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CORPORATION OF HAMILTON
RESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 4:00 pm
Online Remote

Present: Councillor Jenefer Brimmer, Chair
Councillor Henry Ming
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Sarah Thompson - Associate Member
PC Christopher Douglas - City Constable

Apologies: Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP
Councillor George Scott, JP
Tracy Marshall - Associate Member
Donte Hunt (BEDC) - Associate Member

Staff: CEO/City Secretary - Dwayne A. Caines, JP
COO/City Engineer - Patrick Cooper
Director of Marketing & Communications – Jessica Astwood
Public Relations Manager - Helen Zoellner

Apologies: CFO/Acting City Secretary - Tanya Iris

In Attendance: Operations Manager - Allan Somner
Executive Assistant - Arlene Simmons

1. Confirmation of Notice

The CEO/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 4.00 pm.

4. **Apologies**

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that no apologies had been received.

The CEO/City Secretary introduced the new Executive Assistant to the Mayor and CEO/City Secretary, Arlene Simmons, and welcomed her to the COH. He said that the previous Executive Assistant, Lorna Hayward, had changed roles and was now the Venue & Rentals Co-ordinator.

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 9 December 2021**

Proposed: Councillor R. Edwards

Seconded: Councillor J. Brimmer

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. **Matters Arising from the Previous Residents Advisory Committee dated 9 December 2021**

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 COO/City Engineer said that due to COVID-19, BELCo had stopped all external works due to manpower issues. The undergrounding of utility lines had been placed on hold as, to date, no utility companies had expressed an interest in the project. He would check with BELCo whether the project would recommence in 2022. 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. **(CEO/City Secretary)** 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. **(CEO/City Secretary)** The Chair thanked Councillor Edwards for her tenacity and determination in her efforts to have the park area named in honour of Dudley Eve. The CEO/City Secretary concurred with the Chair's comment. The CEO/City Secretary said that Mr. Donte Hunt had arranged a meeting for 11 January 2022 with the Bermuda Economic Development Corporation. The Chair and Councillor Edwards requested to attend the meeting. Action item had not been completed.

8.4 City Constables Suggestions

Circulate the City Constables suggestions to the COO/City Engineer for comment at the next meeting. The COO/City Engineer said that he had met with the City Constable to advise him of the items which he supported and had passed on to the Traffic Manager to implement. The other suggestions could not be supported. The Chair referred to the request for parking outside of Fish N Tings. The COO/City Engineer said that a double yellow line was outside of the eatery on the road junction, which could not be removed. Action item completed.

8.5 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. Action item had not been completed.

Circulate the City Constables suggestions to the COO/City Engineer for comment at the next meeting. Action item completed.

8.6 North Street

Give an update on the damaged road signage pole, now bent and overhanging the sidewalk on North Street at Arnold's Warehouse and the request to replace the kerbstones to allow trucks to easily mount the sidewalk and to park on paving stones instead of the grass area. Ms. Marshall had emailed pictures to the CEO/City Secretary. The Operations Manager said that the sign had been replaced with a new one. Further discussion would be needed on the request to pave the grass area. The COO/City Engineer said that the grass area was part of an access way into Arnold's Warehouse, which was currently for sale following Government approval. The area would become the responsibility of the new owners. Action item completed.

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 special business spotlight feature for Black History Month, for several businesses in North East Hamilton, commencing on 1 February 2022.
- An Election Awareness campaign would include voter registry and the responsibilities of the Mayor and Councilmen.
- A Scavenger Hunt in early March 2022 (no Government approval required).

11.2 Take Note: Project Charters 2021

- Dudley Eve Park stairs. Revised plans had been submitted for approval for the stair landing which had been expanded and a retaining wall behind the stairs would be built as the existing rockface wall would not be strong enough to hold the stairs. Following planning approval, the project would be put out to tender, with installation expected by the summer.

- Dudley Eve Park signage. Ideas for signage and wording would be welcomed.

The COO/City Engineer said that, apart from the sewage system improvements, there were not many new projects in 2022 but rather completion of those projects already underway.

