



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting
September 3, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Owen Brown Community Association
6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: **10/01/2019**

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045.

Present: Board Chair, Michael Golibersuch, Vice-Chair, Brad Butler, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Bob Golibersuch (via telephone), CA Representative, Andrew Stack, and OBCA Manager, Craig Barton.

Not Present: none

1. Call to Order

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion by Brad to approve. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed 3-1(Pearl).

Motion by Pearl to amend by adding Board Vacancy to the discussion section did not receive a second.

3. Approval of May 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Bob to approve. Seconded by Brad. All in favor.

4. Invited Guest

Jennifer White, Horizon Foundation, came to inform the Board about their “Streets for All” campaign in Howard County and hope that the Board would be willing to sign on to the coalition that is requesting a Complete Street law that provides for safer streets for people who are traveling by foot, bicycle, wheelchair or public transportation.

5. Resident Speak Out

Brigitte Warren, resident, came to listen to the Board’s discussion regarding the redistricting plans for the schools. Ms. Warren stated she was not happy with the plan proposed by the school’s superintendent that would be moving a large portion of students in Owen Brown from Oakland Mills High School to Atholton.

Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, resident, stated she was very upset that the Board was not following its own policy regarding a current vacancy on the Board.

6. Discussions

School Redistricting – Motion by Mike to send his second draft letter with the

four recommended changes: 1) updating the polygons; 2) more description regarding where the neighborhoods are; 3) remove the last sentence in the Hopewell section; and 4) retitling that section. Brad seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Bob abstained)

Motion by Brad to allow Mike to present the Board's testimony in person at the School Board public hearing on Sept. 17th. Bob seconded. All in favor.

County Council Resolution re School Integration Plan – Motion by Pearl to draft a letter in support of the Resolution. Bob seconded. Motion passed 3-1(Mike). Bob offered to draft the letter.

7. Reports

Village Manager (*Craig*) -- a written report was submitted.

- Shared there was a good turnout for the Shredding Event that happened on a different day of the week and time from years past.

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

- Stated he will begin his annual visits to the other village boards.
- CA has a new website.

8. Previous action items were reviewed.

9. Review of action items

Board

1. Mike will amend letter to the School Board
2. Bob will draft letter in support of Resolution and email to the Board.

10. Closing Comments

Pearl – Attended the opening to the Cazbar Turkish Restaurant in Owen Brown.

Brad – Planning to bring some suggested changes to the P&P manual at the next working session on Sept. 24. Would also like to address the Board vacancy issue at that time.

Mike – Appreciates everyone's efforts and feedback regarding the redistricting testimony. Next working group session is scheduled for Sept. 24th.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Barton
Village Manager/Secretary