

Harbour View Citizens Association
Minutes of General Meeting Held September 04, 2022
via Google Meet

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by President Hall. Fifteen (15) persons were present at the start and warm welcome was extended to all.

***** Prayer *****

Prayer was offered by Sharon Williams.

***** Apologies *****

The following are the apologies that were tendered:

For absence:

- Calene Clarke
- Lorna Harris

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

Birthdays

Birthday greetings and well wishes were extended to:

- Marsha Hibbert – 23rd

Wedding Anniversary

There were no announced wedding anniversaries for September.

Passing

- Mr. Christopher *** – Harbour Drive
- George Anderson – Dorado Avenue

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

The minutes of the meeting of August 15, 2022 were read and the following are the noted corrections.

- *Page 2:*

Under ‘Vending at the roundabout’

- All occurrence of *KSAC* should be replaced by *KSAMC*
- “*There might be difficult...*” should read “*It might be difficult...*”
- “*... she suggested that a few vendors be...*” should read “*...a few vendors could...*”

- *Page 4:*

- Under ‘Any Other Business’, “*...blocked drain out...*” should read “*...blocked drain at...*”

The minutes of the meeting of August 15, 2022 were confirmed on a motion moved by Charlene Sharpe and seconded by Carol Jumpp-Graham, subject to the noted corrections being made.

***** Updates *****

President Hall provided the following as updates:

- Reel Avenue:
There are several issues that continue to challenge the residents. These include noise from the trucks and bikers. From discussions within the Executive, a proposal is to approach them and have dialogue with the aim of arriving at a solution.

There is a report of a pot hole in front of one of the residents that is gathering water constantly. KSAMC was contacted and pictures sent to them. Councillor Clue has been included in the discussions.
- Drains:
Overseeing the cleaning of the drains is the remit of Councillor Clue and Mrs. Juliet Holness, Member of Parliament depending on their location. The drain by Riverside Drive was visited by NWA and Mrs. Holness to assess what needs to be done. Efforts are still being made to get the issues resolved, and priority is being given to the ones that cause homes to be flooded. Letters have been sent and calls made to the responsible entities. We have also been following-up using an inside contact. KSAMC has indicated that an Engineer is to visit the drain on Reel Avenue.
- The Community Centre:
Persons have been asking about returning to face-to-face meetings and as such we are doubling efforts to get the community centre up and running. Through the Projects team, funding is being sought to do the expansion and renovation. We have contacted KSAMC for them to turn over the property to us. The Centre has no water and electricity, the roof is in disrepair and there is mould on the walls.
- Face-to-face meetings:
Until the Community Centre is ready, face-to-face meetings will be held next month at the Harbour View Primary school. Provision will be made to stream the meeting to those in the diaspora and who cannot be physically in attendance.

The President paused at this juncture to invite comments. The following were offered:

- Mario Ashman indicated that the pot hole on Reel Avenue is the result of an underground sewage that was blocked and soaking underground. A truck was brought in to pump the sewage from that house and the roads and the water started coming up from underground. He also highlighted issue of a garbage pile which has been created by the person who sweep the road. All the sand and debris has been piled right by the bus stop and the heap is fast becoming a dumping place for garbage.

President Hall stated that she had reached out to the NSWMA supervisor regarding the issue and hope that it will soon be resolved.

- Charlene Sharpe expressed happiness at the plan to move back to face-to-face and questioned if it would now become a hybrid approach or one month on and another month off. She stressed the need to know how the arrangements.

Madame President reiterated that the Association has to take up the responsibility now to stream the meeting because we do not want to lose the diaspora and will cater to those who cannot be physically in attendance.

- Morene Clarke questioned if it was possible that you could ask KSAMC to assist with the Centre before the hand-over.

The President clarified that the premises will be handed over as-is. The hand-over is for the Association to assume responsibility for the utilities. Funding will be sought from entities for the renovation but NSWMA will also be asked to assist in whatever way they can. The Projects Committee has been working on the plans for the renovations and has had several site visits and gotten quotations.

- Aqua Park
Help is also being solicited for Aqua Park as well. Aqua Park is one of our green areas and it is a wonderful place to have events. There is a desire to have it upgraded and have water, some benches and a play within the park.

Morene Clarke asked that attention be also given to the Neptune Avenue Park which is in an ugly state.

- Roundabout
The plan is to have the area that will be vacated by the vendors upgraded to a green area.

Mario Ashman suggested that it would be good for us to probably can define our success. He said that if the relocation takes the next 10 years, would that be success? He stated he was just thinking in terms of the timelines as a measure of rating success.

- Shopping Centre
Regarding the meat shop, confirmation was received that it will not return to the plaza. It is understood that a meat counter will be installed in the renovated supermarket. Residents are being asked to assist, where possible, especially the seniors, with getting grocery items that may not be available in Harbour View.

***** Any other business*****

- Sharon Williams expressed concern about the vegetation that is in the river bed leading down to the bridge and wanted to know if there were plans to bush same. She also asked about plans to deal with the area below the mini stadium where the wall fell down and almost landed on top of a child that was passing when we had some heavy winds. She stated that Mrs. Holness, had looked at it and said that they were going to replace the wall. The place is now being used to dump debris. As such, an update is required.

President Hall assured that the relevant communication has been done to rectify the issues.

- Charlene Sharpe suggested planting fruit trees in some of the green spaces. However, after some discussion on what that would attract, it was felt that this would not be a good idea.
- Sharee Newman mentioned the gully the bottom of Harbour Drive that is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. She insisted that the situation is ridiculous and something needs to be done urgently as we could have an outbreak of diseases such as dengue.

President Hall informed that she had contacted a senior representative from the Ministry of Health and a promise was made to spray all the damp areas in the neighbourhood as soon as there is a sufficient break in the rains.

- A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the MOSSaiC project and all the resulting problem areas. However, no update could have been provided as the Association is still waiting on MP Holness.
- Outstanding dues: - President Hall advised that she is waiting on some information from Mr. Murray, Treasurer, so that a listing of persons with outstanding dues can be posted.
- Andrew Hew asked about the availability of the amended Constitution. He was advised by the President that there are still some items that need to be finalized with the executive before a final copy is made available.

***** Adjournment *****

With thanks and blessings from the President to all in attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53pm on a motion moved by Garth Daniels and seconded by Beverlyn Wong.