

**HARBISON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES TO THE MEMBER INPUT MEETING
March 30, 2021**

Note: Due to Social Distance guidelines resulting from the COVID-19 Virus, this Member Input Meeting was held by “Zoom” – instead of an actual meeting at the Community Center.

Board Members attending were Mr. Hank West (President), Mrs. June Cannon (Vice President / Secretary), Mr. Ozzie Nagler, Mrs. Mackenzie Fontaine, Mr. Stan Seabrook, Mr. Tom Brower, Mr. Terry Helsley. Absent – Ms. Julie Lucas. Association Staff Members attending were Mr. Dave Grove, Mr. Kaden Watson, Ms. Betty Brooks, Mrs. Danell Gunter. Residents participating by “Zoom” –Mrs. Tammy Philon, Mr. Rob Philon, Ms. Carolyn Turner, Mr. Barry Walker, Mr. Ike McCravy, Mr. Tim Graham, Ms. Betsy Russell, Ms. Rhittie Gettone. Guest attending– Mr. John Andoh (Comet Bus System).

Mr. West called the Meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Mr. West explained that this was not a Board Meeting in which the Board Members could vote – but a meeting to listen to the concerns of Members (The Next Regular scheduled Board Meeting is April 27, 2021).

Member Input:

1. Barry Walker – (Resident and Mayor of Town of Irmo) complimented HCA on assisting in the clean-up of the historical Upper Pine Grove Cemetery on Archers Lane. Note: HCA contributed the labor and incurred the major expense in the restoration efforts; the land is owned by HCA).

Mr. Walker explained why the Irmo Youth Zone had been created in 2020 – to address the idle time of teens between the ages of 11-18 living at one of the apartment complexes in the Harbison area. The program had been very successful and he thanked the HCA Board for their support and participation. Note: this program coincided with the Crime Prevention Committee chaired by HCA Board President Hank West. HCA contributed labor and materials in supporting the Irmo Youth Zone. Maintenance Director Kaden Watson even transported some of the individual teens – after 5:00pm to events.

Mr. Walker mentioned that he is on the Board of the Comet Bus System and there had been concerns expressed over the granting of free transportation to “Homeless” people in 2020 – since it appeared to some that Homeless individuals were being transported to the Harbison area – where some were engaging in panhandling, establishing camps. He introduced Mr. John Andoh – who is the CEO of the Bus System. Mr. Andoh stated that the program started in mid 2020 but effective April 12, 2021 the individuals will be charged a minimum of \$2.00 and they have to pick a designated location. It is thought that by charging a fee, there will be less Homeless individuals coming to the Harbison area!!

2. Ike McCravy – complemented the HCA Staff for the excellent job that they are doing in managing HCA. He encouraged the Board to become engaged, to support the Staff.

3. Tim Graham – said he is a personal trainer and he brings his clients to HCA but he believes HCA’s requirement that he and his client wear a mask is not practical, while he is actually training/instructing.

There was much discussion among Board Members, Residents and Staff about HCA’s rules, the latest CDC guidelines on social distancing, personal responsibility and the practicality of wearing a mask while using athletic equipment (example: treadmill). Board President Hank West stated that the Board would consider the issues mentioned but meanwhile, “D” Gunter and Staff would continue deciding and enforcing the practices because they were in the best position to determine the procedures to protect the safety of Members and Employees.

4. Carolyn Turner – complimented the Staff for a job well done. She gave an example of an employee (Maintenance employee Nick Spencer) who protected duck eggs by roping the area off – an act that showed concern compassion/concern.

5. Tammy Philon – complimented the Staff and expressed her appreciation for the work they perform.

6. Rhittie Gettone – mentioned the hazard that exists at the corner of Shadowpine and Piney Woods due to a vehicle & trailer reducing visibility of someone turning onto Shadowpine. Mr. Grove mentioned that this situation has been an issue for several years with local law enforcement advising HCA that the Resident is “legal” – that he is parking the vehicle/trailer at a sufficient distance from the curb and he is not violating any laws.

7. Betsy Russell – expressed her thanks and appreciation to everyone. She had commented earlier – reminding everyone that each participant in events has a personal responsibility to protect themselves & others by wearing a mask and sometimes – it may be necessary to remove yourself from a situation if you can not control the ones next to you who may not be wearing a mask.

June Cannon, Vice President / Secretary