

Harbour View Citizens Association
Minutes of General Meeting Held March 06, 2022
via Google Meet

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m. by the president, Sandra Hall who extended warm greetings to all present and expressed her desire to be able to have face-to-face meetings soon.

***** Prayer *****

Prayer was offered by Carol Jumpp-Graham.

***** Apologies *****

The following are the apologies that were tendered:

For absence:

- Carol Harris
- Lorna Harrison
- Novlet Ralph
- Opal Harker
- Derrick Logan
- Brenda Smikle

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

Birthdays

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

- Karlene M. Black – 7th
- Raquel Peat – 14th

Wedding Anniversary

There were no announced wedding anniversaries.

Passing

There was no announced passing.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2022 were read and the following were identified as corrections:

- *Page 1:*
 - The ‘s’ should be removed from the word ‘**Prayers**’
 - Under ‘Updates’, ‘... we **needed** everybody’s ...’ should read ‘... we **need** everybody’s ...’
- *Page 2:*

- Under 'Membership List/Dues Collection', '... *diligently completely* ...' should be changed to '... *diligently to complete* ...'
- Under 'The burning in the community', '... *in addition with the* ...' should read '... *in addition to the* ...'
- Under 'Street rep', one of the '**the**' from ... '*the the former* ...' should be deleted.
- Relating to the Community Centre, '... *proposal include our plans* ...' should read '... *proposal to include our plans* ...' and '... *engineering works on the committee*' corrected to read '... *engineering to work on the committee*'.
- Under Roadside Vendors, the word '*Newton*' should be '*Nugent*'

The minutes of the meeting held on February 06, 2022 were also read and the following were identified as corrections:

- *Page 1:*
 - Under 'Wedding Anniversary', *Chelsea* is to be replaced with *Delsie*
 - Under 'Passing', '... *aka Ms. Daisy*' is to be removed.

The minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2022 and February 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:**
The call is still out for a replacement for the PR Officer who resigned in September 2021. The call has been put on the WhatsApp group and members are being asked to volunteer or make recommendations. There is a young man, a student at CMU, who is willing to assist but cannot take on the role. The PR is an essential part of the Association there really is a need to have that position filled if even with a team that is working. So, again, there is an appeal for recommendations and/or volunteers for the role of PRO.
In the community, there is an active Police Youth Club (PYC) and also a Sports Committee at Rocky Park. These might be avenues from which we might be able to solicit someone for the post.
- **Street Reps:**
There is still a need for additional Street Reps. There was a launch to get new members and to increase the number of volunteers as Street Rep. However that has not happened. Arising from a recent meeting between the President and the existing Street Reps, efforts were made to identify issues and possible solutions to these problems. The Street Reps are to be the eyes, hands and feet of the association. The group of eleven (11) executive members cannot monitor all the roads. So, extra hands are needed; two or three persons per street to be the liaison between the residents and the Association, especially for the longer road. It is very crucial that there are persons out there working and as such we are trying to get assistance to service the over 13,000 residents in the community.

- **KSAMC:**

KSAMC has been given a list of issues for which they are responsible.

Additionally, Mr. Clue in discussion with Madame President will be doing a walk-through of the community, in short order, to examine the issue that have been brought to his attention. These include the community center, the drains, the vending issue, the animal issue and the street lights and a number of things are on the list and he wants to go through them. As soon as this is done, updates will be provided.

- **Grab & Go Breakfast**

Special thanks to all the persons who supported this event; it was well supported. One hundred and thirty-two (132) were done and a profit of about \$43,000 was made.

- **Other Projects:**

A number of other projects are being considered. These are the Community Center, and Aqua Park. A Labour Day project was done last year, 2021 at Aqua. Some palm and other trees that were received from forestry department were planted.

Unfortunately some of them died because of a lack of water at the park. Special thanks must be extended to Garth Daniels for the excellent job he has been doing in transporting water and tending to the plants as often as he can.

There is now an exercise

A fitness instructor who is a resident of the community has graciously volunteered to conduct exercise classes once per week. The current proposal is for Saturday evening about 5:30 pm at Rocky Park since there is insufficient lighting at the Aqua Park and the Community Centre, which still needs a lot of work. So please spread the word and let us try to get our senior and residents to participate.

As it relates to the Community Centre, there is no light or water and the roof is in need of repairs. There is also a need for expansion because the current space has become too small to accommodate our growing numbers. KSAMC has been approached and they want to do a walk-through and identify the needs and try to get sponsorship. The Projects Committee has been asked to do the project proposal which will be passed to KSAMC. Suggestions, recommendations and all inputs are welcome from the membership on this matter.

