

Sister Cities Committee

January 6, 2009

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Chairperson Linda McCance Packham, Gladys Lawson, Adelaide Grant-Acquah, Frank Grant-Acquah, Mary Harrison, Trustee Liaison Robert Packham. Staff Liaison Kim Benedix.

The meeting began at 7:15 PM as a workshop.

Reviewed a draft article prepared by Pamela Fowler, Adelaide Grant Acquah and Gladys Lawson to be published in the January/February issue of the Hi-Lighter. The article is based on a committee person's account of their trip to Cape Coast Castle and the "Door of No Return". The article is too long to place in the Hi-Lighter in its current form. An abridged version will run with a notice indicating the entire article will be available on the Village's web site. Agreed to use three photos: Castle, Door of No Return, and Cannons overlooking the sea.

Discussion was held on the Fiscal Year 2010 budget goals and objectives. Final numbers were provided by the committee for submittal to the budget review team.

Being a quorum was reached; the meeting was officially called to order.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion made by Frank to accept the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion made by Frank and seconded by Mary to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Linda updated all in attendance on the article and budget discussions. All agreed with what was discussed during the workshop. The staff liaison was provided instruction by the committee to set the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

Domestic Violence Shelter:

A house has been found in Ola Estates (in the Hanover Park Primary School area) that can be used as a shelter for victims of domestic violence. It is a three bedroom, one bath with kitchen and living room. Cost is approximately \$150 per month plus utilities (total monthly cost estimated at \$200). Details need to be worked out as to who maintains the property and who, in Ghana, will be in charge of on-site supervision. The Police Department can refer victims to the shelter, but it is the understanding, the Police will not be supervising the home.

Determination will need to be made as to who will help with fundraising. Who, in Ghana, can help with the project. Need to understand and set up operational process of renting the home and maintaining the property. Need further discussion.

New Leadership:

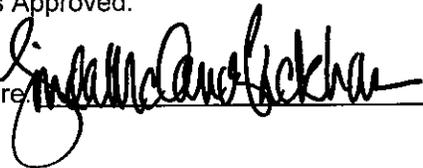
Ghana has a new president, Professor John Evans Atta Mills. There will also be a new mayor and council in Cape Coast. Leadership will change. There will also be a new Regional Minister.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment made by Gladys, seconded by Frank. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM

Minutes Approved:

Signature: 

Date: 10. February. 2009