



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

Approved: 11/7/17

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, October 17, 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, Bob Braine, Wayne Eldridge (7:15); CA Representative, Andy Stack and OBCA Manager, Craig Barton.

Not Present: Board Member, Pamela Brown.

1. Call to Order

Jason called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

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

3. Approval of minutes

Approval of the October 3, 2017 Minutes – Motioned by Pearl. Bob seconded. All in favor.

4. Invited Guest

Andy Stack, Chair, CA Board of Directors, came to make his annual presentation to the village. Mr. Stack reviewed the annual report of accomplishments, a financial summary report, annual charge snapshot by department, major projects in Owen Brown and CA's tasks for the current year.

Officer Cortez, Community Resource Officer for Owen Brown and Sgt. James Zammillo came to update the Board on police activity within the village. Officer Cortez stated that they have been actively addressing "quality of life issues" around the village center, and because of that the number of calls to the police regarding the village center have dramatically dropped. They will be looking at issues of environmental design, i.e. lighting, trees, etc. to help reduce the opportunity for nuisance crimes from happening in the area. They also stated that the department still offers home security surveys to residents who request it.

5. Resident Speak Out

Jennifer Darby – Came because she read that the Resource Officer was going to be at the meeting and was interested in the topic. Concerned that young people in the community do not have places to hang out in the evenings and wondered what is being done to counsel them in making good choices.

Dell Adams – Resident since 1977. Also came to hear what the police had to say about what has been happening at the Shell station and village center. Concerned that things may get worse. Glad to hear what the police have been doing and would like to make sure that the police continue to have a physical presence in the village center.

6. Covenant Infractions

Motion by Pearl to send a 15-day notice to the following addresses:
7229 Dockside, 9037 Constant Course, 6344 Sandchain, 7323 Carved Stone,
and 7314 Carved Stone. Seconded by Wayne. All members in favor.

7. Discussions

Ladies First Donation Request – Motion by Wayne to waive the Board’s limit on donations. Seconded by Bob. All in favor. Motion by Bob to donate \$1,500 to Ladies First. Seconded by Wayne. All members in favor.

CA Senior Advisory Committee Nomination – Jason was unable to speak with Katharyn about her resignation request, so item was tabled.

CA Staff Responses to Budget Request – The Board reviewed the responses and would like to get Andy’s feedback at some point.

8. Reports

Village Manager (*Craig Barton*)

- Our next event of Pumpkin Painting on Oct. 19 is sold out.
- Holiday Event is now set for Toby’s on Dec. 27.
- Shared with the Board a possible online voting demonstration. Will continue to research the topic.
- Received donation request from OMHS Fine Arts Boosters
- Board agreed to cancel the meeting on Nov. 21.

9. Board Comments

Bob – Read that Howard County is accepting applications for loans to their new home rehabilitation program. Thinks it is a good idea.

Wayne – Felt this was a very productive meeting. Glad to have both the police and residents present.

Pearl – Attended a CA held an alumni dinner for all former CA Council Reps.

Jason – Happy about the good news the community resource officer shared about the decrease in nuisance activity around the shopping center. The 2017 represents 80 years of scouting in Howard County. A celebration is planned for December.

10. Previous Action items were reviewed.

11. Review of action items for next meeting

Staff

1. Add donation request from OMHS Fine Arts Boosters to the next agenda.
2. Ask Andy to provide feedback on the Board's budget request to CA.

Board

1. Jason will call Kathryn regarding her resignation request.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Wayne; Seconded by Bob. All in favor. Adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Barton
Village Manager/Board Secretary