



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting
January 17, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Owen Brown Community Association
6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: 2/7/17

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045.

Present: Vice-Chair, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart; Board Members, Pamela Brown, Kecia Rome, Bob Braine, Wayne Eldridge (arrived at 8:36); Teen Rep., Monica Koh (arrived 7:25); CA Representative, Andy Stack; Parliamentarian, Ajile Brown and OBCA Manager, Craig Barton.

Not Present: Board Chair, Jason Milner.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of agenda

Pam motioned to approve. Kecia seconded. Pearl requested that item (4) Invited Guest be moved to after item (7) Appointments. All members in favor.

3. Approval of minutes

Approval of the January 3, 2017 Minutes – Motioned by Robert. Pamela seconded. All in favor.

4. Resident Speak Out

None.

5. Covenant Infractions

Motion by Kecia to approve sending a 15-day notice to 6972 Deep Cup, 6514 Overheart, 6272 Cobbler Ct, 6810 Cradlerock, 9320 Curtsey Ct. Seconded by Pamela. All members in favor.

6. Appointment to the RAC

Motion by Pamela to appoint Richard Gebken to the RAC. Kecia seconded. All in favor.

7. Invited Guest

Ronnie Miller of Christ Church Link, a ministry of Christ Episcopal Church located in Owen Brown, came to explain what their ministry offers and how others may access their service. Ms. Miller stated that they offer 1) a Crisis Information, Referral, and Advocacy Helpline, which guides callers from the County, with various crisis matters, to where they might be able to find assistance; 2) a Community Solutions Incubator, which tries to develop

community-based solutions to unmet problems identified through their hotline; and 3) a Community Liaison with human service partners. Ms. Miller provided contact information and encouraged the Board to share their service with the community.

8. Discussions

Disposal of Old Laptops – Motion was made by Robert to allow any Board member to purchase an old HP laptop for \$100. Seconded by Kecia. All members were in favor.

Parliamentarian Need – A motion was made by Pearl to remove the position of Parliamentarian from the Board. Pamela seconded. The vote was 2-2-1 (Monica abstained). Motion did not pass. A motion was made by Kecia to refer the matter to the Policy & Procedure committee for review and report back by February 2017. Seconded by Robert. All members in favor.

Board included as Personnel – Pearl motioned to refer the matter to the Policy & Procedure committee to review the matter and report back to the Board. Kecia seconded. All members in favor.

(Wayne arrived)

9. Reports

Teen Rep (*Monica Koh*)

Monica stated that she has met with some of the faculty at the high school and they are beginning to work on the idea of a movie night in May. More details to follow.

Village Manager (*Craig Barton*)

- Have had a very good response to our Salsa Dance Class. Trying a new event in March called “Spring Fling”, which will offer various “How To” activities.
- Nominations for the Election Committee will be needed by the second meeting in February.
- A village rep is needed to carry a flag at the opening ceremony of Columbia’s 50th Celebration on March 19.
- Suggested the possibility of making the MLK Holiday one of the official holidays of the association. Will suggest it to the P&P committee for review.

CA Rep (*Andy Stack*)

- Pond Study has been completed and estimates a cost of 3.6 million to do all 19 ponds in Columbia. Board is considering to do 1 or 2 per year.
- Board meeting on Jan. 26 will feature Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty, who will be explaining the new Downtown Affordable Housing and TIF legislation that was just passed by the Council.
- Will be voting on revisions to the Ethics Policy at the next meeting.
- CA will be working with the villages on updating the signage.

- CA is speeding up the initial path replacement plan.

8. Board Comments

Wayne – Apologized for being late.

Kecia – Mentioned signing up for Next Door Village. She also stated that her goal for this year was to attend more Board meetings in person.

Pamela – Thank the Board for the time they gave to Ms. Miller from Christ Church Link.

Ajile – Apologized to the Board for her extended absence.

Andy – Mentioned the recent article in CAI magazine that featured CA.

Pearl – Stated her desire is to keep the Board professional in its procedures.

9. Previous Action items were reviewed.

10. Review of action items for next meeting

Staff

1. Add Village Rep needed for opening ceremony to next agenda.
2. Forward issues of Parliamentarian, Board as Personnel and MLK Holiday to P&P committee chair.

Board

1. Return old laptops.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Wayne; Seconded by Bob. All in favor. Adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Barton
Village Manager/Board Secretary