



## HAMILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Hamilton Parish Council (HPC), Annual Report for January to December, 2014**

**Membership:** During the course of the year there was one resignation, Randolph Smith and sadly long serving HPC member and Treasurer Patricia Richardson passed away.

**Meetings:** The Council was scheduled to meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Lyceum on Wilkinson Avenue. The Council membership was published in RG in January 2014 and HPC met 10 times during the course of the year. There were two public meeting held in 2014, one on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Crawl Gospel Hall and the other on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the Aquarium Education Hall.

**Audit:** 2013 audit finalized in April 2014. It was noted that Moore, Stephens and Butterfield had not prepared the statements correctly for review by the auditor general and it was agreed that their services would no longer be required. HPC Treasurer Peter Barrett agreed to prepare the accounts for audit.

**Hamilton Parish Scholarship:** A formal scholarship program was constituted in 2013 and in 2014 an annual Hamilton Parish scholarship valued at \$5000 was organized, information and the program is on our website, our Facebook page and on [Bermudascholarships.com](http://Bermudascholarships.com). HPC members contributed funds and attendance fees to the scholarship and the Ministry of Home Affairs donated an additional \$5000. 12 applications were and received, 7 were eligible. As a result of the quality of applications, two scholarships were awarded, \$5000 to Sarai Hines and \$2500 to Jashun Bean.

**Website and Facebook:** The HPC website was featured at both public meetings; Hamilton Parish is also on Facebook. The website and Facebook page are used as a tool to store important documents; administer our scholarship program; manage communications, and share information with residents of the Parish.

**Bathrooms at Shelly Bay Beach Field:** The need for bathrooms to serve the youth soccer and summer cricket programs was shared with Government Estates and Youth and Sport. Former HPC member Peter Profit provided drawings of restrooms that could be built adjacent to the soccer storage building. Approval was sought from Estates, Youth and Sport and from Planning. The plans were been approved by Youth and Sport and Estates and were with Hamilton Parish Youth Soccer and the Planning department at year end.

**HPC Cottage # 9 Radnor Road:** A replacement front door was approved for the house in 2014. Lot plans have been scanned and placed on our website and the undeveloped lot owned by HPC was valued at no cost by Leonard Gibbons.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Community police representatives were featured at the public meeting to encourage the development of Neighborhood Watch groups.

**Hamilton Parish Cleanup:** no cleanup in 2013

**Seniors Home in Hamilton Parish:** No action.

**Parish Outreach program:** Representatives of HPC met with staff at social services to explore ways that HPC could assist those who are vulnerable and in need in the parish.

**HPC public meeting** Agenda items included website, Facebook, scholarship, accounts, Radnor Road property, PATI, Hamilton Parish Youth Soccer, Hamilton Parish Cleanup, Neighborhood Watch, Seniors Rest home, Mike Murphy on bridges for the Railway Trail, a presentation from the Principal of Francis Patton School and hurricane/emergency preparedness from the Red Cross. Attendees identified neighborhood watch, delivery of parish services (street lights, road repairs, etc.,) and youth programs as priorities.

Suggestions from the public meetings,

- Problem of Scrambling on the Railway Trail
- Poor maintenance of the Harlem Heights playground.
- Additional parking at Trinity Church, HPC wrote a letter of support.
- Concern about unattractive snowball stands on public property.
- Yellow strips should be used to slow traffic at pedestrian crossings that do not have flashing lights. Crosswalk at north end of Wilkinson Avenue is not safe, too close to roundabout and corner.



Richard Winchell

*Chairman – Hamilton Parish Council*

24/6/2015.