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

City Hall, Hamilton
Residents Advisory Committee
8 June 2017
4:00pm

Present: Councillor Carlton Johnson (Chair)
Councillor Henry Ming
Councillor George Scott, JP
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Dr. Michael Bradshaw, Associate Member
Tracy Marshall, Associate Member
Erica Smith, Associate Member

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

Apologies: Sarah Thompson, Associate Member

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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 4:04pm.
 4. **Apologies** - the Secretary confirmed that he received apologies from Associate Member, Ms. Sarah Thompson.
 5. **Public Participation:**

There is no public participation/presentation.
 6. **Correspondence:**

There is no correspondence.

Dr. Bradshaw joined the meeting.
 7. **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting dated 4 May 2017**

Proposed: Councillor G. Scott

Seconded: Councillor R. Edwards

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. Matters arising from the Minutes dated 4 May 2017:

(i) **Forward the cost breakdown for creating bus stops in North-East Hamilton to Mrs. Smith:** The Secretary confirmed that the cost breakdown was forwarded.

(ii) **Email to the Committee members the ten (10) steps document as it relates to the utilization of the information regarding placemaking:** It was confirmed that the information was forwarded.

(iii) **Advise the Committee members of the date that the artwork is being mounted on Till's Hill so that they can lend their support to the artist and the artwork:** The Event Project Manager will advise once a date has been confirmed and email that information to the Committee Members.

ACTION: The Event Project Manager to email the Committee Members samples of the artwork to be mounted on the wall at Till's Hill along with the artists' information.

9. Status Update:

(i) **Events:**

- **Tall Ships:** There was a series of seven (7) events over a period of six (6) days and they were all very successful. The post-mortem has not been done yet but there are a couple of ships that have not yet left Bermuda due to the weather. They are anchored off St. George waiting to safely leave and then will be on their way to Boston. **Take note:** Bermuda has been placed in the running for Best Port again.
- **Art Project:** Discussed earlier in the meeting - Action Item noted.
- **America's Cup:** Dealing with all their last-minute requests. There are quite a few installations, e.g. a triangle on Albuoy's Point being used as a photo-op, informational totem poles and the transportation hub. All the America's Cup events are going well, i.e. busking and vendors on Reid Street, etc. There is one (1) section that has to be completed, the western end of Reid Street.
- **Bonfires and BBQ's:** First event this evening from 7:00pm - 1:00pm on Front Street between Burnaby Hill and Parliament Street. There will be Crown and Anchor, a Beer Garden, fire dance performances, live bands, bonfires, roasting of marshmallows and Smores.
- **Movie Night - June 9th:** Two (2) movies being shown: (i) SING at 5:30pm and (ii) ROGUE 1 at 7:30pm. It is a free event but there are packages being sold that include an inflatable lounge chair, popcorn and drinks. The event is being held in Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP).
- **Event in North-East Hamilton - June 10th:** Busker and Vendor Village with live entertainment in Dr. E. F. Gordon Park from 6:00pm - 9:00pm.

- **Bermuda Day:** There were some challenges but they were worked through. There is still spray paint and names on the sidewalks. The Parade went well and ended sooner than normal.
- **Residents Informational Magnet:** Waiting on the final draft.

ACTION: Ms. Marshall will re-send the final drafts for the informational magnet and the flyer.

There was continued discussion on the attempt to mark out spots for Bermuda Day, having them priced out, layout, etc. This information had been previously forwarded to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) where it stayed there to be signed off by the Minister indicating that the route would not change for three (3) years, which did not happen. Since this last Bermuda Day, DCCA has said that they would like to re-visit the proposal. Dialogue continued on the challenges of the public destroying City property and the major fights that have occurred because of trying to secure spots on Bermuda Day.

It was recommended that if any Committee Member had any ideas or suggestions on how this process could work better than it has in the past, to forward them to the CoH.

10. Recommendations for Review:

There are no recommendations for review.

11. Any Other Business:

(i) Items for the Committee's consideration:

Mrs. Smith:

- **Plan for Dr. E. F. Gordon Park re:** Benches, garbage cans, programming, etc. BEDC would like to assist in that regard. There is an interest in having lunchtime music in the park, etc. There would be an issue with having manpower available every morning and evening to set-up and take-down. The preference would be for an installation to be put in and remain.
- **Extension of Beautification throughout the City:** Comments were made on the hanging baskets that are on Front Street. There was a request for a timeline of extending the beautification throughout the City once the America's Cup and the Bermuda Heroes' Weekend has finished.
- **Continual Plan for Undergrounding overhead wires and cable through the City, particularly the residential areas in North Hamilton:** Belco would look at an area to see if it would be feasible. If the residents wanted underground cabling, the cost would be worked out and those residents interested would at least pay a portion. There was continued dialogue and it was noted that these matters are brought up in the Utilities meeting. It was suggested bringing the matter before the infrastructure Committee.
- **Plan to re-surface parts of Court Street:** This is done once every 20 years.

There is an Asset Management Plan that has all the information on the streets within the City and the last time they were asphalted, etc. Dialogue continued on the conditions of the street, the overhead wires, and some of the buildings, etc.

Councillor Edwards: Commented on a cone outside of the Soul Food Restaurant which is nailed down. She further commented on the banners on the poles on Courts Street. The Event Project Manager advised that the banner was a generic one which is put up when there are no client-paid banners to be displayed. Discussion continued on a hole in the ground near Four Star Pizza on Angle Street. It was suggested that these concerns be emailed to the City Engineer and Secretary and if they are not addressed, then they should be brought before the Committee.

Mrs. Smith: Commented that it would be helpful if the process for bringing residents' concerns to the Residents Advisory Committee even if it is an infrastructure matter, an event or an activity, a behavior or social was reiterated. She recommended that if there is a rolling list of concerns, it would assist if it was distributed, not just to elected officials of the CoH but also to the Associate Members who are in contact with the residents on an ongoing basis.

- **Vacant/Derelict Buildings:** The Mayor previously brought this matter to this Committee. It was suggested that the Minister of Public Works be invited to a Residents Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the vacant and derelict buildings.

- **City Residents Engagement:** How as a Committee to resolve how to engage the City residents beyond newsletters, etc.

There was further dialogue relating to City residents having a voice regarding their ongoing concerns.

The Secretary fully supports the idea that the residents should raise their concerns but what is missing in the process is there may be a disconnect in expectation of when the matter would be addressed. He advised that the meeting with all the utilities is held every month and is driven by Engineering.

Dr. Bradshaw commented on the real value of the Residents Advisory Committee and spoke of Dale Butler commending the CoH for having a process whereby people could come to voice concerns, etc., a process that many people are not aware of. He further commented on the Committee not receiving information when matters are addressed and suggested having a list of things to be done and knowing when they are completed. He then went on to state that the "back of town" area is ignored, i.e. no streets being cleaned, no trash pickup, etc. to which the Secretary refuted.

Mrs. Smith left the meeting at 5pm.

Intense discussion ensued.

Dr. Bradshaw left the meeting at 5:05pm.

The meeting continued in disorder and was adjourned at 5:10pm.