At 4:01pm, Inspector Pinnock who was invited was yet to join the meeting and as such the discussion continued as follows:

- **Security Issues:**

President Hall informed that over the years, the Association has always had the police coming to general meetings and various meetings to give updates and respond to questions from the residents. One recent incident which happened on March 05 (posted in the WhatsApp group) – A car drove through and someone in it grabbed a senior's phone.

At 4:03pm, Vice President Beverlyn Wong reported that she had made contact with Inspector Pinnock who advised that she was very busy dealing with a crime that had taken place at Shooters Hill and was not sure she could make the meeting.

- **Other discussions:**

- **Fundraising**

Carol Jumpp-Graham suggested that in terms of the Community Center, a fundraising could be organized at some point to help garner funds to deal with the many issues highlighted because she was unclear what it was that KSAMC would be able to do.

The idea was commended by President Hall. She further indicated that KSAMC is involved because based on the estimate for the fencing that was done last year (2021), the project will cost over five (5) million dollars and as such, with KSAMC on board it increases the possibility of getting more sponsorship to not only do the fence but also the roof, lighting, water and expansion. Hence the reason Mr. Hill from KSAMC requested a walk-through. Soliciting funding and fundraisers will definitely help so all ideas are welcome.

Morene also supported the idea and further suggested that there should be constant reminders, sent to the residents, of community activities such as a sensitization program in which you can visibly see people and hand out flyers perhaps once per quarter. This could help to bring people onboard as she felt that people work better when they see you being active.

President Hall conceded that the suggestion was a good one.

Mandy Hall suggested an online concert to which President Hall promised to follow-up discussions.

- **Burning of Garbage**

President Hall reminded the membership that as recorded in the minutes of the last meeting, SDC was approached on the burning in the community. As such, SDC has put forward a proposal to educate the community and the surrounding areas because the problem is not in Harbour View but on the outskirts. She indicated that entities such as Mrs. Holness (MP), and the Police need to be alerted to the situation. NSWMA is willing to come on board to help with the educational process because it could be that because of the irregular collection of garbage, people have opted to burn the garbage.

- **Neighbourhood watch**

In representing Lorna who chairs the neighbourhood watch committee, President Hall reiterated that Sergeant Campbell was originally the person in charge is on pre-retirement leave. However, Inspector Brown is now providing guidance on what needs to be done. The Inspector has sent all the required documents. He has also advised that two groups, a victim support team and crime panel team should be formed. At this time we have not been able to fully set up those teams. Two persons have volunteered to work on the crime panel team after seeing the call on the community's WhatsApp page. It will be

the responsibility of this team to ascertain what is happening in the community, how it can be dealt with in terms of the criminal aspect and working very closely with the police. They will also try to find ways to alleviate problems. There is the need for more persons to come on board, because we need at least three persons on that crime panel team.

There will be a meeting this week which will look at the preparation for the launch and deciding on the 'alert' method. As residents we must remember that whether we use the phone or the whistle, people must be on the other end of the device. Our efforts can only be very effective if all residents are on board. We have to have people committed to saying yes; I am going to be a part of this because it will benefit my community.

In response to an invitation for comments, a suggestion was made for considering methods such as accompanying seniors to the pharmacy, supermarket and market, etc.

President Hall informed that there is a Benevolence Committee with Garth Daniels, Novlet Ralph and Elaine Edwards as members. This group has a list of seniors with whom they have been working over the years. But again, volunteers are needed for the group to be more effective.

Dionne Bennett further suggested that the Association could liaise with the supermarket and the pharmacy to ask about a delivery service.

President Hall thanked all for the suggestions and clarified issues and questions that were asked on the matter, and promised that there would be further discussions. She however reminded that volunteers are needed.

The discussions went on to include the operationalization of some of the suggestions but nothing was finalized as more information and strategies need to be examined. The issue of the behaviour and attitudes of persons who will serve as street reps was also discussed.

A further suggestion of taking the seniors for evenings-out was given by Mandy Hall.

The Benevolent Committee will discuss all suggestions and contact relevant persons and then make their presentation as soon as decisions have been made on those that are feasible and within the remit of the association.

At 5:05 pm, Vice President Wong informed the meeting that she had just heard from Inspector Pinnock who said she was still at Shooters Hill so she would be at the next meeting. As such, President Hall advised security issues would be addressed at that time.

- **MOSSAIC Project**

There was no update on this project but a spirited discussion took place which highlighted things that have happened.

***** Adjournment *****

With thanks from the President to all in attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm on motion moved by Garth Daniels and seconded by Carlton Ferrier.