

Whitewater Meadows Citizen Association Meeting

Held virtually via zoom platform

Host (WWMCA)

SUNDAY May 23, 2021 at 4:30 pm

Attendees- 73 residents and home owners attended

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Devon Thawe @ 4:45 pm

Welcome

Welcome was extended to all by Devon Thawe

Prayer was done by Nicholas Williams

Apologies, Congratulations, Condolences

No Apologies for absence.

No congratulations.

No condolences.

Reading, Correction and Confirmation of Minutes

There were no minutes so none was read.

Introductions and opening remarks were given by the out-going-PRO Devon Thawe.

The meeting started with election of executive members as Mr. Thawe informed the group that the out-going executive has been in for over 6 years. Hence it was necessary to elect a new executive. Elected members were asked to open their cameras so that the community members could see them. The following persons were nominated and elected to the executive.

The New Executives (elect)

President - Devon Thawe

1st Vice President - Marcia Robinson (Youth affairs and sports)

2nd Vice President - Vacant

Treasurer - Peter Hutchinson

Asst. Treasurer - Vacant

Secretary - Jacqueline Parchment

Asst. Secretary - Denise Sealy

Public Relations Officer - Karim Sewell's

Asst. Public Relations Officer - Jesanya Scale Menzies

Planning & Development - Nicholas Williams

Public Relations Officers (PRO) will manage email

1. Mr. Thawe noted that he use to manage notice board and emails. **The new PRO will be need to manage those along with whatsapp and other social media .**
2. It was suggested by residence to remove the notice board from where it is or make it bigger. However, it was brought to the fore that making the notice board bigger may be problematic as persons were concerned about the board blocking someone house. It was stated that there was nothing wrong with where it is. It was suggested that we also include Instagram **as a part of disseminating Information.**
3. It was suggested that we buy our own town crier. Mr. Thawe stated that town crier works and is do-able. Cost to the community is \$3000 per usage of the town crier.
4. The group was encouraged to get the numbers of other residence since the commencement of a WhatsApp group for the community was on the horizon. Emails is still a good source of communication and this medium will continue.

Dues/ Monthly collection

Suggested NCB and BNS accounts to pay dues. Mr. Thawe explained that persons did not utilize the accounts. BNS account has now become dormant. It was asked how much was dues. We were informed that dues are \$500/ monthly per household. It was suggested that due be increased. Mr. Thawe, stated dues were \$200 but was increased to \$500 in **2016**. Hence, it was said we should encourage persons who has not been contributing to do so and leave it at \$500 **per household**

Dues to take care administrative responsibilities e.g. Light, water, cutting entrance, payments to the Companies Office etc.

Mr. Thawe mentioned road monitors for collection of dues, the same issue was raised by a resident.

Conditions of accepting presidency

Mr. Thawe states that there are some conditions under which he will accept the position of president.

1. Executive and himself to steer the community and not do be doers of work all the time. Executive must manage and lead.
2. That residence must put their money in projects if they unable to put in the time.
3. Where possible to pay persons to do work. e.g in recent past road work.
4. He will function **as president and the executive members as such** and will not be doing all work. Residents must get involved
5. Road monitors were **solicited.**

Security

A resident mentioned about security for the community. Mr. Thawe mentioned that he was involved in the **last** drive to deal with security and was not willing to take it on again. However, he mentioned that he was more interested in neighbourhood watch and camera system and using Jamaican eye as our plans for security. As long as the community support it this idea.

It was suggested to have a one- off drive for the cameras, and keep the monthly dues going.

Mention was made about the fence and a resident thought that rebuilding the wall should was more important than cameras. Mr. Thawe stated the cost to rebuild the wall at Stanhope is over \$1.5m. and that security will not work without building the fence.

Persons were also concerned about robberies and persons walking through their yards.

Mr. Brown disagree with residents with regards to the wall being more important than cameras. He educated the group about the cameras systems, the best ones and how the different types on the market and suggest we get the right system the first time. He stated he was willing to help with that since he has the knowledge and experience in that area. He reiterated that the camera system was more important than the wall. He also stated he is prepared to give his service free to assist. He also suggested a two-way radio system to compliment the camera system. He also mentioned a hub or secretariat for the association. Mr. Thawe said he was interested in the camera system and was ready to work to accomplish that system- cctv.

Appreciation and thank you

1. Mr. Thawe stated there are plans to show appreciation for the past executive.
2. Thanks to the Gilpin's for their continual support with plants and beautification.

Speed bumps

A resident stated she was concerned about speeding in the community. Mr. Thawe stated a resident tried dismantle one of the speed bumps. He expressed the importance of these bumps. He also said that there are two projects that will be embarked on this year:

1. Speed bump
2. Cameras system

Collection of Dues

Mr. Thawe stated he needed at least 6 person/road monitors to help with collections. These road monitors will also be utilized for the neighborhood watch and getting information from residents to the executive. A few persons volunteered to assist with collections and to be road monitors.

Mr. Thawe also said he is big on collections because the residents will not come out to do the work. He also said most persons don't have the time to do the work. Therefore, we would have to pay persons to do the work.

The association has three (3) receipt books about another (5) more will be needed.

Days for dues collection will be on Saturday or Sunday. It was suggested just after the month end.

The meeting was ended at 6:30 pm