner; Vice-Chair, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart; Board Members, Pamela Brown, Kecia Rome (teleconference), Bob Braine, Wayne Eldridge (arrived 7:34); CA Representative, Andy Stack; and OBCA Manager, Craig Barton.

Not Present: Teen Rep., Monica Koh

1. Call to Order

Jason called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Announcement of Closed Meeting

The Board of Directors held a closed meeting on March 21, 2017 at the Owen Brown Community Center. Members present were: Jason Milner (Chair), Pearl Atkinson-Stewart (Vice-Chair), Wayne Eldridge, Kecia Rome, Pamela Brown, Robert Braine and Monica Koh. Absent: Andy Stack (CA Representative). The vote to close the meeting was 7-0-0 in favor. The closed meeting was authorized pursuant to Maryland Homeowners Association Act, 11B-111 Paragraph 4, section (i), Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel. The meeting was closed from 7:07 p.m. until 8:52 p.m.

The Board of Directors held a closed meeting on March 28, 2017 at the Owen Brown Community Center. Members present were: Jason Milner (Chair), Pearl Atkinson-Stewart (Vice-Chair), Wayne Eldridge, Kecia Rome (teleconference), Pamela Brown, and Robert Braine. Absent: Monica Koh and Andy Stack. The vote to close the meeting was 6-0-0 in favor. The closed meeting was authorized pursuant to Maryland Homeowners Association Act, 11B-111 Paragraph 4, section (viii), On an individually recorded affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board. The meeting was closed from 8:25 p.m. until 9:14 p.m.

3. Approval of agenda

Kecia motioned to approve. Pearl seconded. All members in favor.

4. Approval of minutes

Approval of the March 21, 2017 Minutes – Motioned by Bob. Pam seconded. All members in favor.

5. Invited Guest

Jason McCoy, Principal, Cradlerock Elementary, came to thank the Board for their past support and to share a new initiative that they are trying called

“Organized Recess,” which would be run by the County’s Parks and Rec staff. Mr. McCoy shared some of the goals and advantages of the program and asked if the Board would consider making a donation to help offset some of the cost.

6. Resident Speak Out

None.

7. Discussions

Review of FY18 Proposed Budget – The Board reviewed the proposed budget and will vote on it at the next meeting.

Donation Request from Teen Time – Motion by Wayne to donate \$3,000 to the East Columbia Library Teen Time program. Pamela seconded. All members in favor.

A motion was made by Wayne to waive the Board policy on not voting on new items during the same meeting in order to approve the request by Cradlerock Elementary. Kecia seconded. All members in favor.

Motion by Kecia to donate \$1440 to Cradlerock Elementary for their “Organized Recess” initiative. Pamela seconded. All members in favor.

WAC Opening – The Board discussed the recent opening to the CA Watershed Committee. Asked Craig to invite Bill Cain to the next meeting to share his interest in serving as the village rep to the committee.

8. Reports

Village Manager (*Craig Barton*)

- The Spring Fling had a better than expected turn out. Will consider doing it again next year.
- Next upcoming events are Volunteer Dinner and Wine & Chocolate
- Craig will be away on vacation all next week.

CA Rep (*Andy Stack*)

- Will be receiving an Open Space Assessment briefing at the next work session.
- Will also be discussing a few strategic issues at the next session: 1) Redevelopment of Columbia; 2) Memberships for Young Adults; and 3) the 5 Year Plan.
- Several developers have submitted request to the county regarding Long Reach Village Center.
- The Long Reach Tennis Club has broken ground.
- Ned Tillman will be leading a walk around Owen Brown in May.
- There is no contested election for CA rep this year in any village.

Pamela Brown shared a presentation that she shared with her Excite Columbia class regarding her vision for Columbia and Owen Brown.

10. Board Comments

Pam – Thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to share her vision.

Andy – Stated that the Owen Brown Giant serves people from outside Owen Brown. An informal survey showed that a number of Oakland Mills residents also shop at our Giant.

Wayne – Congrats to Andy on his recent award.

Pearl – Congrats to all of the village Board members who will be returning.

Would like the Board to look into possibly making it easier for others to run for the board in the future.

Kecia – Kudos to Andy for his award and Pearl for representing the village at the opening of 50th Birthday Celebration. Kudos also to Craig and staff for the Spring Fling event.

Jason – Would like to go over the Board's Goals for this year at the next meeting.

11. Previous Action items were reviewed.

12. Review of action items for next meeting

Staff

1. Invite Bill Cain to next meeting.
2. Add Board Goals as a discussion item to the next agenda.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Pearl; Seconded by Wayne. All in favor. Adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Barton
Village Manager/Board Secretary