

**Harbour View Citizens Association
Minutes of General Meeting Held January 09, 2022
via Google Meet**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by the president, Sandra Hall who extended warm greetings to all present. The meeting began with 16 persons present.

***** Prayer *****

Prayers was offered by Heather Prendergast.

***** Apologies *****

For absence:

- Opal Harker
- Lorna Harris

For being late:

- Garth Daniels

***** Family Matters *****

Birthdays

- Elaine Edwards – January 7

Passing

- Mr. Harrison

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

Apology was extended for the absence of the minutes of November 7, 2021. The laptop which was used to store the recording as well as the draft minutes crashed and the data was not recovered.

***** UPDATES *****

President Hall provided the following as updates:

○ **Filling vacant positions:**

As at today, there are now two vacant positions on the Executive. The first resulted from the resignation of elected Public Relations (PR) Officer, Danique Hayden in September 2021. Since then, the functions of that office have been carried by the remaining members of the PR team that was formed. Many thanks to those members who stepped in to fill the gap and to Dr. Hayden for the wonderful job she did during her time in office. There is a need to have a replacement for the PR officer and some young heads to become a part of the team. Interested persons may make contact with the President or make recommendations. There is a need to have all hands on deck; “We need everybody, we need all expertise, we need all knowledge, we needed everybody's experience to come together and to make this community grow from strength to strength” was the President’s bidding. The second position has arisen from

the resignation of the Assistant Secretary, Shani Thompson who resigned for personal reason. Special thanks were extended to her for her contribution during her time in office.

- **Membership List/Dues Collection:**

Efforts are being made to ensure that the membership list is updated so that the dues can be collected. A number of persons joined during the membership drive and their membership status and payment of dues need to be updated. Therefore, the Membership Committee and Finance Committee along with Elaine Edwards and Treasurer, Mike Murray, will work diligently completely this task as soon as possible.

The appeal is for everyone to settle outstanding dues because the funds are needed to tackle many of the planned activities for the community.

- **The burning in the community:**

SDC was contacted. They are currently putting an education plan in place in collaboration with the police, NSWMA and the Member of Parliament, Mrs. Holness. Burning is illegal and persons can be ticketed.

Kaylyn Gooden suggested that the members of the Association in addition with the new PRO be actively engaged in educating the residents on the ills of burning.

- **MOSSAIC Project**

The problem has existed since 2015. Multiple meetings, letters and discussions etc. have taken place. Despite the promises, the Public Defender has finally informed that there is no money. The alternative is to pursue contracting a lawyer and therefore pushing for lawsuit. Meetings are to be held with affected residents of Harbour Drive and Southern Cross Drive and the full cooperation of everyone in the community will be needed.

Garth Daniels asked what had happened to the funds but the President was unable to provide a definite answer as none was given to her.

There was general agreement in the push to sue the Government of Jamaica. Payment to the lawyer as well as the details of the way forward will be finalized in subsequent meetings and discussions with the affected residents and the lawyer.

- **Street rep**

The project of having street reps which started with the the former PRO, Danique Hayden needs to be boosted as street reps are not as active as they should. There is also the need to get some other volunteers, since a number of the street reps are seniors who may not be able to do as much as they would love to do and there are the longer roads that have just one person. Information requesting volunteers will be put on the WhatsApp page.

- **Neighbourhood watch.**

There is a committee in place that is dealing with the specifics of the neighbourhood watch, with Lorna Harris as the leader of that group. Report from her is that they are getting ready to launch. However, Sergeant Campbell, who is the person in charge is on pre-retirement leave and has asked another Police inspector to work with us. As such, there are two sub communities that need to be formed with about four (4) persons on each. Therefore, volunteers are again being solicited so that the entire community can participate in the neighbourhood watch program. It must be pointed out that these persons will be exposed to confidential information and as such must have a high level of integrity. Efforts are also being made to get cameras but it will be very costly. So the plan is to start with a few and then expand and try to get sponsorship.

- **Community Centre**

There is a community committee that deals with the projects. Carol Harris as VP is head of that committee. There are many plans for the center that has been out of use for a very long time. We have plans for the seniors and the youths but the place requires fixing. We have met with Mr. Hill, who is a CEO of KSAMC and he has asked us to do a project proposal include our plans and funding. Miss Harris is in charge of the committee but there needs to be someone with expertise in project planning or civil engineering works on the committee. So, please advise if you know of anyone.

- **Roadside Vendors**

The majority of the vendors from Fort Newton Drive in front of the shopping center have been removed. This has been done with the assistance of KSAMC. However, there is one particular one that is being very stubborn but they have decided that they will deal with it. Most of the vendors are now by Seashore Place, including the fruit vendor . However, the problem continues as he has blocked not only the sidewalk but the road also and the place is rather untidy. The error has to be corrected. KSAMC has been asked to intervene.

SDC has been asked to assist with setting up stalls along Seashore Place. They had done their project proposal to ask Digicel for sponsorship to get the stalls done. The plan is to have them very uniform put clauses in the agreement that will address cleanliness, the music and the manner in which they are to operate. Mr. Timothy Marks he will be dealing with that. There will be a meeting next week in which he will provide an update.

In response to an invitation for comments, several members expressed displeasure at the conditions and discomfort of the residents at Seashore Place. One member remarked that the place has ‘now become a nightmare’ and emphasized that ‘we can't fix one problem and create another’. There were suggestions on alternative locations but the general consensus is that the existing arrangement must be revisited and efforts made to engage the general community in the decision making process.

- **NWC**

The frequent lock off, the roads that were dug up and left unrepaired and the coloured water in the pipes were some of the issues that have come to the fore. Efforts have

been made to have a representative from NWC, someone in authority, be present at our next meeting to address these issues.

Suggestion was made that the issues be documented and persons with similar issues be put on a committee that would make representation on behalf of the citizens.

It was also pointed out that after NWC conduct repairs; it is the NWA that is responsible for fixing the roads. As such, dialogue will be sought with the relevant authorities to ensure that the concerns of the members are addressed.

- The following was contributed by Mr. Clue:
- ✓ The lack of funding was preventing the adequate repairs to the roads. A tour of the division was done with the city engineers. Roads to include Aqua, Lagoon and Nimbus has received some attention.

***** Adjournment *****

The meeting was adjourned at 5: 20pm on motion moved by Garth Daniels and seconded by Carol Harris.