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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
7 February 2019
4:00pm

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

In Attendance: Tanya Iris, Acting Secretary
Jessica Astwood, Event Project Manager
Allison Tucker, Senior Events & Marketing Coordinator
Zoe Mulholland, Communications Manager

1. **Confirmation of Notice:**

The Acting Secretary confirmed that the notice 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:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

4. **Apologies:**

The Acting Secretary confirmed that apologies had been received from Councillor Henry Ming who would join the meeting late.

The Acting Secretary introduced the new Senior Events & Marketing Coordinator - Allison Tucker, who would represent the Event Project Manager in the event of her absence.

5. **Public Participation/Presentation:**

There was no public participation/presentation.

6. **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

7. **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting dated 10 January 2019:**

(i) The Acting Secretary commented on:

Page 4 of 6, Paragraph 11(vi), 3rd Sentence: "The Communications Manager said that they could be distributed provided the information on the magnets had not changed.", **should read:** "The Communications Manager said that they could be distributed provided the information on the magnets had not changed."

(ii) Associate Member, Erica Smith commented on:

Page 5 of 6, Paragraph 11(vii), 4th Paragraph, 5th Sentence: "The raised possibility of an incident involving an innocent bystander was of grave concern.", **should read:** "She raised the possibility of an incident involving an innocent bystander which would be of grave concern."

Sarah Thompson joined the meeting at 4.04pm.

(iii) Councillor R. Edwards commented on:

Page 6 of 6, Paragraph 11(viii): "ACTION: Consider what could be done to make the corner of Princess Street and Ewing Street safe as it relates to pedestrians crossing the road. (City Engineer)", **should read:** "ACTION: Consider what could be done to make the corner of Princess Street and Angle Street safe as it relates to pedestrians crossing the road. (City Engineer)"

Proposed: Councillor R. Edwards
Member

Seconded: Erica Smith, Associate
Member

The Minutes were accepted as amended.

8. **Matters arising from the Minutes dated 10 January 2019:**

(i) **Inform the Residents Advisory Committee of the issue with the 3-year Budget.** The Acting Secretary said that the budget had been combined with other departments. For example, the KBB Clean-ups for trash bags and refreshments, had been included in the Engineering budget. The Event costs would be taken out of the Events budget. She advised the Associate Members to contact the COH when funds were needed for future projects. Action item completed.

(ii) Invite the new Police Commissioner or his representative to speak to the Residents Advisory Committee on the strategy for policing in the City and give opportunity for the Committee to voice concerns about the use of CCTV cameras. **(Acting Secretary)** The Acting Secretary said that a special meeting would be arranged for the Council, the Residents Advisory Committee and the Infrastructure Committee to attend. Action item had not been completed.

(iii) **At the presentation of the Bermuda Police Service, address the issue of police officer's private vehicles inappropriately parked in non-designated police parking bays.** The Chairman said that a photograph of the offending vehicles should be taken for use at a later date. Action item completed.

(iv) **Raise the issue with Total Research Associates Limited as it relates to the distribution of the left over magnets.** The Acting Secretary said that the Board had approved for Total Research Associates Limited to carry out the Citizen's Satisfaction Survey. The left over magnets would be distributed during the survey. The Communications Manager said that the Parliamentary Registrar had provided a list of residents by street. She would meet with the Total Research Associates Limited to discuss all aspects of the survey which would be completed by the end of February 2019. Action item completed.

(v) **Consider what could be done to make the corner of Princess Street and Angle Street safe as it relates to pedestrians crossing the road. (City Engineer)** Councillor Edwards would email the City Engineer and the Senior Engineer regarding the proposed speed bumps near the junction. This item would be forwarded for the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Action item completed.

9. **Status Update:**

(i) **Events:**

The Event Project Manager said that planning was underway for the Event Calendar for 2019.

- **VIVID:** The launch for a new public art initiative called VIVID had been published. For 2019, outdoor installations in addition to mural proposals were invited.
- **Drive-In Movie:** April 2019 - Bulls Head Car Park
- **24 May Parade:** COH presence
- **Bermuda Karting Club:** Event proposed in North Hamilton, in early October, which would be supported by international drivers.

Councillor Ming joined the meeting at 4.20pm.

