



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting
October 3, 2023
Owen Brown Community Association
6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: 11/7/2023

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at the Owen Brown Community Center.

Present: Brad Butler, Vice-chair, Mae Beale, Bob Golibersuch, Linda Ortiz-Byrd, and Andrew Stack, CA Representative

Not Present: Michael Golibersuch, Chair, and Craig Barton, OBCA Secretary/Manager,

1. Call to Order

Brad called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by consent.

3. Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved by consent.

4. Resident Speak Out

Resident Becky Bell spoke out about neighbors' trash accumulating on the curb near her townhome. She also suggested a clearer architectural guideline to permit screened trash & recycling bins at the front of townhomes.

Jeremy Scharfenberg from CA Open Space attended to answer any questions from the board about the Hopewell Park project

5. Previous Action items

1. Craig will follow up with CA regarding the progress of the proposed meadow project and if anything else is needed from the board.
DONE - CA provided a memo answering our questions
2. Craig will check back with Paige about the possible attendance of Christiana and Jennifer Jones at the Board's October meeting.
DONE - deferred to November.

6. Covenant Infractions

Motion by Linda to close the case against 6492 Lacelike Row, seconded by Mae.
4-0 in favor.

7. Discussions

Donation Request

Motion by Linda, seconded by Mae to approve donations of \$400 to CRES, \$100 to The Village in Howard, and \$500 to Atholton Boosters. **4-0 in favor.**

Letter to CA re Hopewell Meadow Proposal

Motion by Linda, seconded by Bob to send a letter in support of the Hopewell Meadow Project to CA. **4-0 in favor.** Motion was to send Mike's latest draft (sent by email) with the following edits: Drop the word "many" from both of the first two bullets and proofread for spelling/grammar before sending.

Letter to CA re Outdoor Pools Input

Motion by Mae, seconded by Bob to send a letter to the CA Board with input regarding CA outdoor pools. **4-0 in favor.** Motion was to send Mike's draft (printed for the meeting) with several hand-edits collected by Brad. (Brad will share by email).

Work Session Topics

- Discuss questions & topics for Christiana & Jennifer's visit in November
- Discuss election policy updates
- Discuss bylaw changes
- Discuss county budget input
- Review planned work session calendar

8. Reports

Village Manager Report

None provided due to family emergency. Board discussed the successful carnival, kudos to staff for this. Consensus around 3 suggestions going forward:

- 1) Board should have had a table - several residents asked about this
- 2) Would be good to bring in a food truck, even if not paying for food
- 3) Board & Staff should work together to create a pamphlet "About the association" that can be handed out at events like the carnival explaining what we do and how to get involved.

CA Representative Report

Written report submitted, some discussion around budget priorities and other topics.

9. Action Items

- Brad to edit & share both letters (CA Pools & Hopewell Park)
- Staff/Craig to send both letters to CA
- Brad to follow up with Staff to ensure Ms. Bell is able to communicate with the covenant advisor regarding her violation and application to resolve.
- Brad / Mike to review work session planned calendar (we couldn't find this) and adjust work session topics if needed

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:32pm with no objections