

Harbour View Citizens Association
Minutes of General Meeting Held September 05, 2021
via Google Meet

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:06p.m. by the president, Sandra Hall. With sixteen (16) persons in attendance, President Hall welcomed the members and offered words of encouragement after playing a video of CeCe Winans' song "Never Lost".

***** Prayer *****

Prayers was offered by Carol Harris.

***** Apologies *****

Apologies for absence:

- Lorna
- Denton

(Tendered by President Hall)

- Winnifred Jackson (Tendered by Beverlyn Wong)

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

Birthdays

Happy birthday greetings were extended to:

- Carlton – September 6th

Anniversary:

There were no anniversaries to be celebrated in September.

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

The minutes of the meetings for July and August were presented.

The following are the noted corrections of the minutes for July 11, 2021:

- *Page 1 under Apologies:*
 - *Surnames for **Raquel, Rohan, Molly and Brenda** were omitted. Names should read **Dr. Peat, Rohan Brown, Marlene Lee and Brenda Smikle**, respectively.*
- *Page 4 under Business Venture:*
 - ***Garth Daniel** should read **Garth Daniels***

Subject to the noted corrections, the motion for confirmation of the minutes of July 11, 2021 was moved by Beverlyn Wong and seconded by Garth Daniels.

The following are the noted corrections of the minutes for August 01, 2021:

- *Page 1 under Apologies:*

- ... **Raquel** ... should be replaced by ... **Dr. Peat**....
- *Page 4 under Verge Competition:*
 - The word **sidewalks** should be added to the end of the sentence which begins: *Broken pavements/verges....*

The minutes of the meeting of August 01, 2021, were confirmed, subject to the noted corrections, on a motion moved by Elaine Edwards and seconded by Opal Harker.

***** Updates *****

- **MOSAIC Project**

President Hall indicated that the MOSAIC project has been haunting the community since 2015 with problems first arising on Southern Cross Drive and now extended to Harbour Drive. To date, sixteen (16) walls and a storeroom have collapsed (as confirmed by Beverlyn Wong). She informed that the resident of Harbour Drive, in November 2020, again raised the issue with the Public Defender. She continued that during the last meeting on the matter, the Public Defender indicated that she was not pleased with the response from the National Works Agency (NWA). Information from NWA in 2020, revealed that it would cost approximately \$80 million to fix the gully. The proposal was tabled in parliament, approved, and funds allotted and the work would be attached to the South Coast project. The Public Defender requested a timeline for repairs etc and was given mid-July 2021. However, nothing was done. Subsequent correspondences have failed to provide any further information.

Based on discussions within the Executive and with some residents of Harbour Drive, it was decided to get the services of a lawyer to firmly represent. Patrick Peterkin was recommended and waived the initial \$25,000 consultation fee. As such a meeting of the Advocacy Committee, the lawyer, Patrick Peterkin and was held on September 2, 2021, was held. Recommendation from Mr. Peterkin was to pursue a lawsuit. Arrangements were also made for him and the water engineer to visit the affected areas so that further advice could be given.

In response to whether there would be conflict in having the both the Public Defender and a lawyer, President Hall stated that this would require further discussion with all stakeholders.

Clarity was sought as to whether the lawyer would represent the residents of Southern Cross, the association or both. The President responded that in engaging the lawyer, it would have to be for both Southern Cross and Harbour Drive since the MOSAIC project was not just for Southern Cross.

It was further questioned if the Association would be contracting the lawyer and paying for his services. President Hall indicated that this was to be discussed further and all affective residents will be a part of the decision making going forward. All issues regarding the protocols with the Public Defender and the lawyer will be clarified.

Further discussions revealed that there seems to be quite a bit of miscommunication between the Public Defender and the Association and as such dialogue is needed with all involved parties so that going forward there is truth, clarity, and transparency. A meeting is to be arranged with the assistance of Beverlyn Wong. Recommendation was made to simply apprise the Public Defender of the fact that legal advice is being sought.

Reference was also made to the role of ODPEM and arrangements that were made for payment to the residents. President Hall highlighted what transpired so far based on information she received and reiterated that at this stage, the Association is seeking information so that there can be clarity on the way forward. As such, any existing arrangements will be discussed.

- **Verge Competition**

Roxanne presented on the Verge Beautification project. She indicated that a document was posted in the group which provides information on the planned competition. She highlighted that the aim is to foster community pride and spirit and participation. Judges will be external, and there will be partnership with the National Forestry Department. Points will be given for participation. Street Reps will be engaged. Calculations will be done to determine participation because not all roads are equal in length. Points will be given for the flora used in the verge and manicured lawns as well as a bonus points for the 'wow' factor. However, all the details will be communicated once the detail of the proposal is approved.

All questions regarding types of trees etc will be taken into consideration when the final document is presented. Several recommendations were made, including engaging gardens and companies for training on plant care etc. These will be discussed by the planning committee.

- **Care Packages**

President Hall informed that plans are afoot for assisting needy persons, not just senior, care packages. Therefore, she is asking that persons keep this in mind and as much as possible begin to put non-perishable items together. Suggestion was made to put a container in the supermarket for persons to deposit their donations.

- **Security Issues**

Work and dialogue continue with the police. Bicycle police have been deployed in the community and several efforts are in place to continue to improve the safety of the residents of the community.

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

- The issue of dog-walking was raised, and concerns raised on the dogs pooping on persons lawn. Recommendation was made to sensitize the owners to the inconvenience.

- Questions was raised about the vendors on Seashore Place and the possibility of making some financial benefits from them. President reiterated that there were plans to put stall etc in the location.
- Suggestion for a plastic bottle drive/beach clean-up in short order, which was put in the chat was emphasized. This is to be arranged.

***** Adjournment *****

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm on motion moved by Garth Daniels and seconded by Carol Harris.