



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting
September 5, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Owen Brown Community Association
6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: 9/19/17

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045.

Present: Board Chair, Jason Milner; Board Members, Pamela Brown and Bob Braine; OBCA Manager, Craig Barton.

Not Present: Pearl Atkinson-Stewart; Wayne Eldridge; CA Representative, Andy Stack

1. Call to Order

Jason called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

Pamela motioned to approve. Bob seconded. All in favor.

3. Approval of minutes

Approval of the July 18, 2017 Minutes – Motioned by Bob. Pamela seconded. All in favor.

4. Resident Speak Out

none

5. Financials

Approve 990 Tax Return – Motion by Pamela. Bob seconded. All in favor.
Approve FY18 1st Quarter Financials – Motion by Pamela. Seconded by Bob. All in favor.

6. Covenant Infractions

Motion by Bob to close 7358 Broken Staff. Pamela seconded. All in favor.

7. Discussions

Review/Approve FY18 Board Goals – Motion by Bob. Seconded by Pamela. All in favor.

CA FY19/20 Budget Recommendations – The Board agreed to recommend the following items for CA to consider:

1. Funding to restore the current indoor tennis courts in Owen Brown to outdoor courts, once the bubble is removed.
2. Funding to renovate the Pavilion at Lake Elkhorn to improve its aesthetics and usefulness to the community.

3. Funding to study and correct the toxicity levels of all lakes and ponds.
4. Funding to correct the erosion problem and removal of the invasive plants along the stream in Owen Brown that runs under Sandchain Road.
5. Extend the pathway over the run-off damn at Lake Elkhorn.
6. Install an electric exterior sign for the Owen Brown Community Center.

8. Reports

Village Manager (*Craig Barton*)

- Events: NNO – Pool Party was cancelled due to weather. Shredding and Watershed Meeting were well attended.
- Lakefest is in the final planning stages.
- Met with LEMS new principal, Ms. Moore, who will be attending a meeting soon.
- Will invite Officer Cortez to the second meeting in October.
- There will be CA Covenant Legal Training on Monday, Sept. 25, 7-9 pm.
- Reviewed with the Board the complaint from Gracie Bradford of Swan Point regarding a RAC decision for a roof at 7205 Harbor Lane.

CA Rep (*Andy Stack*) – submitted in writing

The CA Board met on July 27, 2017. At that meeting the following occurred.

1. CA President/CEO Milton Matthews will chair Howard Community College's Sustainability Task Force. The Sustainability Task Force will explore opportunities for the college to work with others to be a good steward of the environment and to create efficiencies in operations.
2. Sheri Fanaroff, CA's General Counsel, has been honored as a recipient of a national "First Chair Award for Top General Counsel." As noted by the First Chair organization, "The First Chair Awards is an annual selection of in-house counsel who have, through their hard work and innovation, made significant contributions to the legal community. Our award program honors the top in-house counsel for their accomplishments in the past year."
3. CA completed its Annual Report and mailed it with the Annual Charge bills. It is also available on the CA web site.
4. Fish surveys to assess the health of the fish populations in Wilde Lake and Lake Kittamaquidi were conducted by Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) biologists. Snakehead fish were reportedly caught by residents in Elkhorn and MD DNR conducted an additional survey in Lake Elkhorn. No additional Snakehead fish were caught and the surveys indicate Wilde Lake and Elkhorn have healthy largemouth bass populations with plenty of forage fish to support them. Lake Kittamaquidi has a diverse fish community with a smaller largemouth bass population
5. CA Board received the report from the External Auditors regarding CA's 2017 fiscal year. Overall CA did an excellent job.
6. CA Board approved keeping the Annual Charge rate and cap at the FY-2017 levels; so no increase; cap remains at 3.5% and rate remains at \$0.68 per \$100 of assessed value.
7. CA Board approved FY-2019/2020 operating budget parameters (increase in net assets) for each year of at least \$3.8 million. CA staff will use the parameters to develop the budgets.
8. CA Board approved FY-2019/2020 capital budget parameters of \$20 million for each year. Most of these funds will be used to repair/replace/upgrade/maintain facilities. CA staff will use the parameters to develop the budgets.
9. CA Board approved FY-2018 Charges for each of the 10 Advisory Committees. The Charges were proposed by each committee.

10. CA Board discussed New Town zoning; the Director and Deputy Director of DPZ were in attendance and a good discussion occurred.
11. An outline for developing a Plan for Young Adults was accepted.

The CA Board will hold a work session on Thursday September 14th. The following topics are on the agenda.

1. Budget hearing – Community Stakeholders will provide input for consideration for the FY-2019/2020 Draft Budgets.
2. Briefing on Villages 4th Quarter Financial reports.
3. Discussion on HHC’s proposed Lakefront Core Design Guidelines. These guidelines will cover the development of the Lakefront in Downtown Columbia. HHC is proposing two 15 story buildings.

Chao Wu, representative from River Hill, announced that he will be running for school board in 2018.

The Bike About is the same day as our Lake Elkhorn fair.

Discussion concerning the Village Assessment Share is scheduled for Thursday September 28, 2017 during the CA Board meeting.

Attended the session sponsored by the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy on the health of Lake Elkhorn; very informative. The village co-sponsored.

9. Board Comments

Bob – Glad to be back and looking forward to the rest of the year.

Pam – Also glad to be back and looking forward to everything that is happening with downtown Columbia.

Jason – Received a Thank You letter from the HoCo Police Foundation for the Board’s donation. Also excited about the work ahead.

10. Previous Action items were reviewed.

11. Review of action items for next meeting

Staff

1. Draft letter with budget recommendations and send to CA.
2. Invite Officer Cortez to upcoming meeting.
3. Inform Mr. Klein that his email will be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Bob; Seconded by Pam. All in favor. Adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Barton
Village Manager/Board Secretary