

# GENERAL HOME OWNERS MEETING - Tuesday May 11, 2021

Time: 7:10 p.m.

Venue: Belair Fitness Center Lounge area

In attendance: Board: Benson Pompier, Mariette Schrijvers, Cookie Bijlani, Frits Bus and Ineke Konings

Homeowners: 14 and proxy from 2

### 1. Opening

President Benson welcomes the attendees and opens the meeting.

## 2. <u>Establishing of quorum</u>

Since there are approx. 100 houses in Belair we need about 50 homeowners in attendance to form a quorum. There are 14 persons present plus the board, so we have no quorum. Therefore a next general meeting will be necessary.

## 3. <u>Approval of minutes Nov. 2019</u>

Due to Covid-19 we did not have any general meeting in 2020.

In 2019 we had 2 meetings because of no quorum in the first one. During those meetings we discussed the projects done over 2019.

We did a repair of roads (\$ 2.800) and elected one new board member, who resigned in the meantime. Agreed is that the minutes of today will be published on the to be launched website of the Hillside Fnd.

## 4. Highlights 2020.

- Replaced Road signs who disappeared after Irma
- Requested GEBE to repair the broken GEBE lights, which they did. Some are still not working and might have to be replaced by GEBE.
- The Foundation plans to install Solar Lights at areas where there are no GEBE poles.
- Installed Mirrors at entrance of Camel Road and Rabbit Hill Road, one is still pending at the entrance of Kangaroo Road
- Working on new Website, which will be launched shortly, with a possibility for home owners to log in for specific information

## 5. <u>Community issues & possible solutions</u>.

### Parking problem.

Residents keep complaining about inconvenience of the many parked cars on the road even if the premise has a driveway. It was established in the past that there are no legal grounds to enforce this, but it must not be that cars are parked in such a way that they hindering others.

Also the many car wrecks are an eyesore and must be tackled, solution: residents can send in pictures to the president who will find a way to deal with this.

#### Garden waste.

Although government cleans regular (6 weeks/2 months) the shoulders of Belair, the appointed company does not clear the garden waste thrown out by residents in the uninhabited lots and shoulders. Besides that, this is an eyesore, it also creates an invitation of throwing/adding garbage, which consequently creates a breeding ground for rats and other rodents /insects. Residents must be made aware of this and also instruct their gardeners not to do this.

<u>Piles of rubbish and debris</u> left behind on top of the hill near the antenna by TELEM, UTS, and other companies (pictures provided by an home owner) need to be addressed. With the hurricane season upon us

this can be dangerous as a strong wind can blow these as missiles down on the houses. The foundation will contact the ministry responsible for telecommunication to see how this can be resolved.

### Sewage.

For years this Board and former Boards are working on this problem. Sewage on the Otter Road arises because of a faulty pump from the Krebbers houses. Sewage on the Kangaroo Road is combined with groundwater and creates a dangerous situation for traffic not only for our residents in Belair but also general traffic on the Welgelegen Road. A law to tackle this exists but needs to be enforced. VROMI was cooperating with the Board in the past, but at the end nothing happened from their side. A sewage line would be the best solution, but we all know that this will not happen anytime soon.

### WhatsApp groups.

To avoid the confusion which is still existing, we have the WhatsApp group "Belair residents" for information and the WhatsApp group "Belair 911".

The last one is strictly for emergencies (because the police is also monitoring messages in this group). Board members can be approached to be added to these chats.

In the past several other chat groups were created, but to ensure that everyone receives official notices from the Hillside Foundation and Community Council in a timely manner we strongly encourage everyone to discontinue the use of these and join the official WhatsApp group chats.

### Crime and Road infrastructure.

In the last couple of months again we had several car break ins, stealing of cars and or tires. Seeing the economic situation, because of Irma and Covid-19, we need to be on the alert in our neighborhood. In the past we had several cameras throughout the area but unfortunately these are not in working order anymore. Time and technology prove that there is more sophisticated equipment on the market nowadays. Some residents have their own cameras which must be applauded and can be an encouragement for others to install as well. The foundation however recommends this be done as community effort.

Security cameras, lights, gated community, road repairs etc.:

Too many entrances to our areas is a disadvantage. The ideal solution would be blocking the entrances at Kangaroo Road and Otter Road with barriers/booms, have a guard in the evening who registers all incoming vehicles and monitors community cameras as well.

Making Kangaroo Road and Otter Road a one-way Road in or out could be a solution as well.

The entrance at the end of Camel Road (opposite the road to Divi hotel) will be closed by the home owner, who will contact the near neighbors about this, that is a good start.

For the entrance near the tennis court at Welgelegen Road, the gutter, a solution must be found as many residents use that as a footpath to walk to the beach and walk their dogs. This entrance however could also be used by culprits with the wrong intentions.

The roads are on some spots desperately in need of repair to avoid getting even worse and more expensive to restore.

Solar lights in the dark areas, some will be attached to walls, some on poles.

To implement all the above requires the participation of everyone and we need to start with an annual contribution from all participants. (homeowners).

An annual fee of \$600 is proposed.

Collection strategy needs to be addressed.

The Board will put together a project plan and a draft budget thereof which will be send to all who are here tonight.

Attendees show interest in working together with the Board without being a board member but as a committee member.

Frits Bus resigns as a Board member but will be up for re-election if necessary.

We have room for 2 new board members.

Attendees are encouraged to apply for a vacant Board position and approach others who are interested as well.

## 7. Open floor

Get to know your neighborhood and take a drive through the neighborhood, go the top of Camel Road and take a different road as you are used to do.

Road maintenance is important, the Road going into Mary's Fancy for instance is in such a bad condition, we would not want that to happen in Belair.

In the past in case of an emergency residents use to have a foghorn which could be heard throughout the area. It was suggested to implement this again.

Digital meetings might improve the attendance.

Chinese building at the entrance of Belair is a residential building.

Ground floor will be a warehouse. First floor living part.

The Board was in close contact with the owner and he is aware that commercial activities (selling) is prohibited; all was explained in writing and signed by the owner.

#### 8. Closure

Next meeting will be on Thursday May 27, 2021

The president closes the meeting at 8:30 p.m. after thanking all the attendees for a very constructive evening.

*Approved by the Board in the meeting of:* 

Signature and function