

OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
October 6, 2009
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Approved: _Nov. 3, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, October 6,, 2009. Board Chair, Andy Stack; Board Members, Summer Romack; Gracie Bradford, Pete Sparacino, OBCA manager, Nancy L. Thomas; and Recording Secretary, Rachel Eisenhower, were in attendance. Board member Ed Cosentino was not present and CA representative Pearl Atkinson was not present as she was attending a CA meeting.

Mr. Stack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. *Adopt agenda* - Agenda approved as amended by consensus. 4/0/0
2. *Approval of minutes* – September 15, 2009 minutes approved as amended. 4/0/0
3. *Invited guests* –
 - a. Dorothy Friedman, an Owen Brown resident for 6 years and a City Planner for College Park for 15 years introduced herself and has volunteered to help out with the Village Center Master Plan. Andy will send her a copy of Council Bill 29 and contact her for the meetings on the Village Master Plan.
 - b. The principals of three local schools attended the village board meeting. Nancy Thompson, Principal of Talbot Springs Elementary, Jason McCoy, Principal of Cradlerock School and Frank Eastham, Principal of Oakland Mills High School. Also in attendance was Vincente S. D’Antuon. The principals reviewed the many educational initiatives for the schools and reported that all of them regularly meet to coordinate educational goals among the schools. The Principals are grateful for the support of the village board and the community and would love to see even more involvement. They are impressed with their students and are retaining many teachers from year to year. Gracie asked what can the Village Board do to help and all three principals responded by requesting help with families in need of resources and for help in creating a more positive image for these great schools. Summer asked whether the principals could give the village any help in combating grafetti. Frank Eastman stated that Oakland Mills High school has a database of grafetti artists which may help. Andy suggested that the principals could send in information and articles for submission to the Observer. He also suggested that possibly Christina Sota could interview the principals and write an article for the Observer.
4. *Resident speak out* - none
5. *Consent agenda* - none
6. *Covenant decisions* –none
7. *Financial decisions* –
8. *CA/County decisions* –
 - a. The Elkhorn Lake dredging contract has been awarded. CA requested additional money for the contingency fund. Dredging to begin....????
 - b. Gracie had heard that there was possible conflict with the Convenant enforcement attorney. She will write a letter in support of retaining the attorney to CA.
9. *Other decisions* –
 - a. Nancy provided information and samples of Village Board T-shirts which will cost approximately \$19.00 each. The Board voted to allot \$1100 to purchase t-shirts.
10. *Reports* –

a. *Covenants*- confidential.
b. *CA Representative* - Pearl was attending another CA meeting and was not present.
c. *Manager* –Nancy reported that the Fall fling for seniors scheduled in November has been cancelled with the support of the seniors. Instead, there will be a Senior Bingo and dinner with music possibly a band from one of the high schools on December 12, 2009. Nancy met with the engineers on the renovation project for the center and reported that the center would be closed for three months in the summer 2010. For further information, see Nancy’s Manager’s Report attached with additional dates to remember.

- d. Committees –
- i. Communication Committee – Summer is proposing new email management as the people tree is not as helpful as they had hoped.
 - ii. Street Captains –No new updates.
 - iii. Village Center Master Plan – First meeting will probably be held in November 2009.

11. *Discussions*

12. *Board Speak Out* – Summer commended Nancy on the Observer. Summer also inquired about the connection in the building for wireless.

13. *Chair Report* –

Andy is out of town for the next village board meeting on October 20, 2009. Andy also reported seeing an article in the Sunpapers about potential increases to employers in unemployment insurance. He also reported that all HOA meetings went well and that John Boyle, director of the Street Captains made a presentation at all the meetings. Andy also reported that the Resource Partnership is holding a meeting on October 22, 2009.

14. Adjournment at 9:10 pm by consensus (4/0/0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Eisenhauer, Recording Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Andy will send a copy of Council Bill 29 to Dorothy Friedman.
- 2. Nancy to ask Christina Sota if she may be interested in interviewing and writing an article about the three principals who attended the meeting or possibly an article on the schools.
- 3. Gracie to write letter to CA in support of maintaining the same law firm for covenant enforcement.

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AGENDA

1. Adopt agenda – 7:00 pm

2. Approval of minutes – 5 minutes
a. September 15, 2009

3. Invited Guests - 45 minutes
 - a. Ms. Nancy Thompson, Talbott Springs Elementary School Principal
 - b. Mr. Jason McCoy, Cradlerock School Principal
 - c. Mr. Frank Eastham, Oakland Mills High School Principal
 - d. Dorothy Friedman, resident
4. Resident speak-out – 10 minutes
5. Consent agenda – 0 minutes
6. Covenant decisions – 10 minutes
7. Financial decisions – 5 minutes
8. CA/County decisions – 5 minutes
9. Other decisions – 5 minutes
 - a. Board T-shirts
10. Reports – 25 minutes
 - a. Covenant
 - b. CA Representative
 - c. Manager
 - d. Committees
 - i. Communication Committee – Website update
 - ii. Street Captains
 - iii. Village Center Master Plan
11. Discussions – 15 minutes
 - a. Holiday Lights tour participation for 2009
12. Board speak-out – 15 minutes
13. Chair report – 10 minutes
14. Adjournment