



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting
January 15, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Owen Brown Community Association
6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: 2/5/2019

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 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 (via telephone), 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 7:00 PM.

2. Announcement of Closed Meetings

The Board of Directors held a closed meeting on December 4, 2018 at the Owen Brown Community Center. Members present were: Wayne Eldridge (Chair), Bob Braine, Michael Golibersuch, Douglas Fox, Andy Stack and Craig Barton. Absent: Pearl Atkinson-Stewart (Vice-Chair). The vote to close the meeting was 4-0-0. For: Eldridge, Fox, Golibersuch and Braine. Against: None. 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 9:15 p.m. until 9:50 p.m.

3. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve by Mike. Douglas seconded. All in favor.

4. Approval of minutes

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

5. Invited Guest

Danielle Tyeryar, CA, and April Cruse, Civic Works, came to ask the Board's help in getting out the word of the upcoming Solar Cooperative information session at the community center on Feb. 28. The Cooperative offers savings on the cost of the solar panels and an energy advisor who helps guide residents through the process.

6. Resident Speak Out

Sabrina Cunningham, 7th grade teacher at Lake Elkhorn Middle School, came to request a donation for an upcoming field trip to Medieval Times. The donation would help to defray the cost of buses and/or to help pay for students who can't otherwise afford the cost of the trip.

Sharon Turner, resident of Greenleaf, came to find out what happens at the board meetings. She attended the meeting held in December for HOA board members and wondered if it was possible to list the other village HOAs and their contact info in the newsletter.

7. Covenant Infractions

Motion by Douglas to close the case on 7362 Broken Staff. Seconded by Mike. All members in favor.

8. Discussions

Upgrading Security Cameras – Motion by Pearl to approve the purchase and installation of new security cameras from ACC Telecom in the amount of \$3,401.01 and to request CA to purchase and install exterior cameras. Seconded by Mike. All in favor. (After the meeting, an email vote occurred on January 21 & 22 approving a new quote from ACC Telecom in the amount of \$3,839.85 in order to upgrade the cameras to motorized.)

Donations and Budgets – The Board discussed the current approach to handling donation request from the schools and agreed to look into the matter further after gathering additional information about the population of Owen Brown residents at the various schools nearby and reviewing Mike’s email to the board reviewing the board’s discussion and his proposal.

Donation Request from LEMS – Motion by Mike to waive the board’s policy on voting on new items at the first hearing. Pearl seconded. All members in favor. Douglas motioned to donate \$500 to LEMS for the 7th grade field trip to Medieval Times. Pearl seconded. Vote was 4-1 in favor.

Bi-Annual Review of Goals – The Board reviewed the goals for the current year and assessed their progress.

9. Reports

Village Manager (*Craig Barton*)

- Received a Thank You from One Month’s Rent for donation.
- Event Recap: Snacks with Santa had 90 children and the Holiday Dinner and Concert was sold out.
- Our next event is the Merengue Dance Class in Feb.
- The meeting with townhouse/condo HOA board members went well.
- Efforts are being made to change the county’s sign code with the hope of reducing the number of illegal signs that appear on the weekends. There may be a request for the Board’s support in the near future.

CA Rep (*Andy Stack submitted this written report*)

1. Attended the grand reopening of the Athletic Club; It was well attended and is a very popular facility. I gave a short speech thanking the

community for their patience while we rebuilt the Club. Have received many positive comments regarding the new changes to the facility. Now attention shifts to renovations at the Supreme Sports Club.

2. Attended the kick-off meeting for the Oakland Mills Road Complete Streets Study. This will impact our village as a majority of Oakland Mills Road runs through/borders Owen Brown. The meeting started with a very short presentation and then the rest of the time was spent gathering comments from people in attendance. You can find information about the study at this web link

www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Transportation/Transportation-Projects/Oakland-Mills-Road-Complete-Streets-Study

I commented that there should be dedicated left turn lanes at Dobbin Road and Oak Hall Lane as well as at Fairmead and Fairwell and at the entrance to the garden plots. I also suggested to the County consider roundabouts at Fairmead, Fairwell, and Downdale Place to allow better access to people trying to get into/out of these streets. I would encourage you to visit the web site and provide comments.

3. The CA Board had a work session on Thursday, Jan 10th which ran from 7 to 11 PM. We received a great report from our Millennials Work Group with many good suggestions.
4. The CA Board discussed proposed State legislation (submitted by our state delegation). One potential bill would require five of the school members to be elected by district (same districts as our County Council) and two be elected County-wide. I am interested in any comments you might have as Owen Brown residents attend schools in two separate districts. If you have any other concerns regarding the proposed legislation www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation/Proposed-Local-Legislation please let me know.

5. The CA Board had its first discussion regarding the proposed changes to the FY-2020 budget. One change is to increase funding for the Supreme Sports Club to \$6.1M (\$1.5M of this would be to replace the roof). I hope the Village Board will let the CA Board know that they support this increase. Overall, the changes to the operating budget were minor, some new staff positions to be added. One new capital project is a new tot lot in Dorsey Search (at a cost of \$130,000). CA would like to do a study of all its tot lots; a study to be done in conjunction with each village.
6. Lights have been installed on the pathway around Lake K from the overpass area to the Neighborhood Signs area in Kennedy Gardens. This is the first time CA has lighted that portion of the path and I understand it is getting heavy use. It looks nice at night. the lights are on from dusk

to dawn and are similar to the lights on the Multi-use Pathway to Blandair. It is a nice addition to the Lakefront.

9. Board Comments

Michael – Met with Andy to discuss the lake dredging concerns. Andy recommended that the Board document our resident’s concerns in a letter to CA.

Bob – Would like to schedule a P&P committee meeting for the third Tuesday in Feb. Will send out an email to confirm.

Pearl – Wanted to know if there had been any responses from the Board’s letters regarding the increase in airplane traffic and noise.

Wayne – Met with other village board chairs and a consultant who is helping CA with their strategic planning to get the village’s input into the process.

Encouraged board members to attend one of Executive Ball’s upcoming listening session with residents.

10. Previous Action items were reviewed.

11. Review of action items for next meeting

Staff

1. Check on Development Tracker with Andy.
2. Invite Councilwoman Rigby to an upcoming meeting.
3. Invite Officer Cortez to an upcoming meeting.
4. Get population data from the schools.

Board

1. Mike to draft and send email regarding donation discussion.
2. Bob to email performance evaluation form to board and confirm meeting date.

12. Adjournment into Closed meeting

Motion by Wayne; Seconded by Mike. All in favor. Adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Barton
Village Manager/Board Secretary