



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting**  
**March 5, 2024**  
**Owen Brown Community Association**  
**6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: 4/2/2024

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the Owen Brown Community Center.

*Present:* Michael Golibersuch, Chair, Brad Butler, Vice-chair, Bob Golibersuch, Mae Beale, Linda Ortiz-Byrd, Andrew Stack, CA Representative and OBCA Secretary/Manager, Craig Barton.

*Not Present:* None

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of agenda**

Bob motioned to approve as amended adding Letter from CA to the Discussion Section. Brad seconded. All in favor.

**3. Approval of minutes**

February 6, 2024 Minutes were approved by consent.

**4. Invited Guest**

Jennifer Jones, CEO of HoCo EDA, and Christina Rigby, County Council, were invited by the Board to discuss recent business closures at the Owen Brown Shopping Center and possible options to help lure other businesses to the center. Ms. Jones talked about short- and long-term possibilities and offered to contact the center's main owner to begin some dialogue. Christina Rigby stayed on to hear various concerns and desires from the Board which included pedestrian safety along Cradlerock, the completion of the South Entrance Trail, continuation of the Complete Streets project along Dobbin, the deteriorating condition of the bridge on Cradlerock, and county enforcement of parking commercial vehicles and trailers on residential streets.

Matthew Helfrich, Director of CA Aquatics, came to inform the Board that CA is testing a pilot program this summer on three of their outdoor pools (Dasher Green being one), in which staffing will be provided by an independent contractor.

**5. Resident Speak Out**

Bill Blake, resident, reiterated the problem that has been going on with commercial vehicles and equipment being parked on residential streets in the community.

Diana Blake, resident, came to express concerns over the deterioration of the condition of the Owen Brown Shopping Center, especially in relation to the collection of trash.

**6. Financials**

Motion by Mae to approve the FY24 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials as presented.  
Seconded by Brad. All in favor.

**7. Covenant Infractions**

Motion by Bob to send a 15-day notice to 7313 Carved Stone. Seconded by Brad. All in favor.

**8. Previous Action items**

Items were reviewed and accomplished.

**9. Discussions**

**Letter from CA re Management Contract** – Motion by Linda to send the letter drafted by Brad with the addition of a potential meeting date. Mae seconded. All in favor. Motion by Mae that the letter be first shared with the villages of Hickory Ridge and River Hill and not be sent without their support. Seconded by Linda. All in favor

**EAC Approved Guideline Changes** – Motion by Linda to approve proposed changes by the EAC. Seconded by Brad. All in favor.

**Letter to County re Gateway Master Plan**– Motion by Brad to send the proposed input with the addition of the former railroad trail and family-friendly apartments into the letter. Seconded by Mae. All in favor.

**Annual Meeting Dates** – Motion by Brad to hold the Annual Meeting on April 20, if there is a contested election, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting on May 7, if needed, or just May 7 if the election is uncontested elections. Seconded by Linda. All in favor.

**Notice of Email Vote** – An email vote occurred on February 23, authorizing the purchase of an ice machine for up to \$3,000.

**February Work Session**

Topics for the work session will be the FY25 Budget, Donations, a time to invite DPZ to discuss the Gateway Master Plan, a closed session to discuss the Manager’s Annual Evaluation.

**10. Reports**

Village Manager (*Craig*) -- a written report was submitted.  
CA Rep (*Andy Stack*) -- a written report was submitted.

**11. Review of action items**

1. Mike will share letter to CA with the boards of HR and RH.

2. Mike and Craig will discuss potential meeting date for CA letter.
3. Send a letter to the state delegation regarding covenant concerns at Gateway.
4. Follow-up with Jennifer Jones in a few months re meeting with owners of the shopping center.

**12. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 10:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Barton, Village Manager/Secretary