

## **General Community Meeting via Zoom**

**Date: August 28, 2022**

Chair person: Vice President, Marcia Robinson

Opening prayer Jesanya Scale Menzies, Assistant PRO

Members in attendance online: 22

Members in attendance in person: 24 (excluding children)

### **AGENDA**

#### **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer, Peter Hutchinson, presented the financial report for the August 2021 to July 2022. He mentioned that the current Thawe-led administration was installed in June 2021 (has a 14 month tenure). The opening balance was \$365, 771.08. Income came in the form of maintenance dues collection (\$1, 028, 085), Flow lease payment (\$148,877), residents bank deposits (\$44,000) and the gazebo rental for a wedding (\$2,000).

He mentioned that on average \$73,000 is collected from dues each month. He lauded those that assist with dues collection and made special mention of Petrena Daley who is not a member of the executive body and she consistently assisted with dues collection (house-to-house on the street and at the gate). He made an appeal for more volunteers to assist with dues collection.

The Flow lease arrangement, has to do with the rental of a section of the Standhope park to house some equipment for Flow and the payment is made annually in April.

Income also came in the form of CCTV tag drive ticket sales (\$382, 838). There were many expenditures including a road patching exercise on White Water Boulevard (\$228,000.00), filing the association's returns at the Company Office of Jamaica for 2017 to 2020, installing speed bumps, wall project and beautification of the community to name a few. He mentioned that there is an increase in the cost to cut the green areas that the cost to cut the entrance has moved from \$22,000 to \$30,000. The cost to the park has increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Presently, Standhope park is under construction due to the wall project and will not be cut. A summary of the financial report was distributed.

#### **CCTV PRESENTATION**

President, Devon Thawe, commended the residents that attended the meeting online and in person. He then introduced the CCTV project as an important part of the neighbourhood watch. He stated that with the CCTV installation and the community is now under surveillance and that the feeds will be uploaded to Jamaica Eye. He also mentioned that there are plans to engage a

private security company and that volunteers will be needed to monitor the feeds and activate the panic button in cases of emergency so that the security company can respond in a timely manner.

Residents were advised that four (4) CCTV cameras have already been installed in the community and further installations will take place at strategic places in the community.

## **WALL PROJECT UPDATE**

Project manager, Donald Tomlinson, stated that Phase One of the wall project is in its third stage. Stage 3 involves digging 42 feet of further foundation, further steel work, casting and filling 600 block pockets with cement. The materials needed to complete the work include:

1. 40 bags of cement
2. 10 length of steel
3. 10 yards of sand
4. 5 yards of gravel

The budget is \$300,000.00 which is relatively cheap. He implored residents to make contributions either in cash or kind. He told residents that the timeline to start phase three is September 10, 2022. Chair person, Ms. Marcia Robinson, encouraged persons to support the wall project, no matter how small the contribution because “one one cocoa full basket” and “many hands make work light”. Peter Hutchinson used the opportunity to thank residents who make the monthly contributions of \$1500.00.

## **CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI PURPOSE COURT**

President Thawe made the presentation on the vision of constructing a multipurpose court. “We have to build where we live”, he said in his opening statement. He added that there was a significant need for the youths to have “somewhere to go.” The construction of the multi-purpose court that can be used for netball, volley ball, or basket ball can help to fill the need. The administration has approached organisations to obtain sponsorship for the project but the WWMCA must be organised (with financial reports, minutes etc) and have a clear plan and quotations to achieve the project.

He foresee that the project would take some time to start as the wall project and CCTV project are currently underway. The wall project is just in phase one (the smallest phase) with Howard Avenue, the park and football field as additionally phases to complete.

Resident and face-to-face attendee, Nugent Richards, suggested that the WWMCA considered getting a long term stream of income to finance projects. For instance, we could establish a mini-mart and support it, we could also offer a property management service to home-owners living overseas who wished to rent their properties. He called on residents to support the wall project as it could lead to a 25% increase in the value of our properties when complete. He told residents to take pride in the community and desist from littering the entrance as well as donate left over materials from construction to the wall project. He also stated that based on the work the association has to do \$500 maintenance dues was inadequate and a simple increase to \$1000 was worth it when weighed against the gains in property value.

Another unidentified female face-to-face attendee suggested that the WWMCA consider operating a day care in the community by getting permission to renovate an unoccupied house because it is lucrative business.

V.P Marcia Robinson thanked the 60 persons who participated in the cake sale. She extended special thanks to her neighbour, Ms Myrie, for assisting to cut and package the cakes. President also acknowledged the sponsors of the children's treat (Grace Kennedy, Bacchus Engineering and the Member of Parliament).

#### YOUTH TREAT

- There was a give-away section led by PRO Karim Sewell
- Ice cream, cup cakes and cake was shared for attendees
- Approximately eighteen high school students received book vouchers for Kingston Book Shop valued at \$3,000 each.
- Back to School packages comprised of notebooks, geometry sets, pens, pencils, scientific calculators, rulers, sharpeners, and water bottles were distributed to children in attendance.
- Interactive games such as Musical Chairs were played along with free play