

Harbour View Citizens Association
Minutes of General Meeting Held May 1, 2022
via Google Meet

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by President.

Ten (10) persons were present at the start and warm welcome was extended to all. The meeting began with the presentation of the song Never Lost by CeCe Winas and encouragement from President Hall to lean on God who has all the answers and will help us through these really perilous times.

***** Prayer *****

Prayer was offered by Carol Jumpp-Graham.

***** Apologies *****

The following are the apologies that were tendered:

For absence:

- Opal Harker
- Charlene Sharp
- Calene Clarke

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

Birthdays

Heartiest birthday greetings and well wishes were extended to persons celebrating birthdays in May, namely:

- Carol Jumpp-Graham - 3rd
- Beverlyn Wong – 22nd

Wedding Anniversary

There were no announced wedding anniversaries.

Passing

There were no announced deaths.

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

The minutes of the meeting of March 06, 2022 was read and the following represents the noted corrections:

- *Page 2:*
 - Under 'Public Relations Officer'
 - ✓ the sentence '*The PR is an essential part ...*' should have a period after the word 'Association' and '*Therefore,*' should be inserted before 'there'.
 - ✓ "*Rocket*' should read '*Rocky*'

- *Page 3:*
 - Under KSAMC, ‘s’ should be added to ‘issue’
 - The sentence which reads ‘*These include the community center...*’ should be reworded to read ‘*These include the community center, the drains, the vending the animals, and the street lights among a number of other things on the list*’.
 - Regarding ‘Other Projects’,
 - ✓ delete ‘*There is now an exercise*’
 - ✓ ‘*seniors*’ should be changed to ‘*seniors*’
 - In ‘Other discussions’ the word ‘*onbord*’ should be ‘*on board*’
- *Page 4:*
 - Under ‘Neighbourhood watch’ ‘*needed*’ should read ‘*need*’

The minutes of the meeting of March 06, 2022 were confirmed on a motion moved by Beverlyn Wong and seconded by Garth Daniels.

***** Updates *****

President Hall provided the following as updates:

- **Public Relations Officer:**
There is still a need for a PRO. Volunteers, suggestions and recommendations are welcome. Someone with some technical skills and time to help is preferred.
- **Invited guests:**
Neither the NSWMA supervisor nor Inspector Pinnock was able to attend the meetings to which they were invited. However, both have promise to avail themselves to attend meetings in the near future.
- **Vending:**
The video with the vendor at the gate of the plaza has been trending on the WhatsApp page and has caused quite a bit of uproar. Irrespective of the opinions, the area is a no vending zone and efforts are being made to keep it as such. The fruit man was removed by KSAMC after a lot of back-and-forth. It must be noted that the Association has no authority to remove vendors and is not trying to disenfranchise anybody or stop anyone from ‘making their living. But things must be done decently and in order and not cause the residents to be uncomfortable in any way.
As part of the renovations, trees will be planted along the sidewalk around the plaza to lift the aesthetics of the area and provide an upgrade to the look of the community.

The vendor in question operates illegally in a no vending zone and it has been a problem. No one is to be selling in that area. She was asked to move a very long time ago but has firmly stated that she is not moving and has had her run-ins with KSAMC and the police but continues to be quite lawless. These are the entities that if they say that she is to be removed then she needs to comply and that's the bottom line. It is not an Association thing. However, the Association must make a stance as well and cannot and will not support wrong.

The following are comments made in response to an invitation from the President on the issue:

- Carol Harris pointed out that there seems to be a view that an issue is being made of this vendor selling in a no vending zone when the issue should be made about the roundabout. The issue of the roundabout has been raised over and over again. She wanted it to be on record that the Citizens' Association has also raised concerns about the roundabout and just overall vending in the no vending areas and wanted the records to show our members, the former president and the inspector have had quite animated discussions regarding the roundabout. So, it is not just now that the current situation is being discussed. The vending in no vending zones is wide spread and moving into more areas of the community. Her view is that a residential area should not be populated with so much commercial activity in zones that are not the activity in zone.

Qmarie Crooks agreed with Carol Harris and added that they are a hazard for drivers and pedestrians, especially along Seashore Place, and we cannot wait until an accident happens. The vendors should not be there.

Continuing, President Hall informed that after the vendor was removed, she went to Seashore Place for one day and then went back to Fort Nugent. Again, this is an offence that has to be dealt with.