The Chairman asked about the Branco picture issue. The Event Project Manager said that loopholes in the proposal document had been identified and rewritten.

10. **Recommendations for Review:**

There were no Recommendations for Review.

11. **Any Other Business:**

(i) Councillor Edwards said she was aware that there were flaws in the Residential Parking Permit Application process. She explained that, in order for residents to obtain a parking permit, the application form would require the landlord's name but not the landlord's endorsement. TCD's License Application does require the landlords endorsement. She wondered if the parking permit application could be endorsed by the landlord in the same way. The Acting Secretary said that only TCD had the facility to check the status of the landlord's tax bill and required the landlord's endorsement, in order to issue a vehicle registration. That registration form is required by the COH before a parking permit could be issued. The Acting Secretary said that there would be a duplication of the landlord's endorsement if it were introduced into the residential parking permit process.

Ms. Smith asked how long a parking permit would be valid for. The Acting Secretary said that a permit would be valid for one (1) year, even if the holder of the permit moved out of the address. Ms. Thompson said that if there were two (2) permit holders for the same address, this would come to light when either of the parking permit holders applied for a vehicle registration. At present there was nothing that could be done to prevent the first tenant from parking at the address until the year had expired.

ACTION: The Chairman suggested that Councillor Edwards and Ms. Smith write a letter to the Acting Secretary to express their concerns, as it relates to the Residential Parking Permit Application process. **(Councillor Edwards and Ms. Smith)**

(ii) Councillor G. Scott said that he had received a complaint from the Heritage Worship Centre regarding the pedestrian crossing outside of the building on Dundonald Street. Despite the crossing itself being a speed bump, approaching traffic did not slow down. The Chairman said that on either end of the crossing there was an angled platform which was designed to allow the pedestrians to become visible to oncoming traffic. He said it had been suggested that additional speed bumps be laid on either side of the crossing which he thought would be impracticable. Ms. Smith said that there was also a pedestrian crossing by the nearby car park which was also a concern as approaching traffic did not slow down. The Chairman said that the installation of traffic lights at the junction could be a better option.

Councillor Ming said that a request for traffic calming measures at the junction should be forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee.

The Acting Secretary said that the budget did not have provision for pedestrian controlled lights or traffic lights in this area. This would be a matter for the Engineering Department to incorporate into their schedule when materials and staff became available.

ACTION: That the installation of Pedestrian Controlled Lights at the pedestrian crossing outside the Heritage Worship Centre building on Dundonald Street, as a traffic calming measure, be forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee. **(Acting Secretary)**

ACTION: That the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Union Street and Dundonald Street, as a traffic calming measure, be forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee. **(Acting Secretary)**

(iii) The Chairman informed the Residents Advisory Committee of the Board's proposal to re-open the public washroom facilities outside of the BIU building with newly installed vandal-proof internal fittings.

(iv) Mr. Bradshaw gave belated congratulations to the Events Department for the Gombey mural at Till's Hill. He would have preferred the installation ceremony to have been more of an event.

(v) Ms. Thompson raised the issue of container trucks which continue to drive both ways on Laffan Street. She recently observed COH activity on the piece of land opposite Mount Saint Agnes School, which seemed to be used as storage for materials and equipment. A crane was used to load a 40 foot container truck at the site. The container truck drove onto Laffan Street towards Woodland Road. She took photographs as the truck progressed down the middle of the road and during the truck's manoeuvres to avoid bollards and walls. Ms. Thompson noted that there was a sign prohibiting container trucks on Victoria Street, which was much wider than Laffan Street. She said that Canal Road was a two-way street to the bridge with rush hour traffic and pedestrians, which was not suitable for container trucks. The Chairman asked whether it would be helpful if Canal Road was made a one-way street. Ms. Thompson said that both Canal Road and Laffan Street were not wide enough to take heavy traffic.

Councillor Ming agreed and that the area of Laffan Street, Canal Road and Woodlands Road, needed a holistic plan, accepting the existing conditions.

Councillor Ming informed the Residents Advisory Committee that a route for the transportation of massive BELCo generator equipment, from the dock through the Woodlands Road area, had been agreed for a future date.

ACTION: Consideration of the container truck traffic in the area of Laffan Street, Canal Road and Woodlands Road, be forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee. **(Acting Secretary)**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4.53 pm.