The Operations Manager said that street lighting repairs at Union Street and Dundonald Street, as well as King Street, had been carried out with the assistance of BELCo. He said that the schedule included checks and repairs around the City. There had initially been 125 broken lights, with 51 on the schedule yet to be repaired/replaced.

12. Residential Parking Review

The CEO/City Secretary said that there had been nothing to update, however there had been a number of opportunities to review the parking for residents and businesses. Councillor Edwards said that she continued to receive comments of concern from residents on Ewing Street relating to the previously discussed matter of parking on the median on the road, heading west down the hill. The COO/City Engineer said that there had been significant discussion and a site visit with residents, resulting in the conclusion that there could be no changes made to the parking layout. There was a Building Code requirement in relation to the Fire Department's access to Ewing Street, which had been adhered to during the planning of the layout. Councillor Ming confirmed that changes to road layout would be approved by the Planning Department and the Fire Department, to ensure safe access of fire vehicles in an emergency. The CEO/City Secretary said that a resident had presented to the COH, followed by a site visit and discussions. The Minutes would be circulated to the Residents Advisory Committee. The Chair asked for confirmation that a letter of explanation of the COH's position, had been sent to the residents. The CEO/City Secretary suggested that if any resident wished to discuss any new concerns, they would be invited to email him with their concerns and the Chair requested Councillor Edwards to relay the message back to the residents.

ACTION:

Circulate the Minutes, the decision and letter of explanation to the residents, as it related to the parking layout on Ewing Street. **(Recording Secretary)**

13. 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 invited the Committee to submit their requests and ideas. The COO/City Engineer said that any requests which would require pricing, should be submitted at any time before the Finance Committee meeting in September 2022 in order to be finalised at the 2023 Budget Review in October 2022. After this date, any items would be held over until the 2024 Budget Review meeting to be held in October 2023.

14. Extra Duty Police Officers Report - December 2021

The Chair asked whether the Committee had read the Extra Duty Police Officers Report for December 2021, and whether there were any comments. The CEO/City Secretary said that there did not appear to be any outstanding items in the report.

Councillor Edwards referred a question to the City Constable relating to a man riding his scrambling bike in the area during rush hour and late at night. The City Constable said that he was aware of two (2) individuals, one (1) of which had been ticketed on several occasions.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Food Vendor at Junction of Court and Dundonald Streets

The City Constable referred to ongoing complaints to the Extra Duty Police Officers, where the Places Place parking lot opposite Dudley Eve Park and outside of the Computer Zone store, double yellow lines had replaced bike parking. He had received several enquiries as to why this had been done. The COO/City Engineer said that the bike parking had been removed in order to clear the way for a food vendor to install their vehicle and equipment. A new vendor would be offered the space and replacement bike parking would require taking away car parking bay(s). Councillor Ming said that this had been a good move as the site was a potential accident spot. The Director of Marketing and Communications said that RFPs for food vendors had been put on hold during the recent stay at home orders. All submissions for the area would be presented to the Residents Advisory Committee for approval. The Chair recommended that a food vendor in that area should be able to provide a quick and easy service.

15.2 Bull's Head Resurfacing

Ms. Thompson referred to the resurfacing taking place at the access to Bull's Head car park. She wished to commend and pass on thanks to the Parking Enforcement Officers who had recently intervened to mitigate drivers' frustration at the area of vehicle congestion at Bull's Head car park up to Cedar Avenue.

15.3 Food Vendor at Dudley Eve Park

The City Constable asked whether there would be an RFP for a food vendor in Dudley Eve Park. The CEO/City Secretary said that development of the park would be discussed with the BEDC at a meeting to be held on 11 January 2022.

15.4 Food Vendor on Front Street

The City Constable asked whether there were plans to install a food vendor near the Flag Pole on Front Street. The Director of Marketing and Communications said that a Taco Trailer had been considered in addition to the Taco Ice Creams Trailer, which it would be hoped could set up by the end of March 2022.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10 February 2022.

17. Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm.