



VISION: We will be a vibrant, dependable and clean city where services are delivered innovatively and effectively.

MISSION: To provide effective operations of the city through collaboration of members, management and staff.

City Hall, Hamilton
Residents Advisory Committee
10 May 2018
4:00pm

Present: Councillor Carlton Johnson (Chair)
Councillor Henry Ming
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Sarah Thompson, Associate Member
Dr. Michael Bradshaw, Associate Member

In Attendance: Tanya Iris, Treasurer (Acting Secretary)
Thomas Lightbourne, Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator

Apologies: Councillor George Scott, JP
Tracy Marshall, Associate Member
Danilee Trott, Event Project Manager

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1. **Confirmation of Notice** - The Secretary confirmed that the notices of the meeting and the agenda were sent out according to the meeting guidelines.
 2. **Role of the Chairman** - Councillor Carlton Johnson assumed the role as the Chairman.
 3. **Open Meeting** - Councillor Carlton Johnson opened the meeting at 4:05pm.
 4. **Apologies** - The Acting Secretary confirmed that she had received apologies from Councillor George Scott, the Event Project Manager, Danilee Trott and Associate Member, Tracy Marshall.

The Treasurer advised for the benefit of the Associate Members, that she will be sitting in on the meetings as Acting Secretary until further notice.

5. **Public Participation:**

Mr. Coy Ratteray, a resident in the City of Hamilton was in attendance.

Mr. Ratteray said his main reason for attending the meeting today was to speak to the residential parking. His initial letter related to the last meeting and had requested a copy of the Minutes.

He further commented on a conversation that one of his tenants had with Councillor Johnson regarding the lack of respect that the patrons of the businesses in the area have as it relates to residential parking. He wanted to ensure that these matters were addressed because residents pay for the parking spaces and would like to be able to park in a residential parking space when they return to their residence.

The Acting Secretary said the CoH had been back and forth with the Government for months in this regard. The CoH has little to no enforcement powers and is currently waiting for the Government to do a Parking Ordinance. There is no guarantee when that would be done. She suggested that Mr. Ratteray write to his Member of Parliament (MP) expressing his concerns. The Bermuda Government is the only entity that would be able to make any changes in resolving any parking issues in the City of Hamilton. The only other enforcement power would be the Traffic Wardens.

Mr. Ratteray reiterated the suggestion of writing letters to the businesses as a first step. The Acting Secretary said even if letters are written, the CoH still has no enforcement powers.

Councillor Johnson commented on Mr. Ratteray's reference in his letter to the opening of the Family Centre on King Street. On that day, someone not knowing the importance of the parking spaces in that area, inadvertently allowed non-residential persons to park there. There was continued dialogue.

Councillor Ming advised Mr. Ratteray that when writing to his MP, to copy in everybody, i.e. the CoH, the Bermuda Police Service (BPS), Traffic Wardens, etc. because just sending the letter to the MP, there is the possibility of it getting lost in the shuffle.

S. Thompson said a few months ago, there were non-residential persons (Bermuda Import and Export) parked in residential parking spaces in Mr. Ratteray's area. She had forwarded photos to the CoH showing these infractions. The only issue is that Traffic Wardens cannot be contacted on a Saturday or after normal working hours.

Mr. Ratteray spoke about the day of the Family Centre's opening and the missing residential parking signs. He contacted the CoH and Fred Richardson, the CoH's Enforcement Supervisor called him and gave him data of persons that had sent in photos of the persons in violation of parking in residential parking spaces. He expressed his gratitude in receiving this information from Mr. Richardson.

Councillor Edwards commented and agreed on Mr. Ratteray's suggestion of letters being written and forwarded to the businesses in the first instance and then following up with his MP.

Councillor Johnson then commented on the parking issues on Front Street outside Bank of Butterfield, particularly after 6:00pm.

Councillor Johnson and the Committee Members thanked Mr. Ratteray for attending the meeting and sharing his concerns. Mr. Ratteray left the meeting at 4:17pm.

ACTION: Letters to be written to the businesses in the area regarding parking in residential parking bays. **(Acting Secretary)**

6. **Correspondence:**

- (i) Email from Mr. Coy Ratteray re: Residential Parking Signs.

7. **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting dated 5 April 2018**

Councillor Edwards said that the Minutes reflected that apologies were received from her, but she was in attendance.

The Acting Secretary commented on:

Page 4 of 5 Item 11 (iii), third sentence: Under Sewage Tax - the word contravention was spelled incorrectly but was corrected by the Recording Secretary prior to the meeting.

