



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
8 March 2018
4:00pm

Present: Councillor Carlton Johnson (Chair)
Councillor Henry Ming
Councillor George Scott, JP
Dr. Michael Bradshaw, Associate Member
Sarah Thompson, Associate Member
Erica Smith, Associate Member

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

Apologies: Councillor RoseAnn Edwards

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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 4:07pm.
 4. **Apologies** - the Secretary confirmed that he had received apologies from Councillor RoseAnn Edwards.

5. **Public Participation:**

There was no public participation.

6. **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

7. **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting dated 8 February 2018**

Proposed: Councillor G. Scott

Seconded: Ms. Sarah Thompson, Associate Member

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. **Matters arising from the Minutes dated 8 February 2018**

(i) **Advise the Residents Advisory Committee Members as it relates to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Art Installations Project for their review and consultation:** The Event Project Manager confirmed that the RFP for the art installations had gone out to all relevant stakeholders with the deadline for submissions to be returned, 26 March 2018. When the submissions are received, an email will be forwarded to the Committee to confirm who would want to sit on the selection committee. The review process will be within two (2) days after that date; between the 26 and 28 March 2018. The artist would be appointed on 1 April 2018.

The budget will be allocated as follows: \$10,000 for Tills Hill, \$5,000 each for the Taxi Stand wall and the Par-la-Ville Car Park wall. The Department of Corrections will do the Cavendish Car Park wall. The artwork will be done on cement boards; the materials will be delivered to Dockyard where the work will be completed at the Westgate Correctional Facility. When completed it will be collected for the installation at Cavendish Car Park. There was an extensive debate regarding the period of time given to make the selection from the submissions. In the end it was agreed that the Events Department and the Residents Advisory Committee will meet to review the submissions on Thursday 29 March 2018 at 4:00pm.

(ii) **Follow-up with the Communications Manager regarding the information for the plaque for Mr. George Trott:** The Secretary advised that Councillor Ming reported in the Board meeting held on 7 March 2018, that he needed to confer with Councillor Edwards on the wording that the Communications Manager provided. Once the wording has been confirmed, the bronze plaque will be purchased and installed.

9. **Status Update:**

Events:

- **Model Call for Bermuda Fashion Festival (BFF):** Saturday 10 March 2018 for children and Sunday 11 March 2018 for adults. **Location:** Pier 6 lower level.
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm.
- **Bonfires & Barbeques:** 15 March 2018 pending response letter confirming the event. Invites will be sent out the Council. Event is held on Front Street between Burnaby Hill and Parliament Street. This is an adult event, 18 years and older with live entertainment, BBQ stations, bonfires, fire shows, etc.
- **City Food Festival:** 12 - 15 April 2018. A detailed layout will be forwarded to the Committee. The Festival has been split into two (2), four (4) days in the Spring and four (4) days in the Fall.

ACTION: Forward the full schedule of events to the Committee so that they will be fully apprised of all upcoming events. **(Event Project Manager)**

The Event Project Manager advised that a meeting was held with all the local designers for the BFF. 16 responses were received, and seven (7) local designers were selected for the mentorship programme with seven (7) international mentors.

All the releases will be sent out next week advising who the local designers and international mentors are participating in this programme. Since there was a large number of responses from local designers, all new designers were selected.

Any designers that previously participated have been encouraged to take part in the Expo where they will still be able to show their collection. Of the seven (7) designers, three (3) will be selected to go to New York Fashion Week later in 2018 to show their collections. This arrangement was solidified when the Event Project Manager & Team went to New York Fashion Week in February 2018.

Ms. Thompson asked if the Committee would be eligible to get complimentary tickets to this year's events. Ms. Smith commented that the Associate Members did not receive complimentary tickets.

ACTION: Check into whether the Associate Members of the Committee will receive complimentary tickets to the BFF events and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. **(Event Project Manager)**

The Event Project Manager reminded the Committee that the first Harbour Night's event will be on Thursday 26 April before the International Triathlon Union (ITU) event begins. In addition to sponsorship, she advised that the City will coordinate three (3) Harbour Nights this year.

