

National Roads Authority
Minutes of the Forty-Seventh Meeting of the Board of Directors
held at the NRA Offices, 370 North Sound Road, George Town,
Grand Cayman, Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 3:00p.m.

Present: J L Hurlston Chairman
Gina Ebanks-Petrie
Justin Wood
Troy Jacob (Amendment) Nominee for Carson
Ebanks (omitted under Absence)
Steve McField
Edward Howard Acting MD
Lois A. Hall-Vaughan Executive Secretary

Apologies: Kenross Conolly
Troy Whittaker Deputy Chairman
Debra Welcome
Dean Walton
Paul Parchment Acting Deputy MD

Absent: Frank McCoy
Carson K. Ebanks
Gary Rankin

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 and convened with a word of prayer by the Chairman.

2. New Business

The Draft 3 year Road Development Plan compiled by Messrs. Edward Howard and Paul Parchment was presented at this meeting by Mr. Edward Howard.

Copies of the plan were circulated to members prior to the presentation for review and discussion by members and several points which contributed to the compiling of this plan were noted.

- It was noted that this plan was well overdue for presentation.
- This plan is a 20 – 25 year road transportation plan for the Cayman Islands. Access and mobility were the two main features in developing this plan for the islands. It was noted that the number of cars increases with the population as well as the land use. It was advised by overseas consultants to have a main arterial roadway to control the flow of traffic. This 3 – 5 year plan is important in the shaping of the NRA as to what are the realistic capabilities of the NRA in regards to accomplishing the plan. It was noted that only 21/2 miles of road were built in 20 years and there was a need to improve this as the population grew. This plan was done based on projected government funding and proposed revenues.

- In the NRA road planning process, it should be stated that environmental studies be conducted and routes adjusted accordingly if required especially if the proposed route is through a preserved corridor.
- Is there a format for consultation between Planning Department and the NRA?
- Recommend to look at how the NRA has to liaise with other agencies such as Planning Department and in regards to stormwater management and the setting up of consultancy groups.
- It was noted that Planning Department is in the process of rezoning land and the NRA needs to liaise with them re proposed road development.
- It was noted that congestion of traffic traveling to and from East End caused future generation to move nearer to town and this resulted in a change in the traditional Cayman families. This transition however added to congestion in traveling to and from Bodden Town. When the main road is congested then motorists use other means to travel i.e. via side roads.
- The streets in George Town were in a bad condition with poor signage (especially 'find a place' signs) and not good sidewalks. It was noted that recently the buildings on the water front are beginning to blend (looks, structure and landscaping). The NRA needs to liaise with the new Recreation, Parks & Cemetery Unit to improve on the lack of handicap ramps and sidewalks.
- The projected traffic congestion on Elgin Avenue considered and under survey.
- The lack of resources to conduct transportation analysis. The need to get the NRA Transportation Unit up to and efficient and effective standard.

3. **Other Business**

1. Paving

It was noted that the plants of the two suppliers of hot mix asphalt are currently down. However they are expected to be up shortly.

2. Hiring of Staff

It was noted that more staff can be hired in the 07/08 fiscal year once the budget is approved.

3. Service Level Agreements

It was noted that the NRA needs to ensure that these agreements are legal.

4. Street Light Inventory

This inventory is expected to be completed in approximately 11/2 weeks. It was noted that the NRA is paying for street lights that no longer exists. This is to be brought to the attention of CUC and rectified.

5. Other proposed projects

- The widening of Hell Road which will require land taking.
- Small roundabout by Airport Rd. and Dorcy Drive, with sidewalks, efficient signage and effective drainage.
- Proposed amendment to the Explosives Law.
- Installation of guard rails at Linford Pierson Highway, Breakers and the Esterley Tibbetts Highway.
- Widening of the Harquail bypass
- The connector road – Airport to Esterley Tibbetts Highway to be done in phases.
- Dart to widen the road through Camana Bay (Minister to negotiate with Dart)
- Extension of John McLean Drive west to High Rock
- Connector road from Fort Street, George Town to Blue Marlin on Eastern Avenue.

6. Lower End of the Bay


The ordered sheet piles for this project expected tonight.

7. Traffic Flow

It was queried whether the NRA met regularly with the Police in regards to traffic flow and noted that this was not being done. It was suggested that this be done and requests accident reports for statistic reasons in order to conduct preventative costing measures.

8. Residents of Her Majesty's Prison - Northward

It was queried if the NRA considered using prison inmates for labour work? This was considered previously but never followed up and it was suggested that this be seriously considered.



Signature
Board Chairman
Confirmation of Minutes – 14.06.07
Date: 21.06.07

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Signature
Executive Secretary
Seconded: Confirmation of Minutes
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