



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
20 October 2015
4:00pm

Present: Councillor RoseAnn Edwards (Chair)
Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP
Councillor Henry Ming
Sarah Thompson, Resident, Laffan Street
Dr. Michael Bradshaw, Resident
John Holdipp, III
Tracy Marshall

In Attendance: Ed Benevides, Secretary
Danilee Trott, Event Project Manager

Apologies: Councillor George Scott, JP

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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 Edwards was acknowledged as Chair for the meeting.
 3. **Open Meeting** - Councillor R. Edwards opened the meeting at 4:15pm.
 4. **Apologies** - the Secretary confirmed that apologies were received for Councillor G. Scott.

5. Public Participation:

(i) **KBB re: Proactive Solution to Trash in the City - Ann Hyde** - she commenced her presentation by addressing residential trash issues. There are proactive solutions at KBB that would apply and assist the CoH. She commented on trash being left out that breeds rats, mosquitos and disease which is harmful to wildlife. Even in the City streets trash can get washed down the storm drains, can blow with wind and rain and reach to the sea. She then showed a slide of "Keep Britain Tidy", a socio/economic experiment being done in a couple of villages in England where the City street sweepers are asked to stop collecting trash on a Friday night and begin again on Sunday morning. This is done only on one side of the street and she showed the effect. The fact that they there are people coming behind and picking the trash up, the public does not get the full picture of just how damaging and polluting litter is to the City scape.

KBB has challenged a couple of schools in Bermuda to consider doing this on their school campuses. If the City did not have the excellent team from the CoH coming behind everyone; whether it be overfilled trash bins, accidental littering that occurs from blowing out of the back of a car or truck or other times deliberate littering, people need to take responsibility.

KBB has been involved for decades and works with neighbourhoods, helping them to help themselves. When KBB receives a call to come to a neighbourhood, they encourage all of the neighbours to come out and each time there is more involvement. KBB works with their partners to get the trash removed. It is great fun and it is good for the children; they all need community service hours for school. It helps bring the family out together to do an activity. Currently they are working at Rambling Lane, Fenton's Drive, Deep Dale East and a couple of other locations. Encouraging the neighbours to come out to do this for themselves and not rely on Government to always be the action to help solve their problems but to do this cooperatively together.

Ms. Hyde then spoke about an area in Deep Dale where a long-time resident Mrs. Isaac, a retired school teacher called KBB and expressed her concern for the children in the area not having a safe neighbourhood to play in. There is dangerous litter, rats, all sorts of sharp objects and bulky items that have been left. KBB organised a street clean-up and have made plans to continue on a monthly basis until they get to a quarterly basis and then on an annual basis.

KBB has been around over 50 years and is recognised as a leader in the community for community improvement and collaboration. They engage, educate, and strengthen neighbourhoods to be self-reliant and self-sustaining. Their community partners are the CoH, W&E Waste Management, Department of Parks, Department of Conservation Services, the Hustle Truck, Police, National Trust, Red Cross, the Family Centre, Pride, TCD, etc. They are interested in doing a new project on Princess Street and getting people engaged.

Councillor Edwards said as a result of knowing Ms. Hyde and what she does for the community, the Residents Advisory Committee has agreed to volunteer as a group.

The committee thanked Ms. Hyde for her presentation.

Ms. Hyde left the meeting at 4:21pm

Councillor Edwards said part of the Residents Advisory Committee's mandate talks about beautification within the community and it is hoped that the committee can get involved in a project. She then commented on Princess Street and there is a major issue in terms of overgrowth and a great deal of trash that is removed on a regular basis. The property owner should be responsible for this but sometimes the staff of the CoH end up going there and assists with the clean-up. The committee is going to go out and work in the community and work along with the young people. There was further dialogue regarding the property on Princess Street owned by the Bermuda Housing Corporation.

Dr. Bradshaw then commented on the CoH's limits of what they could do in terms of going onto on private property.

