



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting
October 2, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Owen Brown Community Association
6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: 11/6/18

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045.

Present: Board Chair, Wayne Eldridge, Vice-Chair, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Bob Braine, Michael Golibersuch, Douglas Fox, and OBCA Manager, Craig Barton.

Not Present: CA Representative, Andy Stack.

1. Call to Order

Wayne called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

Pearl motioned to approve. Mike seconded. All in favor.

3. Approval of minutes

Approval of the September 4, 2018 Minutes – Motion by Douglas. Mike seconded. All in favor.

4. Invited Guest

Estelle O'Connor, Ladies First Coordinator, came to thank the Board for their past support and to ask the Board for a donation for the coming year. She stated this was their thirteen year of the program at LEMS and they hope to be able to provide all of the same experiences for the girls as they have in the past.

Christiana Rigby, District 3 County Council Candidate, came to meet the Board and to hear any concerns they might have. The Board shared their concerns over the building of the new Senior Center in Owen Brown, the ongoing development of downtown Columbia, the need to maintain green space, traffic along Snowden River Parkway, the possible addition of a Royal Farms on Snowden River, improving the walkability of Columbia, and the need for more police presence around Lake Elkhorn. Ms. Rigby stated that she will be looking into New Town Zoning concerns and the pathway behind Cradlerock schools.

5. Resident Speak Out

Louis Toler, resident and former member of the BWI Roundtable, came to ask the Board to look into the problem of increased air traffic and noise over the community. Mr. Toler stated that the Roundtable has petitioned the Maryland Aviation Administration to stop further capital expansion or increased flight operations at BWI, due to FAA's implementation of NextGen and the harm being done to Maryland residents.

Martine Julien, resident of Woodlake, asked if there were any plans to have reserved parking spots for her townhouse community. The Board informed Ms. Julien that her townhouse HOA controlled the parking for her community and she would need to consult that board.

6. Architectural Guideline Changes

Motion by Pearl to adopt the proposed changes to the Architectural Guidelines, as presented and amended in the meeting. Seconded by Mike. The vote (which included members of the EAC) was 7-1 (Peter). Motion passed.

7. Discussions

Approve Final Payment to Auditors – Motion by Douglas to make the final payment \$2,150 to the auditors. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Appointment of Gordon MacPhee to the RAC – Motion by Pearl. Seconded Bob. All in favor.

WAC Candidate Nomination – Motion by Pearl to nominate Mary (Chris) Price to the CA Board for appointment to the WAC. Seconded by Bob. The vote was 4-0-1 (Mike abstained) in favor.

County Council Bill 73-2018 – Motion by Mike to draft a letter and send to the County Council opposing the bill. Seconded by Douglas. The vote was 3-1(Pearl) -1(Wayne abstained) in favor.

EAC Community Outreach Request – The Board agreed to table this discussion for another time.

8. Reports

Village Manager (*Craig Barton*)

- Both upcoming events – Pumpkin Painting and Yogo Classes – are sold out.
- Spoke with CA Aquatics, who suggested replacing the volleyball court with maybe a bocce ball court or a cornhole game. The Board suggested polling the community through the newsletter for ideas.
- Hope to share a proposal for Online Voting at the next meeting.
- Away on vacation Oct. 20-26.

CA Rep (*Andy Stack*)

Submitted written report regarding last CA Board meeting:

1. Discussed a Howard County request for an easement for the Patuxent Trail. This will allow a new segment of the pathway to be built which will remove the trail from the road. The CA Board deadlocked 4-4 on granting the easement, so we will reconsider in October.
2. The Audit Committee reviewed the 1st Quarter financial reports and

sent them to the CA Board.

3. Received budget testimony from 3 villages (OM, RH, WL). The next budget session for testimony is scheduled for our work session on October 11th.
4. Approved supporting Council Bill 70 (having the Zoning Counsel lawyer appear before the Planning Board when considering Downtown Columbia plans).
5. Approved the IRS 990 form.
6. Marsha McLaughlin, past director of Planning and Zoning for Howard County spoke to the Board concerning New Town zoning and potential changes; it was a good talk.

9. Board Comments

Michael – Would like to have another work session to discuss CA Budget recommendations. Would like to see the Board increase communications with the other HOAs in the village by either hosting a gathering or attending their own meetings.

Bob – The P&P committee met and talked about making a quarterly presentation to the Board with ideas for updating the manual. Will need to meet a few more times before this can happen.

Douglas – Thought the Board Excellence Workshop for all the village boards was helpful. Enjoyed meeting other village board members.

Pearl – Thanked the staff for their assistance with a resident complaint that was brought to her attention. The CA Senior Advisory Committee is becoming more active and is keeping an eye on the County's plan for the new Senior Center.

Wayne – The village board chairs met and discussed a number of things: one was how to better inform each other about what is happening in a village. Also spent time discussing the Oakland Mills Shopping Center. Apologized for missing the Board Excellence Workshop.

10. Previous Action items were reviewed.

11. Review of action items for next meeting

Staff

1. Add Ladies First donation request to next agenda.
2. Add BWI air traffic noise to the next agenda.
3. Put article in newsletter regarding ideas for the volleyball court.
4. Send list of HOA meeting dates to Board
5. Respond to Aquatics re volleyball court removal.

Board

1. Mike to draft letter re County Council Bill.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Douglas; Seconded by Bob. All in favor. Adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Barton
Village Manager/Board Secretary