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## CORPORATION OF HAMILTON RESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 4, 2019, 4:00 pm  
Mayor's Parlour, City Hall, Hamilton

Present: Councillor George Scott, JP  
Councillor Henry Ming  
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards  
Sarah Thompson, Associate Member  
Michael Bradshaw, Associate Member  
Erica Smith, Associate Member

Apologies: Councillor Carlton Johnson, Chairman  
Tracy Marshall, Associate Member

Staff: Treasurer - Tanya Iris (Acting Secretary)  
Event Project Manager - Jessica Astwood  
Communications Manager - Zoe Mulholland

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### 1. Confirmation of Notice

The Acting Secretary confirmed that the appropriate notices of the meeting were duly given according to the Meeting Guide.

### 2. Role of the Chairman

Councillor Henry Ming confirmed his role as the Chairman in the absence of Councillor Carlton Johnson.

### 3. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4.05 pm.

### 4. Apologies

The Acting Secretary confirmed that apologies had been received from Councillor C. Johnson and Ms. Tracy Marshall.

**5. Public Participation/Presentation**

**6. Correspondence**

**6.1 Email from Sarah Thompson dated 21 March 2019**

Mrs. Thompson gave a brief outline of an attack on a member of the public which happened at Bulls Head Car Park at 4.10 pm on 20 March 2019. Police Officers attended the incident. Mrs. Thompson asked whether the CCTV camera footage would be used to identify the culprits. She also mentioned that there was frequently a number of after school children loitering in the area. The Acting Secretary confirmed that there had been no complaint from the Police which would have been normal practice. CCTV cameras were situated at the exit barriers. Ms. Thompson said that there was a camera on the second level.

**ACTION:**

Forward the matter to the Infrastructure Committee as it relates to the attack on a member of the public and CCTV cameras at Bulls Head Car Park. **(Acting Secretary)**

**7. Minutes of the Previous Residents Advisory Committee Meeting dated 7 March 2019**

**Proposed:** Councillor G. Scott

**Seconded:** Councillor R. Edwards

The Minutes were accepted as read.

**8. Matters Arising from the Previous Residents Advisory Committee dated 7 March 2019**

**8.1 Residential Parking Permits**

**Add the Landlord's signature to the Residential Parking Permit Application form.** Action item completed.

**8.2 Portland Loo**

The Chairman asked the meeting for comments and concerns regarding the Portland Loo specification. As vandalism in public toilets was rampant, resulting in the closure of many, the public toilet unit had been suggested as an alternative facility. Forward comments to the Infrastructure Committee.

**ACTION:**

Forward to the Infrastructure Committee the comments and concerns as it related to the Portland Loo.

- (i) Could the blank steel panels be decorated and could the units design features be replicated in the existing facilities.

- (ii) The units were unattractive and unwelcoming for Bermuda.
- (iii) A cost analysis should be done for the cost of one unit versus a nearby entrepreneur servicing the facility or an employed restroom attendant.
- (iv) There must be extensive publicity in respect of what and why, for any changes that would be adopted to provide open toilet facilities.
- (v) The Residents Advisory Committee did not find the concept of a Portland Loo totally offensive, provided the outside could be adapted to be more aesthetically pleasing. **(Acting Secretary)**

### **8.3 Pedestrian Lights at Heritage Worship Centre**

The Acting Secretary said that the City Engineer had received a police report which showed that no accidents had occurred in the area. Rather than Pedestrian Lights, flashing Belisha Beacons were being considered.

### **8.4 Truck Traffic at Laffan Street**

The Chairman said that this was being considered by the Infrastructure Committee.

## **9. Resolutions Approved by the Minister**

There were no Resolutions approved by the Minister.

## **10. Recommendations for Review**

There were no Recommendations for review.

## **11. Status Update**

### **11.1 Events**

The first Drive-In Movie would take place on 20 April at Bulls Head Car Park. There would be a seating area as well as parking for cars. There would be four (4) major speakers in the area.

The World Triathlon Series logistics were underway and discussions with WTS were ongoing for sufficient COH brand recognition.

The COH would have a presence at the Bermuda Day Parade on 24 May. It would be a unique concept including a COH balloon for which Committee and staff volunteers would be welcomed. Also the honouring long serving staff.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **12.1 CCTV Cameras in Bulls Head Car Park**

### **12.2 Court Street**

Mrs. Marshall congratulated the COH for the beautiful hanging baskets of flowers on Court Street.

### 12.3 Gordon Park

Mrs. Marshall asked if there were any plans to develop Gordon Park to expand its usage and suggested inviting the Parks Superintendent, Steven DeSilva, to attend the next Residents Advisory Committee Meeting. The Chairman said that the Events Department could be invited to contribute event ideas and would be looking for Committee members to commitment to attend a few events. Mrs. Marshall suggested that Bermuda Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) could support the project. Discussion took place of ideas for the Park's usage.

#### **ACTION:**

Invite Steven Desilva, COH Parks Superintendent, to the next Residents Advisory Committee Meeting to help brainstorm ideas as it related to the development of Gordon Park. **(Acting Secretary)**

#### **ACTION:**

Contact the gentleman regarding his outdoor chess facilities as it related to the development of Gordon Park. **(Councillor R. Edwards)**

#### **ACTION:**

Find the list of potential names for the Park, as previously gathered from COH staff. **(Communications Manager)**

### 12.4 Homelessness in the City

Councillor Edwards referred to the recent deaths of homeless men and asked whether the COH could offer help to homeless individuals who were in great need of help. Councillor Edwards asked whether the COH could work with the Government and/or the Police to ascertain if there would be help for individuals who can no longer look after themselves.

#### **ACTION:**

Follow up with the Department of Health and the Police to discuss ways to resolve or aid with the homeless problem. **(Communications Manager)**

### 12.5 The New Secretary/COO

The Chairman informed the Committee that a new Secretary/COO, Dwayne Caines, would be joining the COH.

## **12.6 Election**

The Acting Secretary announced that there would be an election of Mayor and Councillors taking place on 9 May 2019. Nomination day would be 25 April 2019. She said that anyone who was currently on the Parliamentary Register could run for election. Associate Members would be invited by the new Residents Advisory Committee members.

## **12.7 Public Bathroom Upstairs at City Hall**

**Take Note:** As a result of abuse of the bathrooms outside BSOA, they would now remain locked until needed. The COH and the Gallery would hold the keys.

## **12.8 Front of City Hall**

Mrs. Marshall noted that the trash cans at the steps of City Hall were overflowing.

## **12.9 Private Car Park at City Hall**

Councillor Edwards asked whether the CCTV cameras covering the private car park behind City Hall had been installed. The Acting Secretary confirmed that they were. The cameras would assist in identifying culprits in the event of an incident.

## **12.10 Signs at Tills Hill**

Councillor Edwards asked whether a sign saying "You are being watched" on Ewing Street by Tills Hill, had been erected. Ask the City Engineer whether a sign had been erected on Ewing Street by Tills Hill, saying "NO DUMPING - CCTV Cameras are in Operation".

### **ACTION:**

Ask the City Engineer whether a sign had been erected on Ewing Street by Tills Hill, saying "NO DUMPING - CCTV Cameras are in Operation". **(Acting Secretary)**

## **13. Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at 4.58 pm.