

OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
September 7, 2010
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Approved: Sept 21 2010

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at the newly renovated Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045. Board Chair, Summer Romack; Vice Chair, Ed Cosentino; Board Members, Pearl Atkinson, John Boyle and Wayne Eldridge; CA Representative, Andy Stack; David Green, Teen Representative; OBCA manager, Nancy L. Thomas; and Recording Secretary, Rachel Eisenhauer, were in attendance.

Summer Romack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. *Adopt agenda* - Agenda approved by consensus.
2. *Approval of minutes* -
 - a. August 17, 2010 approved as amended by consensus.
3. *Resident Speak out* -
 - a. Al Romack encouraged the Board to join the Talbot Springs Elementary PTA. He also expressed concern to the Board and particularly to Andy Stack, CA representative about the CA 2010 meeting minutes. Al could not find the minutes on the website. Al also expressed concern about the lack of substantial minutes of the CA Board of Directors. Andy responded and explained that the committee minutes are no longer posted and that the CA Board voted last year for minimal meeting minutes.
 - b. Sue Neri requested the Board look into a flashing red arrow light a Cradlerock Way North. She also requested 2-3 trees planted at Downdale Place in the median. Lastly, she requested that the 2 green cable boxes be repainted as the brown cover paint over the graffiti was unsightly. Nancy will check and forward to appropriate party.
 - c. Craig Bruce requested the Board request removal of the graffiti on the signs on the east side of Brokenland Parkway. Nancy will report the graffiti to Gordon.
4. *Invited Guests* -
 - a. Diana Kelly and Dennis Matthey from Columbia Association explained the dredging of Lake Elkhorn's forbay. Diana explained that the contractor will need to access the forbay through Farbell Row and CA owned property. The contractor will post signs before work is begun.
 - b. Jan Clark from Columbia Association presented a map of the reforestation of Hopewell Park. A tree planting event is planned with Climate Action Group to plant another 200 trees on Sunday, October 10, 2010.
5. *Consent agenda* - none
6. *Covenant decisions* -none
7. *Financial decisions* -
 - a. FY11 - Approve 1st Quarter 11 finances. John motion, Wayne 2nd. 4/0/1 Pearl abstained.
 - b. Approved FY 12 rental rates as amended. John motion, Ed 2nd 5/0/0.
8. *CA/County decisions* - none
9. *Other Decisions* -

a. Approved Employee Handbook as amended. John motion, Ed 2nd 4/0/1 Pearl abstained. Andy congratulated Nancy on a job well done.

10. Reports –

a. *Covenants*-none.

b. *CA Representative* – Andy reported that the CA Board had voted to fully fund the Lake Elkhorn dredging changes. The OBVB approved a thank you letter to the CA Board for the increase funding of the expanded dredging area. Andy mentioned that CA is continuing to work on the CSS issue. Andy also reported on the County Council bill which would extend the recovery zone 2 miles west of 95. He explained that this would be a good measure as a huge area would be eligible for bonds. Andy also pointed out that new plans for Wegman’s have been approved which allow right entry and exit onto Snowden River Parkway. Wayne and Pearl both expressed concern for increased traffic in that area.

c. *Manager* – Nancy’s report is attached.

i. Renovation – OBCA is back in the building. Minor items still need to be done. John Boyle to draft a thank you letter to CA Board and CA President for funding the renovations.

ii. Nancy hired three new staff.

d. Committees –

i. Communication Committee – Summer reported 100 email addresses.

ii. Street Captains –A meeting will be held the last week in September.

iii. Village Center Master Plan – Summer reported on the September 1st meeting. Next meeting will work on draft of Master Plan.

iv. Election Committee –Al Romack submitted the Election report to the Board which included a comprehensive Election Committee 2010 Handbook. In addition, Al submitted the committee’s letter with additional suggestions.

11. *Review of Action Item from previous meeting* - none

12. *Discussions* – none

13. *Board speak-out* - Andy suggested that Board members return email votes quickly. John Boyle would like to have more information on the dredging. John McCoy will be attending the October 19th Board meeting. Nancy will also contact Sean Harbaugh for the meeting. Wayne was pleased that Gordon called him and they are working on the issues near Riderwood regarding a reforestation area. David invited the Board to the dedication of his meditation garden at his church for his Eagle Scout project. Pearl and Ed are working on the job description for the Teen Representative. Nancy will send David the Board’s contact information.

14. *Chair Report* –Summer welcomed David to the Board and thanked Nancy for all of her hard work during the renovations. Summer stated that the Board’s annual retreat would be an open meeting from 6-9 on a regular board meeting night, October 5th. She also stated that Jane Dembner and Brian Muldoon would be at the next Board meeting on September 21st.

15. Adjournment at 9:29 pm by consensus. John motion; Ed 2nd. 5/0/0

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Eisenhauer, Recording Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Nancy will check about repainting the cable boxes.
2. Nancy will ask Gordon to check graffiti on signs.
3. Summer to invite Wegman's back to Board.
4. John to draft Thank you letter to CA for funding the building renovations.
5. Summer to invite John McCoy to the October 19th meeting.
6. Nancy to invite Sean to the October 19th meeting.
7. Nancy to send David the Board's numbers.

Owen Brown Village Board Meeting

September 7, 2010

AGENDA

1. Adopt agenda – 7:00 pm
2. Approval of minutes –
 - a. August 17, 2010
3. Resident speak - out – 10 minutes
4. Invited Guests – 20 minutes
 - a. Diana Kelly/ Dennis Matthey, CA
 - b. Jan Clark
5. Consent agenda – 0 minute
6. Covenant decisions – 0 minutes
7. Financial decisions –10 minutes
 - a. FY '11 – Approve 1st Quarter '11 Finances
 - b. Approve FY'12 rental rates
8. CA/County decisions – 0 minutes
9. Other decisions – 5 minutes
 - a. Approve Handbook
10. Reports – 30 minutes
 - a. Covenant
 - b. CA Representative
 - c. Manager
 - d. Committees
 - i. Communication Committee
 - ii. Street Captains
 - iii. Village Center Master Plan
 - iv. Election Committee
11. Review of Action Item from previous meeting – 0 minutes
12. Discussions – 0 minutes
13. Board speak-out – 15 minutes
14. Chair report – 10 minutes
15. Adjournment