

Harbour View Citizens Association
Minutes of General Meeting Held April 04, 2021
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Call to Order & Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 3:06pm by the president, Sandra Hall who also extended a very warm welcome to all in attendance.

Prayer:

Prayer was offered by Pauline Mitchell.

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were tendered by Mrs. Opal Harker and Beverlyn Wong on behalf of **Ethel** Peat-Smith and Sonia Wong.

Minutes:

Corrections to the minutes of meeting held March 7, 2021, included:

- For both the 1st and 2nd VP positions, Lorna Harris' name should be added
- Novlet Ralph's name should be removed from the non-officer member of the executive
- Correct spelling of name is Chandra Degia

A motion was moved for the acceptance of the minutes by Dr. Peat and seconded by Beverlyn Wong.

Family Matters:

Celebratory greetings were extended to the following members would be observing birthday/anniversary in April:

1. Sandra Hall – April 05
2. Mrs. Myers – April 22 (birthday and anniversary)
3. Ethel Peat-Smith – April 27.

Street Reps/Neighbourhood Watch

The President advised that two meeting have been held with Sgt Campbell, formerly of the local Police station, and now in charge of the Neighbourhood Watch programme at Elletson Road. However, to be able to reactive the Neighbourhood Watch programme in the community, street reps were needed. These persons who would be responsible for each road in the community. A committee is to be formed to spearhead this initiative.

She also made suggestions to have other activities which would involve the street reps such as road competitions such as the cleanest street

Commendations were given to Harbour Drive for having the most members in the association. Beverlyn Wong was also recognized for her efforts to bring in members on Harbour Drive. A pie chart highlighting the number of persons on each street was displayed by the PRO, Danique Hayden.

The charge was given to have active members involved in the safety and beautification of the community and to volunteer or recommend persons to work as street reps.

Daneque Hayden offered that in addition to soliciting volunteers, specific members would be approached to become street representatives.

Recommendation by Rohan Brown to set up the roles and responsibilities of the street reps prior to approaching the membership was supported.

Volunteers to help seniors:

President Hall highlighted that much has been done for the seniors but reminded the membership that we can never do too much for them. Special mention was made of Garth Daniels, Claudette Fennel, Pauline Rattray-Mitchell, Mrs Novlet Ralph and Beverlyn Wong for the work they currently do with the seniors. However, more effort is needed to improve and formalize the efforts of the persons in providing an outlet for the seniors. The improvement of the Community Centre, which is an ongoing project for this year, is being done with the seniors in mind so that programs can be put in place to facilitate them. In the interim, the call was put forward for volunteers to assist the seniors. A comprehensive list is to be made, which will identify all the seniors and their varying needs so that the volunteers will be better able to assist.

Carol Jumpp-Graham indicated that she had begun to put resources together that the seniors could use when the Community Centre was ready to house them.

Suggestion was also made by Carol Harris to assist those seniors who wished to be receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Business Venture:

The need to have funds for use in various activities of the association was highlighted by the President.

Discussions were had concerning the proposed redemption centre for plastic bottles put forward by Rohan Brown of Jamaica Recycles who made a presentation on the logistics of the operations.

Caution was raised by Dr. Degia who stressed that when the committee is formed, they ensure that, based on the main issues observed in other communities that have tried such ventures and not been successful, sustainability in terms of funding running out, being stuck with lots and lots of bottles, and transportation issues, be seriously considered and put in any agreement being drafted with the partnering association or private sector company.

The suggestions and proposal will be considered by the Projects committee.

Suggestion was also put forward for T-shirts with the association logo etc to be made and sold to members as a means to generate funds.

New Business:

1. The President provided the following updates:
 - Assistance is being sought from Mr. Clue to regularize the vending on the perimeter wall of the plaza. Further discussion will be had to determine the course of action.
 - Independent Park has been re-painted.
2. Discussions were had concerning the inclusion of the membership in the decision making of issues concerning the association going forward. The president promised that this would be so.
3. On the issue of security in the plaza, particularly in the vicinity of the ABM, the president indicated that she had had discussions with Inspector Pinnock. However, there are manpower challenges. The dialogue is to continue, and the membership updated at the next general meeting.

Adjournment:

With greetings of Happy Easter from the president, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm on a motion moved by Carol Harris and seconded by Elaine Edwards.