

**Harbour View Citizens Association**  
**Minutes of General Meeting Held August 01, 2021**  
**via Google Meet**

**\*\*\* Call to Order & Welcome \*\*\***

The meeting was called to order at 3:09p.m. by the president, Sandra Hall. Twenty (20) persons were in attendance at the start of the meeting. She extended a very warm welcome all and thanked the members for joining encouraging us to give God thanks for every day and for His grace and mercies.

**\*\*\* Prayer \*\*\***

Opal Harker extended prayers.

**\*\*\* Apologies \*\*\***

President Hall tendered apologies for lateness on behalf of Shani Thompson-Richards and Carol Harris. Apologies for absence were also tendered by Carol Jump-Graham on behalf of Racquel Peat and Ethel Peat-Smith. Beverlyn Wong also tendered apologies for absence on behalf of Sonia Wong and Winnifred Jackson and Karlene Black tendered apologies for absence for PRO Danique Hayden.

**\*\*\* Family Matters \*\*\***

***Birthdays***

Happy birthday greetings were extended to:

- Moya Johnson – August 10<sup>th</sup>
- Sonia Wong – August 24<sup>th</sup>

***Anniversary:***

There were no anniversaries to be celebrated in August.

***Passing:***

Condolences were extended to the family of Lloyd Chambers, a long-standing member of the Harbour View community, who passed about three weeks ago.

**\*\*\* Reading, Correction and Confirmation of Minutes \*\*\***

The president extended apologies on behalf of the secretary for the absence of the minutes. The minutes will be placed on the website as soon as they are completed, and the corrections and confirmation attended to at the next meeting.

**\*\*\*\* Presentation\*\*\*\***

To continue to bring valuable information to our members and residents, there was a presentation by member Venice Parchment on Wealth Creation/Management

The following are the highlights of the very interesting and interactive presentation:

- ✓ Special note of what the Bible says about money – Ecclesiastes 7:12 (NIV)
- ✓ The difference between investing and saving and assets and liabilities
- ✓ Being a lender as opposed to being an owner
- ✓ Facing your fears
- ✓ Working for your money (lazy money) and making your money work for you.

Special thank you was extended to Venice Parchment by President Hall for an excellent presentation.

Although presentations were useful and appreciated, suggestions from Dr. Degia was to, with the agreement of the general memberships, adjust the meeting agenda so that issues concerning Harbour View community are prioritised with presentations being done afterwards, or have them as separate webinars and not a part of the monthly meetings,

### \*\*\* Updates \*\*\*

- **Vending along Fort Nugent Drive**

President Hall updated the membership that there are plans to relocate the vendors, located in front of the shopping centre along Fort Nugent Drive which is a no vending zone. She indicated that the plan is to move them to uniformly organized spaces along Seashore Place. She also pointed out that despite being given several tickets by the KSAMC but they return after the time passes and as such it has become a constant battle with them. KSAMC is however not relenting. She indicated that the space allotted to them is around Seashore Place. Social Development Commission (SDC) has been engaged to obtain and set up 12 stalls, along with garbage skips etc along Seashore Place.

In response to President Hall's request for questions/clarification on this update, the following were discussed:

- Karlene Black asked if the outer perimeter wall of the shopping centre was considered a vending zone and expressed displeasure at the thought that another portion of what should be a residential area, was even being considered to entertain vendors who seem to be out of control and were becoming a nuisance to her with their loud music, use of expletives and scant regard for persons in the environment and the law. She stated that she firmly believes that this solution would not work.

President Hall advised that vendors were given permission, by a previous administration to occupy the space along Seashore Place. As such the request for the stall is to properly organize them and work with the police in helping to strictly maintain order.

- Robert Ralph conceded with Karlene that the solution may not work and added that the situation has been existing for a very long time (over 10 years)

despite the citizens agitating for their removal and the KSAMC seem incapable of controlling the vendors. He questioned if the stall would be given freely and how the maintenance of such would be managed.

- Morene Clarke added to the discussion to say that she has personally witnessed ‘little things’ happening in the zone which she believes should not be so and suggested that a little more pep should be given to resolving the issue and bringing peace of mind to the residents in the vicinity before things explode and persons move out. She also informed of persons congregating in the park.
- Carol Harris also expressed concern that vending could have been given permission for the establishment of a vending zone in front of persons residences. She spoke about the lack of sanitation etc that currently exists and pointed out that although it is thought of as satisfying a need, it is more of a convenience and persons will adjust. She also asked if the basis for which permission was given could be requested of Mr. Clue or he be invited to give a rationale for it being a vending zone. She reiterated that a new area, outside of the residential space, to be identified.

