



**Owen Brown Village Board Meeting**  
**February 6, 2024**  
**Owen Brown Community Association**  
**6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

Approved: 3/5/2024

The Board of Directors of the Owen Brown Community Association, Inc. conducted its regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, February 6, 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**

Brad motioned to approve adding East Columbia Library Park to the discussion Section. Linda seconded. All in favor.

**3. Approval of minutes**

Both the January 9, 2024 Minutes and the December 5, 2023 Closed Minutes were approved by consent.

**4. Invited Guest**

Nick Mooneyhan and Bob Linz from Howard County Rec and Parks were on hand to show the board the revised plans for the East Columbia Library Park. The revised plans no longer included two baseball fields and pickleball courts, but rather two multi-purpose fields with natural turf and no lighting, a basketball court and a playground area with a small pavilion. The board expressed gratitude to Mr. Mooneyhan and Mr. Linz for being so responsive to the community's input with regard to the plan's revision.

**5. Resident Speak Out**

Brigitta Warren thanked both the county officials for the changes to the park plan and to the Board for their support in asking for changes to the plan. Ann Herron asked the Board if they knew the source of all the trash along Broken Land Parkway near the construction area.

**6. Election Committee Appointments**

Motion by Brad to appoint the following residents to the Election Committee: Carole MacPhee, Michael Baum, and Rachel Petroff Kessler. Seconded by Bob. All in favor.

**7. Covenant Infractions**

Motion by Bob to send a 15-day notice to 6428 Fairmead and 7207 Talisman and to close the case for 7327 Carved Stone and 7092 Winter Rose. Seconded by Linda. The vote was 4-0-1 (Brad abstained). Motion passed.

**8. Previous Action items**

Items were reviewed and accomplished.

**9. Discussions**

**Revised Park Plan** – Motion by Mae to send a letter of support to the County for the revised East Columbia Library Park plan. Brad seconded. All in favor.

**Election Event** – The Board reviewed the various options and agreed to holding a raffle of gift cards for early voting and to provide coffee and donuts to voters on the election day.

**Legal Opinion Regarding Changes to Governing Documents** – the Board reviewed the legal opinion provided to them by attorney Craig Zaller.

**CA Green Street Proposal** – Linda shared with the Board a grant proposal for a Walkable Pollinator and Rain Garden at Lake Elkhorn that CA is planning to apply for.

**February Work Session**

Topics for the work session will be the Village Center and the Gateway Master Plan.

**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 draft letters for both the new Park Plan and for the Gateway Master Plan.
2. Mike and Craig will discuss the election raffle logistics.

**12. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Barton, Village Manager/Secretary