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CORPORATION OF HAMILTON
RESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 10, 2022, 4:00 pm
Online Remote

Present:	Councillor Jenefer Brimmer, Chair Councillor Henry Ming Councillor RoseAnn Edwards Tracy Marshall - Associate Member Donte Hunt (BEDC) - Associate Member PC Christopher Douglas - City Constable
Apologies:	Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP Councillor George Scott, JP Sarah Thompson - Associate Member
Staff:	CFO/Acting City Secretary - Tanya Iris Director of Marketing & Communications – Jessica Astwood Public Relations Manager - Helen Zoellner
Apologies:	CEO/City Secretary - Dwayne A. Caines, JP COO/City Engineer - Patrick Cooper
In Attendance:	Assistant City Engineer - Charles Waters Operations Manager - Allan Somner

1. Confirmation of Notice

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

2. Role of the Chairman

Councillor Jenefer Brimmer confirmed her role as the Chair.

3. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4.02 pm.

4. Apologies

The CFO/Acting City Secretary confirmed that apologies had been received from the CEO/City Secretary Dwayne Caines and Associate Member Ms. Sarah Thompson. Also, the COO/City Engineer Patrick Cooper, who would be represented by the Assistant City Engineer Charles Waters.

5. Public Participation/Presentation

There was no public participation/presentation.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Minutes of the Previous Residents Advisory Committee Meeting dated 6 January 2022

Proposed: Councillor R. Edwards

Seconded: Councillor H. Ming

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. Matters Arising from the Previous Residents Advisory Committee dated 6 January 2022

8.1 Undergrounding Utility Lines

Request BELCo to provide a schedule of works as it related to the undergrounding of utility lines on the remainder of Ewing Street and Angle Street, to which the COH would contribute an equal share with the other utility companies. **(COO/City Engineer)** The Assistant City Engineer said that BELCo had attended a recent COH Utilities meeting. BELCo had made a small change to their schedule and had appointed a new contractor. Revised pricing for the new schedule would be obtained, together with a commencement date. The utility companies would then be informed of the finalised pricing with a view to sharing the cost. Action item had not been completed.

8.2 Residential Parking Bay Signage

Consider the suggestion for road markings to indicate residential parking bays, similar to handicapped parking bays, which the COO/City Engineer had previously commented would be an additional expense for ongoing maintenance. **(COO/City Engineer)** Action item had not been completed.

8.3 Dudley Eve Park

Arrange a meeting with Mr. Donte Hunt to discuss further development of Dudley Eve Park in liaison with the Bermuda Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Hunt said that two (2) site meetings had taken place with Councillor Brimmer, Councillor Edwards, the COO/City Engineer and the Director of Marketing and Communications. Mr. Hunt said that approved Building Control permission had been obtained and that an RFP had been put out for tender. Mr. Hunt confirmed that a minimum amount of \$20,000 would be donated to the project from the Bermuda Economic Development Corporation. The proposed completion date would be in March 2022. Action item completed.

ACTION:

Circulate the drawings of the new stairs at Dudley Eve Park to the Residents Advisory Committee. **(Recording Secretary)**

8.4 Traffic Congestion at Dellwood Middle School

The Assistant Superintendent - Traffic to request the PEOs to monitor the speeding traffic at peak times at Dellwood Middle School. **(CEO/City Secretary)** The COO/City Engineer said that a proper survey of the dangers could not be carried out until the School was fully open. Councillor Edwards said that the School was now open. Action item had not been completed.

8.5 Residential Parking Review

Circulate the Minutes, the decision and letter of explanation to the residents, as it related to the parking layout on Ewing Street. Councillor Edwards said that, further to the on site visit with the resident, she had been requested to contact the resident. The resident said that they had not yet received a response in writing from the COH. The resident had also requested a copy of the Building Code, Fire Department Code and Planning Department information. Councillor Ming said that a response had been sent to the resident in reference to the use of his step ladder to paint the north side of his building, together with an explanation for on the parking issue. The Building Code was available to the public, however would not be of any help, the Fire Department Code could be obtained. The resident had also been invited to communicate any ideas on the matter to the CEO/City Secretary in the future. Action item completed.

ACTION:

Send the communications to the resident, as it relates to the parking layout on Ewing Street, the site visit and the COH's recommendation, as a response in writing to the resident. The resident had been unsure of the outcome of the site visit. **(COO/City Engineer)**

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 Marketing & Communications

A full schedule of events was being planned for 2022 since the relaxation of Government group restrictions and required permissions.

