

OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
January 19, 2010
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Approved: February 16, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Board Chair, Andy Stack; Board Members, Summer Romack, Pete Sparacino ; CA Representative, Pearl Atkinson- Stewart; OBCA manager, Nancy L. Thomas; and Recording Secretary, Rachel Eisenhauer, were in attendance. Board members Gracie Bradford and Ed Consentino were not present.

Andy Stack called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

1. *Adopt agenda* - Agenda approved as amended by consensus.
2. *Approval of minutes* –
 - a. December 15, 2009 minutes approved as amended. 2/0/1 (Pete motion; Summer 2nd; Pete abstained)
 - b. January 5, 2010 minutes approved by consensus. Summer motioned, Pete Seconded
3. *Resident speak-out* – none
4. *Consent agenda* - none
5. *Covenant decisions* –none
6. *Financial decisions* –none
7. *CA/County decisions*
 - a. CA Budget Testimony – Andy reviewed the Board’s draft testimony on CA’s budget. Summer pointed out some key strategies. The Board agreed that hiring an urban planner is a good idea. Summer had a question about a full time staff position for Watershed Manager. Andy suggested the Board send a letter to CA requesting to view the job description of the Watershed Manager position as well as the Urban Planner. In the 3rd paragraph, Summer was concerned about the language in reference to the towel service. She will draft changes and email to Nancy. In the 4th paragraph, Andy mentioned that the new fee schedules may include 1 day fee for pool and fitness club. The Board supports CA’s decision for the planning of the headquarters building mentioned in the 5th paragraph. Lastly, in the 6th paragraph, the Board understands the need for long term borrowing to reach CA’s goals. Nancy will make changes to the testimony and Andy will testify.
 - b. Downtown planning – County Council Bills 58 and 59. Andy reported on the amendments to the bill as follows:
 - Amendment A – Clarifies Cultural District
 - Amendment B – Took out streets in Symphony Woods
 - Amendment C - Park land
 - Amendment D – Alternative Financing
 - Amendment E – Phrase change
 - Amendment F – Mall in Columbia as a separate neighborhood
 - Amendment G - Preference for public streets
 - Amendment H - GGP and successors
 - Amendment I - Traffic Volumes
 - Amendment J – Redid phrases

Amendment K – Changes locations of Symphony Woods building heights
Amendment L - Makes GGP responsible for bicycle trails not on GGP property. Andy expressed concern about language which makes GGP responsible for trails on CA property.
Amendment M – Preserve Rouse building
Amendment N - Open Space changes
Amendment O – Clarifies Chart compliance determinations
Amendment P - Site development plan
Amendment Q – Revises CEPPA Chart
Amendment R – Environmental restoration
Amendment S - Criteria regarding Planning Board's FDP approval process

Board supports Amendments with concerns for language in Amendment L. Andy will type a letter and circulate to the Board for any comments before sending to the County Council.

c. Bee Hives – Andy requests that Nancy ask Gordon to draft testimony for February Planning Board.

9. Reports –

a. *Covenants*- Gordon's report was reviewed. Letters of Compliance. Confidential ARC information.

b. *CA Representative* – Pearl advised the Board of legislation in reference to clothes lines and priority liens on property. She reported on two CA meetings with special testimony in regard to CA's budget.

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

i. Audit update – almost completed

ii. Renovation Update – 3 lighting choices in rooms; changed flooring and soliciting 3 bids for lobby furniture.

d. Committees –

i. Communication Committee – Summer has been asked to create a page and possibly teach a class on uploading information to the webpage to other interested villages.

ii. Street Captains - none

iii. Village Center Master Plan – next meeting January 28, 2010

10. *Discussions* - none

11. *Board Speak Out* – Summer reported that Oakland Mills Village Board has challenged Owen Brown Village Board to join the PTA of the local schools. The Board agreed to join all the PTAs for all the local schools in the Owen Brown School feeder systems.

12. *Chair Report* – a. Andy stated that CA is planning to only open one pool in each village during the weekdays while school is in session.

b. Andy reported that he, Summer and Pearl all attended the CA meeting with Villages.

13. Adjournment at 9:15 pm by consensus. (Pete motion; Summer 2nd) (4/0/0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Eisenhauer, Recording Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

1. Andy to write a letter to CA requesting review of the job description for the Urban Planner.
2. Summer will email language to Nancy re: towel service language in the CA budget.
3. Nancy will make changes to Andy's Draft CA testimony and Andy will testify.
4. Andy will submit letter in support for the amendments to the downtown planning and circulate to Board members for comments.
5. Nancy will ask Gordon to draft testimony about the Bee Hives for the February Planning Board.
6. Nancy will email the village Board when audit is complete

Owen Brown Village Board Meeting

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AGENDA as Amended

1. Adopt agenda – 7:00 pm
2. Approval of minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. December 15, 2009
 - b. January 5, 2010
3. Resident speak-out – 10 minutes
4. Consent agenda – 0 minutes
5. Covenant decisions – 0 minutes
6. Financial decisions –5 minutes
7. CA/County decisions – 15 minutes
 - a. CA Budget Testimony
 - b. Downtown planning
 - c. Bee Hives
8. Other decisions – 0 minutes
9. Reports – 30 minutes
 - a. Covenant
 - b. CA Representative
 - c. Manager
 - d. Committees
 - i. Communication Committee – Website update
 - ii. Street Captains
 - iii. Village Center Master Plan
10. Discussions – 15 minutes
 - a. Review of goals from May 2009 Village Board Retreat –By consensus this item is moved until the next Village Board meeting.
11. Board speak-out – 15 minutes
12. Chair report – 10 minutes
13. Adjournment