Councillor Edwards commented on:

Page 3 of 5, third paragraph, seventh sentence: "Councillor Edwards said...which could be seen while dining on the balcony of Flanagan's restaurant... Councillor Edwards said that she did not mention the name of the restaurant. The Minutes will reflect accordingly.

Proposed: Councillor H. Ming

Seconded: Councillor R. Edwards

The Minutes were accepted as read with the amendments.

8. **Matters arising from the Minutes dated 5 April 2018:**

- (i) **Speak with the Mayor to ascertain if he has any information regarding the status of the Futures Committee as he has had more recent conversation with the Director of Planning:** The Acting Secretary will check with the Mayor as it relates to the status of the Futures Committee.

S. Thompson queried whether the Members would receive any complimentary tickets to the Bermuda Fashion Festival Event. The Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator advised that the Council Members would receive two (2) tickets and the Associate Members would receive one (1).

9. **Status Update:**

Events:

- **Movie Lounge:** Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP) - 4 May. This was the first Movie Lounge for the season. It was well received and well attended. There was a very diverse crowd, and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. There are two (2) additional Movie Lounges planned - 24 August and 6 November 2018. Will look at the budget to ascertain if a few more could be added in the summer months.
- **Bermuda Fashion Festival (BFF):** There was a fashion mentor workshop held this past week Sunday and it was hosted in the Mayor's Parlour.

There were Skype telephone calls with both local and international designers. Rehearsals are under-way and tickets will go live this Friday 11 May 2018.

The Project and Rentals Coordinator, Tamara Bradshaw will be forwarding an email to all Members at the end of the month so that tickets could be secured. A promotional code will be issued, and one would have to go on PTix to claim the ticket within a certain timeframe. If the ticket does not get claimed, then it would go back into the population to be sold.

- **City Arts Festival:** The first artist started 1 May 2018 and the completion date would be 30 June 2018. The Events and Marketing Assistant is currently meeting with the other two (2) artists to get their contracts signed. The second artist will start 1 July 2018 with a completion date of 31 August 2018. The third artist will start 1 October with a completion date of 30 November 2018. The fourth installation is being done by the Department of Corrections in-house and will be installed as soon as it is finished.

ACTION: Send out the information regarding the dates with the locations and artists to the Members. **(Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator/Recording Secretary)**

10. Recommendations for Review:

There are no Recommendations for review.

11. Any Other Business:

Councillor Edwards: Queried the status of the benches and tables for E.F. Gordon Park. The Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator said the City Engineer had advised that they would be worked on as soon as possible after the Triathlon. He did not give a specific deadline.

ACTION: Provide information to the Members via email regarding timelines for the benches and tables for E.F. Gordon Park. **(City Engineer)**

S. Thompson: Requested that the Senior Events and Marketing Coordinator send out the information regarding the art installations to all Members.

Dr. Bradshaw: Commented on the bins at the top of Till's Hill being changed from the large gray bins to small wheelie bins.

ACTION: Check with the City Engineer to ascertain why the bins had been changed and advise the Members at the next Residents Advisory Committee meeting. **(Acting Secretary)**

Councillor Ming: Gave an update with the issue of the sewage tax which has caused some concern with some residents that are not connected. He expressed concern when there are conversations held, particularly with the Department of Planning, that those residents are alleged to be in contravention of an Act. A lot of the residences were built long before an Act was enforced. The City Engineer has visited the sites that are not connected to the City's sewage system.

Some properties are below the invert level and while the City Engineer thinks it is okay for a mechanical means to be installed, the CoH has been allowing them to make the installation and the costs to be recuperated from the owner or the tenant over a certain period of time.

The Acting Secretary advised the CoH was allowing a five-year period for the installation to be done.

S. Thompson: Commented on her neighbours that are not connected to the system and queried who they should contact at the CoH. Councillor Ming suggested that they contact either the Acting Secretary or the City Engineer.

Councillor Johnson: It was discussed in the Council meeting yesterday that if any of those residents decided to do any kind of improvement on their property, they would have to comply with the Planning code which is a totally separate matter from the CoH.

Councillor Ming: Said that currently any application going to Planning for any type of additions or alterations, would be checked to see if they are connected to the City's sewage system. There was continued dialogue.

Councillor Johnson: Commented on the Council staying for another year as the election process was scheduled to take place on this day, 10 May 2018. He said if any Associate Member decided not to stay on, to advise accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.