- Scavenger Hunt in the City - 11 and 12 March - 4 hunts over 2 days. Expect around 30 teams of 4 people to participate.

- Made in Bermuda Night (dates to be decided) - Dudley Eve Park - live entertainment, food vendors.
- Go-Karting event was a possibility.
- Black History Month - spotlight videos of retailer histories.
- RFP - Public Art Initiative - murals and sculptures.
- Media Projects:
 - Extra Duty Police Officer programme for south Hamilton.
 - Victoria Street Bathrooms - Councillors to attend.
- RFP - Food Concessions for concrete park on Court/Dundonald Streets.
- Court Street Market Vendors (date to be decided).

11.2 Take Note: Project Charters 2021

The Assistant City Engineer said that the World Triathlon Championship Series in 2022 may be held in Bermuda.

- Triathlon route paving repairs.
- Road works to repair potholes - difficult to maintain the asphalt surfaces, new mix of asphalt would be required.
- Rose Cottage would be demolished - the land would be an extension of the tree farm.
- Victoria Street sidewalk, retaining wall and tree planting project - awaiting planning approval - Ex Artillerymen's Club.
- Pier-6 was progressing - the new roof and solar panels installed by end-March 2022 - interior would be completed.
- Expansion of Front Street Sewage Pump Station.

12. Budget Wish List

Items for the Budget Wish List in preparation for the 2023 Budget Review meeting to be held in October 2022.

The Chair said that the North East Hamilton Sub-Committee had resumed monthly meetings to discuss potential projects.

Councillor Ming said that on Court Street from Front Street to Church Street, there needed to be encouragement for tourists, etc, to use the street. There was very little lighting. It was considered that displays of past Premiers could be erected at eye level on the wall of Parliament. Sketches and costs would be provided to the COO/City Engineer.

ACTION:

Provide sketches and costs to the COO/City Engineer, for displays of past Premiers to be erected on the wall of Parliament on Court Street, to be added to the Budget Wish List. **(Councillor H. Ming)**

13. Extra Duty Police Officers Report - January 2022

Councillor Edwards noted the report for 6 January, referring to complaints and public requests for the cycle bays to be reinstated adjacent to the concrete park at the Court and Dundonald Streets junction. As a consequence bikes were parking on the sidewalk. The Chair reminded the meeting that at a previous discussion it was considered dangerous to have cycle parking at the site. Councillor Ming said that parking on the sidewalk was illegal and vehicles should be ticketed and the issue would need to be addressed. He said that it was disrespectful to park on the sidewalk.

Ms. Marshall said that there was a long standing similar problem on North Street with bikes parking on sidewalk and that she had emailed the CEO/City Secretary and COO/City Engineer. She said that there were three (3) car parking bays and no cycle bays. She had suggested that one (1) of the car parking bays be changed to cycle bays. The Assistant City Engineer said that the issue should be tracked.

Councillor Ming suggested that the only option left would be to have parking on the north side of North Street at the Transport Control Department's property boundary. Perhaps the property could be given back to the public for car, bike and cycle parking, to extend along the boundary line of TCD. The ownership of the property could be checked.

The Chair said that she had previously suggested cycle parking bays on Union Street and at the concrete park. She agreed with Councillor Ming that it was disrespectful to park on the sidewalk and vehicles should be ticketed. The riders of bikes had a nonchalant attitude to breaking the law which was prevalent and increasing.

The City Constable said that the concrete park parking bays had been removed to accommodate a food vendor and that this had attracted many complaints. Discretion and warnings were used and ticketing illegally parked bikes was often met with resistance. It was known that unpaid tickets would result in the issuance of warrants.

The City Constable requested confirmation that the reports and information on significant interactions with the public, was sufficient for the Committee's requirements. The Assistant City Engineer said that the number of people congregating in any location, should be tracked to indicate high priority areas.

Councillor Ming had been pleased that the police officers were interacting with businesses. The Chair concurred that both residents and business owners were at ease generally.

The Chair noted patrols in the Middletown and Curving Avenue area were outside of the City limits. The City Constable said that there was a correlation between individuals congregating in Court Street who had moved on to Curving Avenue which had been reported. The officers would not enter the Curving Avenue area.

The City Constables said that he had made a request to the COO/City Engineer for cycle parking bays at the Heritage Worship Centre as there was parking on the sidewalk.

ACTION:

Forward to the Infrastructure Committee Meeting to be held on 16 February 2022, to address the lack of bike and cycle parking in the City, in particular, at the concrete park on the corner of Court Street and Dundonald Street, and North Street. **(CFO/Acting City Secretary)**

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10 March 2022.

16. Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.