Five Star Friday is being held in the City this year, taking up the entire City Hall (front, back, side, car park and the closure of the streets). Looking at anywhere from 5,000 - 8,000 people. There are quite a few events in the City for Bermuda Heroes Weekend (BHW), i.e. Kiddie Carnival, concert, and about six (6) ancillary events that bands that will put on in the City.

10. Recommendations for Review:

There are no Recommendations for review.

11. Any Other Business:

(i) **Speed Bump on Laffan Street:** The Secretary advised that CoH had been approached about re-installing a speed bump on Laffan Street. At this point, there is no intention to reinstate the speed bump on the eastbound lane from Canal Road up to St. Theresa's Church. He further commented on the CoH dealing with the design regarding the circulation of traffic in that area.

Ms. Thompson requested that the residents in that part of the City be able to provide some input to the plans to recirculate the traffic. The Secretary confirmed that this could take place.

Dr. Bradshaw queried the issue with parking outside the St. Theresa's Church that affects the houses that are landlocked. The Secretary said the design to recirculate the traffic will not affect the parking or the fact that people will continue to park in the residential parking spaces. The area in terms of the recirculation of traffic flow would be on Gray Road (one-way) and Washington Street (one-way).

(ii) **Election Protocols:** Mrs. Smith asked about the protocol for the Associate Members as it relates to the upcoming election 10 May 2018. The Secretary advised that all Associate Members would have to stand down once the election takes place.

After the election, new Committees and Members and any Associate Members will have to be appointed by Resolution. Mrs. Smith also asked about the nomination and election timeframe. The Secretary advised there are various steps that must be taken before the election takes place, i.e. the first step is that the Governor drops a Writ. Then there is a period of time where both registers for rate payers and residents are opened. Once those registers are closed after any amendments are done, the Parliamentary Registrar will then calculate the ratio of Councillors. At the moment the dominant register is the residents. Nomination day takes place shortly after that process. It should be noted that if the positions are not contested than there is no election, the same thing applies for the election of the Mayor. **Note:** A person does not have to be a business or property owner or a resident to run for any of the positions.

(iii) **E.F. Gordon Park (Corner of Court and Dundonald Streets) Upgrades:** Mrs. Smith asked if there would be the opportunity for infrastructure or programme improvement in the E.F. Gordon Park to get more usage of the park, i.e. some outdoor furniture, food vendors that would not compete with businesses in the area. The BEDC would be interested in participating in a joint venture with CoH. The Secretary advised that a request was received from the Chess Club to place some tables in the same park for their usage. Mrs. Smith commented that the BEDC is not interested in organizing events, however they would be interested in assisting with funding proposed events/projects.

ACTION: Place the suggestion of having tables, benches, etc. for different activities in the E.F. Gordon Park on the agenda of the next Infrastructure Committee meeting. **(Secretary)**

The Event Project Manager gave an overview of the presentation given by Mr. Harold Smith for an event to be held on Court Street. She advised that a Recommendation was approved in the last Infrastructure Committee meeting but since which Mr. Smith has withdrawn his proposal.

Discussion continued regarding the limitations for concessions within the City.

ACTION: Check with the Planning Department regarding having a concession in the E.F. Gordon Park. **(Event Project Manager)**

The Secretary continued the discussion by giving examples of other suggestions that have been previously received by various persons for the E.F. Gordon Park, e.g. raising the level and putting a car park underneath, amphitheatre, local art on display, etc.

Mrs. Smith commented on the CoH's investigation of the potential use of the silent, high-pitched (mosquito sound) mechanism, particularly on Court Street between Dundonald Street and Angle Street. There should be a strategy for addressing the behaviours that take place in that area. In other jurisdictions, they have played classical music, bright lights, etc. The Secretary advised that the mosquito sound has been used in the Bus Terminal on occasion. It was also noted that classical music is played out in the front area of City Hall but does not seem to be much of a deterrent. Dialogue continued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.