There was an issue of abandoned cars, etc. and the CoH was going to look into that issue where it becomes a matter of danger to the community or to children, etc. The Secretary commented that the CoH does not have the power at the moment. There was continued discussion in this regard.

Members of GlobalArtTV joined the meeting at 4:25pm.

The Mayor suggested that the Committee consider making a recommendation to the Council that the Council write a letter to the Bermuda Housing Corporation bringing to their awareness the condition of the properties on Princess Street. Dialogue continued.

- (ii) **GlobalArtTV re: December 2015 Event - Antoine Raynor** - the members introduced themselves to the committee:
- Antoine Raynor - GlobalArtTV
 - Corin Smith - the Imperial Group
 - Gladwyn Simmons - Spanish Town

The latter two (2) also represent "Unity in the Community".

Vision: Events that live up to the standard brought by the America's Cup and encourage the economic development of North Hamilton and Bermuda at large.

Method: Enhance opportunities for:

- Court Street businesses;
- North Hamilton residents and vendors;
- Local artists; and
- Cultural explosion.

Mr. Raynor commenced the presentation by expressing the feelings of some of the members of the committee on what events that they would like to see happen in the community of North Hamilton. He also commented on similar views of the residents, the businesses, the vendors and the artists being able to make themselves a part of the spotlight. The initial suggestion is to have a block party for New Year's and then resonate beyond that. He further commented on the America's Cup and what it took for the level of execution and delivery. He continued the presentation in terms of the businesses, vendors, etc. becoming economically viable and their feeling of inclusion. - **"One City, One Vision, Financial Stability and Vibrancy"**.

Mr. Raynor then talked about the strengths that all three (3) gentlemen bring as well as showing the strength of the community.

The Event Project Manager asked if they had any specific events in mind. Mr. Raynor said they would like to start off with a block party that ends the year but also brings in the New Year. The slogan **"Unity in the Community"** then becomes an active vehicle for financial, social and economic improvement. The Event Project Manager expressed that she would be willing to meet to discuss further.

Mr. Smith commented on the policy for economic empowerment zones. He further commented on the definite interest and commitment from Senator Dianne Watson of California, a long-time visitor to Bermuda to work with the City and the residents. Also to be able to bring in outside participation, i.e. vendors, overseas marketing, social networking, etc. Bermuda is in a very good position to be a role model for ensuring that the resident population is included in the economic empowerment criteria.

Mr. Simmons said that it has been demonstrated that the arts and sports bring people together, e.g. the America's Cup. There is a disparity whereas "**back of town**" needs some attention and this event could go a long way to assist in bringing people together and promote social healing, etc. He commented on the event being able to focus on the youth and showcase their talents making them feel connected and appreciated.

Mr. Raynor said his company takes independent artists and gives them the same type of support that a major label artist would have. He had to come to terms that he not only had an entertainment company but also a technology company. He further commented on how technology relates to the young people economically and they may not realise how technology applies to software, hardware, fixing a computer, setting up a live stream, etc. Part of the block party is to have different interfaces that show the workings and mechanisms of technology.

Dr. Bradshaw said he does not like the word "**party**" because the people who are deprived, the lowest socio-economic will have a party and are no better off at the end of it. But he liked what Mr. Raynor said about the socio-economic impact. He is for an idea that brings people together, that takes people out of their space and allows them to be identified as doing something great, etc.

Mr. Raynor said they were looking at the area of Court Street from Dundonald to Angle Streets with the stage across Till's Hill because the view from Till's Hill can be seen all the way to Victoria Street. Also would have mini stages spotlighted by technology and were proposing to have the event on Thursday 31 December 2015. The concept is to draw people with the entertainment and keep them with the education.

ACTION: The Event Project Manager to secure contact information from Messrs. Raynor, Smith and Simmons and set-up a meeting with GlobalArtTV to discuss the event further.

Dialogue continued.

The committee thanked the Mr. Raynor for his presentation and the GlobalArtTV members left the meeting at 5:00pm.

There was continued discussion on the presentation.

