

Harbour View Citizens Association
Minutes of General Meeting Held June 06, 2021
via Google Meet

Call to Order & Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by the president, Sandra Hall, who extended a very warm welcome to the 23 members in attendance at that time and thanked the members for joining.

Prayer:

Shani Thompson-Richards offered prayers.

Apologies:

Beverlyn Wong tendered apologies behalf of Ethel Peat-Smith, Sonia Wong and Winnifred Jackson.

Family matters:

No birthdays were announced for June.

Best wishes were extended to Shani Thompson-Richards who would celebrate her second wedding anniversary on June 22.

President Hall encouraged that the membership offer our greetings to other members they knew who would be celebrating birthdays or anniversary this month and to let them know that they were always in our thoughts and prayers that God would bless them and keep them in health and strength.

Reading, Correction and Confirmation of Minutes:

Due to technical difficulties, the minutes of the meeting for April 4 was not presented at the last general meeting. As such, both the minutes of April 4 and May 2 were read by Secretary, Karlene M. Black.

For the minutes of April 4, the following corrections were noted:

- *Page 1: **Ethyl**... should be correctly spelt **Ethel***
- *Page 2: Caution re the business venture as stated by Dr. Degia was omitted from the minutes. The statement should read: Caution was raised by Dr. Degia who said that based on her experience as an environmental professional, the committee is formed, the Association should 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 bottled be seriously considered and put in any agreement being drafted with the partnering entity.*

A motion for the confirmation of the minutes of April 4, 2021, subject to corrections based on the highlighted corrections, was moved by Elaine Edwards and seconded by Danique Hayden.

The following are the noted corrections to the minutes of May 2:

- *Page 1: ...Winifred should be spelt Winnifred.*
- *Page 3: ... Danny Marina... should read ...Danny's Marina*
 - *... Dany should be Danny's*
 - *... to at a minimum, the Executive could, just as a show of support, should read ... the Executive, just as a means of support, could reach out ...*
 - *... orer should be ...order.*

A motion for the confirmation of the minutes of May 2, 2021, subject to corrections based on the highlighted corrections was moved by Beverlyn Wong and seconded by Novlet Ralph.

Review of Constitution:

Articles 13 and 14 of the constitution were read by Elaine Edwards after which, suggestions for amendments were accepted from the membership.

The following are the pertinent suggestions/discussion:

Article 13:

Section II:

- Sentence 6 which reads ... *his duties*... should be changed to ... *his/her duties*....

Section IV:

- It was noted by Elaine Edwards that the Treasure currently does not do item 1 since Ms. Ralph mostly, and herself to a lesser extent, collect the dues and they do the deposits. The President Hall suggested that this be discussed at the Executive order for a decision on the way forward.
- Danique Hayden suggested the inclusion of a statement to describe the Treasurer as a signing officer. It was further suggested by Carol Harris to state the persons/positions that are standard signing officers.
- With reference to suggestions to have each committee prepare a budget and present it to the membership and Treasurer for inclusion in the annual report, Danique Hayden question if there should be timelines in the constitution for the preparation and submission of budgets and suggested that at maximum three months after assuming office, budgets are prepared and presented.

Section V:

- Elaine Edwards indicated that collection of request for membership is currently the role of the PRO and suggested that this role may be considered for removal. However, after discussion regarding the electronic means of accepting or processing request, it was recommended that this section remains as is.
- In relation to being custodians of the Associations documents, Danique Hayden recommended that the constitution should include directives for the handing over of documents as well as its storage and authorized access levels and backup of information.

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Fundraising Committee Update:

Beverlyn Wong highlighted the upcoming cake sale, the funds from which are to be used for the Flag Raising Ceremony. She indicated that there is a pre-order form and the link has been circulating in the various WhatsApp group and will be again put out at the end of the meeting. The cake package will be sold for \$800 and this will include a slice of cake, a cookie and a bottle of water. Cakes may be collected on Saturday, June 26 at 3 Fort Nugent Drive between 9 am and 2 pm. Sponsorship is being sought for forks, containers, poly bags, labels, cakes, and cookies.

A few offers for donations were received and President Hall expressed thanks.

Membership Drive:

The update on the membership drive was provided by PRO Danique Hayden who said a big thank you to all those who had volunteered. The number of street reps have moved from two several months ago to 25 currently.

The membership drive is scheduled for Saturday the 19th of June. Although there is an increase, there are still groups of streets yet to be represented. As such a call was again made for volunteers. Persons have been organized into groups of three according to their street.

The second fund-raiser, coming from a suggestion made by Carol Jumpp will be the sale Harbour View Citizens' Association branded T-shirts. Shirts will only be sourced based on orders received. An order form has been posted in the WhatsApp chat. Cost will be \$1,500 for shirt with the logo at the front and executive members may put their roles at the back at an additional cost.

Updates:

Business Venture

Rohan Brown advised that a second meeting was held in which the projections were examined but the committee is not yet ready to give its final presentation. However, this should be ready in a maximum of two weeks for delivery to the Executive. It is expected that physical plant will be up and running by the end of June.

For the benefit of the members who were not up to date with venture, President Hall recapped the details of the proposed operations of the redemption centre.

Dr. Degia, to reiterate what she said in the April meeting, pointed out that as an Environmental Scientist by training with over 30 years' experience, she supports social entrepreneurship and would like to see Jamaica benefit from recycling. But, based on her experiences, recycling ventures in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean have unfortunately not succeeded because of associated high overhead costs. She wishes to therefore caution the Citizens' Association to be careful of the type of agreement they make with the company

so that we are not left with a 'raw deal' or disadvantage the citizens. She suggested that there be a careful examination of the business model being proposed so that it can be determined if it differs from that of companies that have tried this type of venture and failed.

Rohan Brown confirmed Dr Degia's discourse on failed ventures but assured the membership that this will be different as it is the private sector entities that import bottles such as Wisynco, Pepsi, Wray and Nephew, Lasco etc, have created a new model that will be more sustainable. It is commitment from local bottlers with very little input from government except pressure to devise a sustainable model. He emphasized that all businesses come with risks but more than 90% of the risk is being taken on by the other companies.

Several comments and questions were raised concerning the presentation of a final presentation with the details before moving ahead with the venture. Rohan brown assured that since this is a business, all issues will be considered. President Hall indicated that a meeting with the Business Venture committee would be held to continue the dialogue and there will be a subsequent presentation to the wider membership and the community.

MOSSAIC

The President, Sandra Hall, stated that a lot has been done to highlight the issues on Harbour Drive but note must be taken of Southern Cross Drive which is also affected by the MOSSAIC project. Beverlyn Wong was commended for her diligence in this matter.

Through several contributions it is revealed that Southern Cross has been ongoing since 2016. The President will continue lobbying for the issue to be addressed.

AOB:

The noise nuisance was again discussed, and efforts will continue with the police to get this addressed.

The absence of a written report from the outgoing president has again been requested. President hall will seek to resolve this.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm on a motion moved by Carol Harris and seconded by Brenda Smikle.