

**Harbour View Citizens Association  
Minutes of General Meeting Held March 05, 2022  
via Google Meet**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by President Hall and warm welcome was extended to all.

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

Prayer was offered by Maxine Soley-Williams.

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

No apologies were received.

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

***Birthdays***

Special greetings to the following persons who are celebrating birthdays in March:

- Carol Jumpp-Graham – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Karlene M. Black – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Raquel Peat – 14<sup>th</sup>

***Wedding Anniversary***

There were no announced wedding anniversaries for March

***Passing***

There were no announced deaths for March

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

*The minutes of the meeting of February 2023 were not presented*

**\*\*\* Invited Guests\*\*\***

➤ **Heather Prendergast & Georgia Garvey-Green**

*The following represents the highlights presented by invited guests regarding the 2022 population and housing census.*

- ✓ The 2022 population and housing census will be Jamaica's 15<sup>th</sup> population and housing census.
- ✓ The census is not the electoral exercise. It is a count of persons living in the country at a particular point in time.
- ✓ There are four essential features of a census to include counting every 10 years which is a stipulation by UN.
- ✓ The census is the largest statistical exercise for any country can do, including Jamaica.

- ✓ There are two sections to the survey, the housing portion with six questions and the individual section with nine questions
- ✓ The result of the census is a statistical product that is going to provide social and demographic information that is needed on the housing and the population. It gives basic information on the housing, how we live, and the characteristics of the people in the population. it
- ✓ It is the only exercise that can give information or statistics to the smallest level called an Enumeration District (ED).
- ✓ The last census was conducted in 2011. A census was to have been done in 2021 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was postponed to 2022 but has spilled over to 2023.
- ✓ This time, for the first time, computers will be employed to assist with the collection of the data.
- ✓ Who will be counted? All persons who are usual residents of Jamaica. Once you have been living here for at least 6 months, or you intend to be here for six months or more, during the period of the census, you should be counted. This is because for that 6 months period you are going to use the resources that are in the country.
- ✓ All persons who are usual residents of Jamaica on Census Day which was September 12 2022 should be counted.
- ✓ Who will not be counted? Visitors to Jamaica or staying in hotels and guests living in guest houses, visitors on ships in harbor, diplomatic personnel persons not normally resident in Jamaica, but who maintain summer homes
- ✓ Where will persons be counted? Persons in private homes, persons within institutions such as the correctional institutions, children homes, infirmary and drop-in centers, residential schools, boarding schools, university and college residents, military camps and some specialized hospitals. Persons living on the street and those living in the keys like the Pedro Keys will also be counted.
- ✓ The questionnaires are guided by UN principles and recommendation. These are discussed with our local stakeholders and to come up with the questions that are put on the questionnaires. Household questionnaires will ask about household composition, housing quality. So there is interest in your roof, and your wall because that gives an idea of the quality of the housing. There is also interest in solid waste or how you dispose of your solid waste, domestic use of water that is used by your household - Where it comes from? Also, the water that you drink - What is that source? There is interest in those persons who have migrated from your household and those persons who have died and the type of information communication technology you access. For the individual, age and sex are basic information collected for the population which will help to show how things will look and what will happen a few years from now and keep a track of the changes that have happened over the period. Other data collected include religious affiliation, ethnicity, marital and union status, education attainment, functional, disability, economic activity, social welfare, fertility, and transportation.
- ✓ Big on the census is confidentiality and data security. So for the data that is to be collected, STATIN is mandated to protect it. The data provided is protected by the Statistical Act.
- ✓ The identity of census takers can be verified when they come to you. There are three options, via telephone, email, or website. You can call STATIN. Also, there is an option on the website that you could check to see if this person is a valid census worker.

- ✓ How can the Citizens Association support census? There are three main ways, participation recruitment and advocacy. One is with recruitment but we are outside of the recruitment phase for now. However, in this stage, persons are recruited to work as census takers and supervisors. They make up the largest part of the work force. The second is with participation. We would love for you to participate cooperate with the census takers, provide accurate information, schedule interviews if needed and verify the identity of the census takers. The third is with advocacy. Encourage your friends, your families, your neighbours, your employees, and those around you to participate in the census because this data helps each and every one of us. We also use the data to do international and national reported.
- ✓ Toll free numbers:
- ✓ Website:

After allowing several questions and comments, President Hall thanked the presenters for taking the time out to come and share the information.

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

#### ➤ ***Increasing Membership:***

President Hall appealed for persons to become committed and become active members of the Association. She indicated that a sensitization session is being planned for the neighbourhood watch as well as a membership drive, with focus on the eastern side. This should be in April. She asked members who had young people in their household to encourage them to become part of the Association. She also appealed for persons to be a part of the sensitization walk.

A few volunteers were received.

Lorna Harris reminded the President that for the launch of the Neighbourhood Watch a quarter of the community needs to be on board so 30 persons would not be in enough for us to qualify.

The President said that with the increase in car stealing and house break-in, it is very important for the Neighbourhood Watch to begin.

#### ➤ ***Community Centre:***

The President indicated that efforts continue in trying to get the community centre refurbished and ready to house the Association. Currently, sponsors are being sought to do the fencing, and we are awaiting the site diagrams.

### \*\*\* Any other business\*\*\*

*The following are the issued raised in this section:*

- Pile up of garbage at Independence Park. The place is now being used to dump debris. As such, action is required.

President Hall assured that the relevant action will be taken.

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

With thanks and blessings from the President to all in attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm on a motion moved by Heather Prendergast and seconded by Karlene M. Black.