Minutes of a Meeting of the Public Lands Commission ("PLC" or the "Commission")

held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, December 17th 2024 at 71 Eastern Avenue, George Town (the "Meeting")

Members Jaron Leslie Chairperson

PresentTeddie EbanksDeputy Chairperson and Member for North Side

Elsie Kynes Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman

Ezmie Smith Member for West Bay Shanna Myles Member for George Town

Perry Powell Representing the Chief Officer, Ministry of Tourism
Kathryn Dinspel-Powell Representing the Chief Officer, Ministry of Commerce

David Fawcitt Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Lands Kayleigh Thompson Policy Officer, Ministry of Tourism

Absent Sophia Williams Representing the Director of Lands & Survey

Tristan Hydes Representing Chief Officer, Ministry of Planning

Vacant Member for East End
Vacant Member for Bodden Town

Ex-officio Melissa Brown-Watler PLC Secretary

Member

1. Call to Order

It being noted by all that there are insufficient voting members present to establish quorum, the meeting was called to order at 10:28 a.m. and proceeded accordingly.

SM joined the meeting at 10:59 a.m., whereupon quorum was established and voting took place.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Matter brought forward

- I. **Minutes** Minutes of the meeting held 26th November 2024 were formally approved.
- II. Cause No. 160 of 2019: Cayman Shores Development Ltd. v the PLC & the Attorney General of the Cayman Islands Status Update The Commission was notified that there were no substantial developments to report pertaining to this matter.
- III. PLC versus John Burke Uncle Bob Road (PROW) Timeline A chronology of actions & events was circulated to members. It was unanimously resolved that the matter was not addressed administratively and is consequently considered time-barred. ES abstained from casting a vote on this matter. The motion to close this matter was moved by TE and seconded by SM.
- IV. Murph's Kitchen Appeal to Decision of Review Committee A brief discussion was held on the applicants request for the Review Committee's denial decision to be overruled by the PLC. The motion to reject this request was moved by SM and seconded by TE. It was unanimously resolved that the AGC be notified of this decision.
- V. **PLI Monthly Reports** October and November 2024 Reports were distributed to Members.

2.2 West Bay Beach South Block 12E Parcel 54 - Public Right of Way to the Sea - Progress update – The Secretary informed the PLC that no update had been received from the Attorney General's Chambers. It was unanimously agreed that any updates be circulated to the Commissioners.

2.3 SMPBP Vendor Permits

- I. Review Committee Progress update DF gave an update on progress, with only the Berry JR applicants still to be reviewed by the Committee.
- II. Chef John's Barbecue and Catering Service **DF** informed the PLC that this matter is with Ministry still, there are no updates to report at this time.
- III. Approved Beach Locker Vendors Progress update
 - a. Secure 4 Sure (K1/01) The approved Vendor provided photographic evidence of the lockers presently situated at the Seven-Mile Public Beach.
 - b. D. Connor Jr. (K1/02) The approved Vendor failed to submit any evidence regarding the presence of lockers at Seven-Mile Public Beach, nor did they express any intention to advance this matter. The motion to revoke the vendor permit was moved by **SM** and seconded by **ES**.
- IV. Watersports Category **DF** informed the PLC that this matter is with Ministry still, there are no updates to report at this time.
- V. PLI Report on SMPBP The Secretary informed the PLC that this matter has been delegated to the PLI, and the report is currently under review pending further investigation.
- VI. Fair Hearing Disciplinary Meetings Chairman Leslie requested a more detailed Report of incidents to date, and of the current situation, from the Inspectors.

2.4 Ministry Action Points Status Update

I. Replacement Member Appointments – DF stated that there was still no update to report on the appointment of members to the two vacant positions.

3. New Business

- 3.1 Application for AQUA Pickleball Court Installation at King's Bottom (SMPB) A brief discussion was held on this application, specifically concerning the potential environmental impact to the seabed. It was determined that the area in question is classified as an environmental zone and a marine park. Consequently, this matter exceeds the jurisdiction of the PLC and should be referred to the Department of the Environment (DOE) for further consideration. Additionally, the PLC unanimously expressed its opposition to any commercial activities at the Seven Mile Public Beach. It was agreed that a letter be drafted by the Secretary and distributed to the Members for their review.
- **3.2 DoT Beach Inspection Report for November 2024** The Report was discussed and it was noted that many facilities are in a very poor condition and require investment and regular maintenance by PWD It was agreed the Secretary would draft a Letter for Cabinet, with

the intent that the support of other interested Ministries be sought to add further weight to the PLC's concerns on the situation.

3.3 GC0067 of 2024 LURLANE BERRY & [8] Ors v PUBLIC LANDS COMMISSION & AG

The Commission was notified that judgment is awaited and as such, the Grand Court Berry Judicial Review is stayed pending the outcome in the Court of Appeal.

4. Next Meeting Date

The date for the next meeting s to be scheduled.

5. Adjournment

There being no further matters the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Chairperson

Public Lands Commission