

Harbison Community Association (HCA)

MINUTES: MEMBER INPUT MEETING

May 31, 2022

NOTE: Due to Social Distance Guidelines resulting from COVID-19 virus, this meeting was held by “Zoom” instead of in-person at the Community Center.

Board Members attending: Mr. Hank West (President); Mrs. Julie Lucas (Vice President/Secretary); Mrs. Patricia Jenkins; Mr. Ozzie Nagler- zoom; Mr. Terry Helsley, Mr. Stan Seabrook;
Absent: Ms. Crystal Bowen (Treasurer); Ms. Taryn Trefethen-Boileau.

HCA Staff attending: Ms. Cindy Kellett- Executive Director; Mr. Ray Cloutier- Senior Advisor, Director of DDRC & RDRC- zoom; Ms. Yolanda Vinson - zoom, Finance Director; Mrs. Danell Gunter- Programs Director; Ms. Cookie Brooks- Community Resources Director; Mr. Scott Lynch, Director of Covenants and Facilities.

Members requesting meeting log-in or input:

Mr. West called the Meeting to order at 6:02pm and explained that this was a meeting to listen to the concerns of members. We do have some people on zoom and would like everyone’s cooperation and patience. Please limit your comments to 5 minutes so everyone has a chance to speak.

Residents:

Ms. Judy Rowe (Forest I) the floor. She wanted to know why residents did not get a discount for classes (they used to get \$5 off) and camps anymore and why staff of the center could bring their children for free. It appears that the former Executive Director allowed the changes based on the new online method of registration which adds an expense to each registration. The staff change only applies to one person who is the manager of programs. The fees for these programs are nominal.

Ms. Kay Brown (Hamilton Park) was next – she is concerned about a rental truck parked on the grass in the CulDeSac. Scott Lynch, Covenants director will follow up with her.

Mr. Tim Graham Wants meetings to be in person only, not disrupted by zoom. We have people that still are concerned for their safety. We are working to decrease the disruption and correct issues of the use of zoom so everyone can enjoy the meetings.

Board Committee- Community Safety Committee:

There was a question regarding the Safety Committee discussed at our last input session at the Annual Meeting, Mrs. Julie Lucas answered by talking about the committee: 2 board members: Mrs. Lucas; Mr. West; Staff Cindy Kellett, Executive Director; Scott Lynch, Director of Covenants and Facilities; Volunteer residents: Mr. Zack Wildman; Mrs. Delores Cauthen; Ms. Karen Branagan; and Ms. Joette Scarborough asked to be added at this meeting to replace Mrs. Patricia Jenkins.

Issues committee is reviewing:

Harbison Gardens issue -Captain Tapler said there had been 57 incidents since the first of the year. Board and staff are working on getting a meeting with the property manager.

Police Reports- We want to document police incidents so we can measure the success of the actions taken by incident/police reports. We are also reviewing with City of Columbia West Region- Douglas Shuler

Homeless- Reviewing what organizations assist and how we can help, actions to take (staff: Lang Hunt- asks them to leave tunnels when he encounters them and let’s them know he will call law enforcement. Relatively effective. Reports homeless trash areas, most significant with DOT agency.

AirBnB- working with DDRC to see how they want to handle, what options other organizations are handling.

Mr. Bill Gibson- (Tawny Branch) asked about Security Patrols like we used to have and wanted to know what residents get for their assessments. Discussed reasons for not have security guards, liability issues.

Assessments cover all common area upkeep, covenant enforcement to keep home values up and enforce corrective actions as needed and the community center and activities provided to all age groups.

Mr. Jim Howe- Forestview Court, said he had requested a reservation for one of the picnic areas and someone was supposed to call him back but did not. Mr. Stan Seabrook apologized if we did not return his call. Ray Benloss, Front Desk Supervisor said Mr. Howe did call and they had a conversation about his request for a picnic table at the Woodcross Lake area which is a first come first served area, no reservations. You can rent the picnic areas behind the center that we can make reservations for, please call Ray at the front desk at 781-2281.

We were asked **why we are closed on Federal holidays**. The only holidays we currently observe are New Years'; Memorial Day; 4th of July; Labor day; Thanksgiving and the day after; Christmas Day and the day before or day after as scheduled by the Executive Director. In contrast, **Federal Holidays are recognized as:**

2022 Holiday Schedule	
Date	Holiday
Friday, December 31 *	New Year's Day
Monday, January 17	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, February 21 **	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Monday, June 20 *	Juneteenth National Independence Day
Monday, July 04	Independence Day
Monday, September 05	Labor Day
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day
Friday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 26 *	Christmas Day

**If a holiday falls on a Saturday, for most Federal employees, the preceding Friday will be treated as a holiday for pay and leave purposes. (See 5 U.S.C. 6103(b).) If a holiday falls on a Sunday, for most Federal employees, the following Monday will be treated as a holiday for pay and leave purposes. (See Section 3(a) of Executive Order 11582, February 11, 1971.) See also our Federal Holidays – "In Lieu Of" Determination Fact Sheet at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/work-schedules/fact-sheets/Federal-Holidays-In-Lieu-Of-Determination>.*

***This holiday is designated as "Washington's Birthday" in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, which is the law that specifies holidays for Federal employees. Though other institutions such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is our policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law.*

Mr. Moody asked about the **rules for the pool area** and felt they had changed. Mrs. Danell Gunter, Programs Director said that it is difficult to put up every rule but they make an effort to post rules they feel are most needed, asked about and suggested. Mr. Moody said he was questioning what the rules are when he saw people putting their feet in the sauna but not actually getting into it. The only absolute rule is rinse off before you enter and you have to be at least 16 years of age. It was suggested that the sauna is a first come first served basis as well but that most people do not mind a gentle reminder that they have been waiting for a turn. Swim team has grown so they had to switch up the number of lanes the swimmers needed to accommodate our team.

Mr. Moody also asked about the sauna we had. Turns out that Harbison did not have a permit for the structure, we do not have sprinkler fire system AND we were told it was not handicap accessible. Our new Executive Director is looking into the issue as there appears to be a good deal of interest in a sauna.

Mrs. Patricia Jenkins suggested reviewing the website for rules, swim team news and bringing these issues to the board.

Ms. Diane Parham and **Ms. Beth Hutchison** brought up the Harbison West Issue: Harbison Community Association donated property for 2 schools within Harbison to Lexington Richland School District 5 in 1979. Currently the school district is publicly discussing selling the property or changing the 'use' of the school. While the Association is aware of the issues, we do not want to attend their public hearings as we will need an attorney conversant in association bylaw and covenants to guide us in this matter. There has been a 'public outcry' according to news reports which appear to have caused them to review what they have presented.

NOTE: No Board Meeting is scheduled for July.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is August 30th at 6pm – in person at the Harbison Community Center.

NEXT Member Input Meeting is scheduled for September 27th at 6pm in the Community Center.

Ms. Julie Lucas, Vice President / Secretary

Date