- **Garbage pickup:**

Reports are that some streets that have not had their garbage collected for up to three weeks. Contact has been made with Mr. Right and he is aware of the problem and has advised that they are having issues with a shortage of trucks. So in addition to regular garbage collection, they are also challenged with bulk pickup. Tipper trucks are being used to help out with the regular garbage. Residents are therefore being asked to indicate if garbage has not been collected in at least two weeks so that the necessary intervention can be made.

A suggestion was made by Karlene Black to formally document pick-up dates so that correspondences to NSWMA will be substantiated with evidence. Street reps could be asked to enter these date. Additionally, she volunteered to create a Google sheet to facilitate the data collection.

- **Security Concerns:**

There seems to be an increase in break-ins and robbery in the community in recent times. There have been reported incidences on Martello Drive, Tuna Avenue, Coral Way, Reef Avenue and Riverside Drive. The Association continues to be in constant communication with the Police and are aware that the police are patrolling the streets. Efforts are still being made to get Inspector Pinnock to attend to attend the next general meeting in June.

President Hall appealed to residents to be vigilant and to report all incidences so that they can be addressed by the police.

➤ **Illegal burning and dumping:**

Garbage is being dumped in the riverbed and the burning continues. Residents are getting ill from smoke inhalation especially those around Riverside Drive, Reef Avenue and Nautilus Drive. Therefore, as was previously discussed, there will still be sensitization and education sessions conducted in collaboration with SDC and NSWMA. The first planned session did not happen because of rain but a new date has been set for this Saturday, May 7, 2022 at five o'clock at a venue to be announced.

➤ **MoSSaiC Project:**

Recently, a protest was staged regarding the gully problem. Details of which was provided by Beverlyn Wong as follows:

The protest was staged at Gordon House as planned. There were about 17 persons present. During the protest the Prime Minister passed and did not stop but he saw what was going on. To date no calls have been received from anyone. So we are still in limbo as to what is going to happen. The issue has again made the news and it was said that eighty million is not enough to fix the man-made gully; it now needs 300 million dollars and no one can say how that amount will be sourced. At this point we are just hoping and praying that something will be done soon because it is the rainy now and the condition of the gully is bad.

Because there was a notion that the affected residents built their houses on the gully bank, President Hall with assistance of Paulette Swaby and Beverlyn Wong provided a historical perspective on the gully issue for those member who were not au fait with the issue.

The following are suggestions/comments that were offered in relation to this issue:

- Allow the issue to be taken up by YouTubers who can provide some leverage
- The entire community must see this as a serious issue and join forces with those who have been affected and support all initiatives to make our voices heard.
- Try to get an invitation to Parliament and try to raise the issue there.
- If it cannot be fixed as yet, it must be cleaned regularly.
- Try to prevent persons from using the gully as a dump
- Have a group of persons try to book appointment with the Prime Ministry, go with a petition with signatures and invite him to come and see for himself.

President Hall informed that the Executive will continue to take suggestions and recommendations and discuss them and act accordingly in trying to arrive at a resolution to this long standing problem. The membership will be kept in the loop and all efforts will be made to get the attention of any and all entities that may be able to help.

➤ **Street reps:**

Street reps are still needed especially since the Association prepares to launch the Neighbourhood Watch program. The streets reps are needed to communicate with the residents and letting the executive know what is happening on the different streets. Efforts are being made to outfit the existing street reps with T-shirts at a cost of

approximately J\$2,000. Lorna Harris is currently leading efforts to begin the neighbourhood watch program.

***** New Business *****

- Lorna Harris asked if the management of KFC could be approached regarding the traffic hazard and terrible road conditions on that stretch of the plaza.

To this, President Hall indicated that she had been informed that the roads will be fixed in line with the renovation of the plaza. It is not the remit of KFC but all the entities that operate in that space. So, the plaza management is dealing with getting everyone to cooperate. As it relates to the gatherings around there, the issue has also been raised with them. However, no solution is yet to be given so the dialogue will continue to see what can be done to address that situation. The police are also involved.

- Novlet Ralph pointed out that street signs have been put up on Southern Cross Drive but stop signs are still needed at the dangerous intersections. She also noted that there is a decrease in the number of bikers and the noise nuisance from them.
- President Hall informed that a sign was also erected on Seashore Place but the information was incorrect and so it has been removed.

***** Adjournment *****

With thanks and blessings from the President to all in attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm on motion moved by Garth Daniels and seconded by Novlet Ralph.