Lola Wallace informed that, based on her understanding, Mr. Bailey, one of the first Councillors for Harbour View, requested permission for about six stalls to be placed in the area and that that may be the information Mr. Clue would provide. She highlighted the difficulty she had in using the sidewalk and the cooking that takes place in the zone.

- Morene Clarke, in response to a request, made suggestion that they could be relocated to the area near to Danny Marina of reduce the numbers to six as was originally agreed.

President Hall promised that there would be further discussions on this issue.

- **Upcoming Annual Flag Raising Ceremony – August 6**

The membership was informed by President Hall that since the COVID-19 pandemic, the activities for the flag raising ceremony has been scaled down. This year, there will again be a motorcade through the community, starting over the bridge, with the mounted troop. The town-crier has been going through the community announcing the event and will lead the motorcade. Paper flags will be distributed to engage the residents since the crowd cannot be accommodated at the park, President Hall stated. She further informed that plans are for no more than 60 persons to be in attendance at the park for the short agenda. The activities however will be streamed live on Facebook and Instagram. To join the motorcade persons can access the route that will be posted on the Associations website.

- **Verge Competition**

With respect to the verge competition that has been proposed, President Hall indicated that the aim was not to be spending a lot of money but to simply fix the verge to lift the aesthetic of the environment and the pride of where we live. She stated that this could be through the planting of grass, flowers, or trees, etc. The Street Reps will be asked to monitor, and the competition would end in December with first, second and third place prizes being awarded.

In response to the President's request for feedback, concerns/questions/suggestions were raised:

- broken pavements/verges on some streets, sunken spots in the road (Coral Way was noted), as well as crowded
- dealing with persons who do not maintain their verges
- unapproachable street reps or those who are not making an effort to speak with neighbours
- if the competition was for individuals or streets
- care should be taken on how the competition is promoted so that persons may not feel pressured.
- Plants could be gained that could be donated and the spirit of cooperation encouraged.
- houses that are not being maintained by tenants.

President Hall stated that the Street Reps should identify and report such issues on their roads and attempt to build a relationship with the residents so that there is cooperation. She stated the prize would be for individual verges. She reiterated that it is not about extravagance but simply to keep up the cleanliness and aesthetic of the street. Information will be posted to the page and dialogue will continue.

**\*\*\* Bank Accounts \*\*\***

Sandra Hall stated that the matter of the Associations' dormant bank account that needs to be reactivated has to be addressed. Elaine Edwards, one of the signatories to the account was asked to provide details.

In addressing the matter, Elaine indicated that there are two accounts, but one has been dormant for some time with the last transaction being done in 2019. As such the funds are being depleted through bank charges. In an effort to reactivate the account, a visit was made to the bank which advised that the requirements for such was a copy of the last minutes for the Association, indicating that the members would like the account to be reinstated. Hence the reason for its inclusion on the agenda so that it can be recorded in the minutes. Herself and Novlet Ralph would then take the minutes, along with a letter, revisit the bank to have the account reinstated.

Questions were raised from the membership as to the reasons for two accounts and why was one allowed to go dormant. In responding, Elaine indicated that the dormant account was a chequing account and most of the transactions have been through the savings account.

Notwithstanding, if it is allowed to remain dormant then the Association will simply gradually lose all the funds in that account.

President Hall then indicated that the matter would also be posted on the page to garner support. There were however no objections from the persons currently present. Suggestions were taken for how to prevent the account going dormant again.

**\*\*\* AOB/New Business \*\*\***

- **Request for update regarding the planned cleaning of the gully which was slated to begin in mid-July**

The President indicated that the matter is being pursued but there has been no further updates.

- **Rules and Regulations for the Verge Competition**

The Street Reps will be integrally engaged as part of the decision for how the competition will go and once this is finalized the membership will be advised.

- **Inclusion of the Forestry Department in the Verge Competition**

Brenda Smikle suggested that the Forestry department could be approached to solicit plants. To this Heather Prendergast, as an employee of the Forestry Department indicated that as a group, this could be arranged but the department would require that the trees/plants are properly maintained and would from time to time carry out checks. Further information will be provided.

- Brenda also suggested that the Association could consider investing in a weed Wacker and have someone cut the lawn for persons at a reduced cost.
- New member, Derrick Logan asked when accounts are presented to the membership. The President welcomed him and informed that this is done annually at the AGM.

**\*\*\* Adjournment \*\*\***

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm on motion moved by Elaine Edwards and seconded by Brenda Smikle.