ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005 – 2006 <u>WHITE WATER MEADOWS CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION LIMITED</u> <u>ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005 – 2006</u>

Fellow citizens of White Water Meadows a pleasant good evening to you and warmest welcome to this our fourth annual general meeting. I am truly honored and blessed to be able to report to you this evening with pride and humility on behalf of the executive committee and the board of directors.

After a very quiet year with not much events to report on, save and except the changes at the leadership level of our two major political parties which resulted in our country having a female Prime Minister for the first time since Independence. There were also a paradigm shift in world politics as female leaders seem to be taking over the reign of power in some powerful states and as far as in Africa as well. On the national level the Government workers are at this time still negotiating for better wages as **MOU2** has not lived up to the expectations of the masses of the working class and is yet to deliver in general terms the goodies. Our community continues to be a work in progress more so in regard to the residents who are expanding their units and Can-Cara who is completing units at the sight of the previous shopping centre and as such, we are still suffering from the daily bouts of nuisance from the workmen, dust, low water pressure and fluctuating electricity supply.

At the beginning of the year 2006, we were forced to discontinue the security service on account of the problems we were having in collecting the security fees from the residents. On August 15, 2005 we commenced with the patrolling service which would have cost less money than the security at the gate, we were hoping that more people would have joined the programme so we could have continued with the service. We were of the conviction that it was not a choice to contemplate as if we did not continue we would open up our community to others who might want to impose themselves upon us and even put a higher price tag on the cost for security services. It should also be borne in mind that with the adjoining developments which are schedule to take place or which are taking place right now might not be too friendly to our community.

We are aware of the problems we were facing with regards to the collection of funds and the delivery of gate pass and car stickers but, what can we do when residents who agree to pay, find numerous excuses not to pay even though they were informed to take the money to the meetings. We are convinced that there is a deeper hurdle which we need to surmount and this has to do with how we relate with each other and how we conform to the idea of being our brother's keeper. We will definitely need to shed some of our pride and revert to some of the teachings of our parents where a community was responsible for the raising of a child and each one helping each other to achieve a common goal and thereby helping the individuals in the community to realize their dreams.

With regards to our geographical location and the nature of the communities that surrounds us, bearing in mind the spontaneity to violent irruptions and recent events, reported occurring in our community without warning. Therefore it is only prudent that we develop and implement measures that will safe guard our community from the many ills that is affecting our youths at this time.

We regret to inform you that we have not made much progress in some matters that are outstanding for the last three years even though we were given assurances that they would have been remedied; which are as follows;

- The main drain
- The main entrance and Hartlands main road
- Community center
- Labour Day Project.
- Neighborhood watch programme and
- Community integration

While we were able to make some progress on most of the items mentioned above we are still behind in resolving the more important issues which are affecting our community. This will require close monitoring and effective deliberations with each resident playing their part, to arrive at some conclusions as to how we proceed from hereon.

I would like to bring to your attention some of our achievements for the past three years

- Stoppage of access through Tudor Close
- Cleaning of main storm drain
- Construction of concrete drain at border with Magil Palms
- Construction of perimeter(partial) fencing bordering the railway lines
- Deepening and cleaning of Hartlands main drain
- Work in progress on new sewage system
- Children's treat sponsored by Innswood Open Bible Church
- Childs month treat for Dare to Care children's Home
- Emancipation Day Fun and Sports Day
- Paving of Hartlands main road
- Mini mart facilities provided
- Neighborhood Watch programmes in progress.
- Re launch of youth club
- Participation in PDC, DAC and CDC fora
- Effective demonstration at Can-Cara's head office
- Painting of sign at the main Entrance

We would have hoped to achieve more and attended to the needs of more of our residents. This however, can only be achieved if we all unite and work together as a team. If we are not successful in uniting the residents of our community around the more important issues then we can only ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers and with the guidance and blessings from the Father above we will be able to achieve whatever we shall have conceived.

Challenges ahead

For the coming year we will be facing new challenges, which will include but not limited to.

- Neighborhood Watch Programme
- Christmas treat
- Membership drive
- Fund raising
- Construction of community center
- Utilities
- Roads
- Sporting facilities
- Youth
- Sewage system
- Water supply

Acknowledgements

In closing I would like to place on record our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all those citizens who contributed their time and efforts in making this year worthwhile. We should now make it our resolve to continue the fight for a better, stronger and more unified community.

Thank you all very much and I do hope that you will continue to pray for and support the officers who are offering their time and efforts free of cost to the association.

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