The Event Project Manager said the committee has to keep an open mind as to how to reach certain people and recognise that the gentlemen know the people they are looking to reach out to and know the people they have to reach. The committee indicated that they did not want a party to dominate the event. Councillor Edwards said that she had asked for the Christmas in

the City schedule but had not received to date. The Event Project Manager said if the committee is looking to do an event before the end of the year, New Year's Eve would be the only time otherwise would run out of planning time. She is looking for direction from the committee in this regard. It was noted that the Event Project Manager arranged to meet with GlobalArtTV on Friday 23 October 2015.

Dr. Bradshaw commented on the decision on what the committee wanted to propose:

- Seniors Tea which could work on New Year's Eve.
- Look at an event that would involve two (2) sectors of the population, i.e. seniors and the younger group. It may be simultaneous or on the same day.

The Event Project Manager suggested having an entertainment and technology fair, i.e. small groups of entertainment, technology booths, gaming booths, etc. The Mayor commented on the Residents Advisory Committee's mandate, a mandate that is not set in stone and should be a living document. He suggested that the committee look at the mandate and see how this type of event that is being proposed fits within the mandate.

Ms. Thompson left the meeting at 5:05pm.

The Event Project Manager suggested a New Year's Day seniors' tea event, everything would have to be paid for before the end of this year in order to use out this year's budget. The entertainment and technology fair could be done with a Christmas theme and possibly could be incorporated on one of the last Fridays of late night shopping on Court Street.

Ms. Marshall left the meeting at 5:10pm.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council empower the Event Project Manager to explore the producing of two (2) events - holiday seniors tea and a themed entertainment and electronics event.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorise the Event Project Manager to work along with GlobalArtTV to create two (2) events to take place by the end of the year.

Proposed: Dr. M. Bradshaw

Seconded: Councillor H. Ming

There was continued dialogue with reference to the lack of events in the North Hamilton area. Councillor Ming commented on the time constraints for the events because of the budget. The Mayor commented said if it is a valid item, it will happen - the event has to be put in the budget, will be specifically named and funds would be set aside for this specific event. The Residents Advisory Committee unlike any other committee has a \$20K budget. The Event Project Manager said that if there is the option of creating the event for January 2016, it would be her preference because there is an event this weekend and then the entire Christmas season coming up. The Events Department is busy and three (3) of the staff members will be on vacation for most of December because there were no events planned at the time. If it is placed in the January budget and the event held in January, the event would be more successful and would not have to compete with all of the Christmas events.

Dr. Bradshaw withdrew his proposal.

ACTION: The Event Project Manager will meet with Councillor Edwards on Friday 23 October 2015 to discuss the seniors' tea and present the budget to the committee for the event to be approved to take place in December 2015.

ACTION: The Event Project Manager will meet with GlobalArtTV on Friday 23 October 2015 to put together a proposal which would go to the next Residents Advisory Committee in November to be approved in the budget for 2016.

6. Recommendation for Review:

(i) **Potential Move of the Residents Advisory Committee to the First Thursday in the Month** - The Mayor said the reason why this was suggested to the Chair is that leaving the meeting towards the end of the month means that any decisions made in these meetings which would have to go to other committees prior to the Council would be held up by a month and a half. Councillor Ming supported the motion to move the meeting and suggested changing the time from 4:00pm to 12 noon. It was noted that the time of the meeting would remain at 4:00pm.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the Residents Advisory Committee meetings be moved to the first Thursday of the month.

Proposed: Dr. Bradshaw
Passed.

Seconded: Councillor H. Ming

7. Correspondence:

There is no correspondence.

8. Review of Previous Minutes dated 22 September 2015

The minutes were deferred to the next Residents Advisory Committee meeting 5 November 2015. Councillor Edwards suggested scheduling another meeting to continue the remainder of the agenda. She will liaise with the Secretary for a date and have an email forwarded to all members of the Residents Advisory Committee

The Event Project Manager left the meeting at 5:35pm.

There was no further business to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.