



CITIZENS FOR CONSERVATION MINUTES FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 4th October 2016

VENUE: Medulla Art Gallery, Fitt Street Woodbrook

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Ms. Margaret Mc Dowall

AGENDA OF ITEMS	NOTES
Presentation of the Audited Accounts for 2014 and 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The audited accounts were presented by Ms Ghany in a lucid and condensed fashion. The entire report, which is inclusive of the auditors' statement will be posted onto the CFS's website on a date to be announced. - The accounts and auditors report were proposed by Ms Ghany and seconded by Mrs. Millar which was unanimously agreed by those in attendance. (see attachment for Financial Report Appendix II)
Amendment of clauses in the CFC constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The purpose of the proposed amendments are to enable CFC to obtain registered charity status as the prior application had been refused. The wording was in keeping with the recommendation of the Ministry. - The existing wording and the proposed amendments were put to a vote and accepted. (See attachment for breakdown of amendments and conflation of clauses Appendix III)
President's Report	<p>Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Piccadilly House - CFC undertook the restoration of the front sides and porch area of this cottage on Piccadilly St. Contractor- Alvin Rennie. Paint donated by Benjamin Moore and FT Farfan Ltd. Cost to CFC - \$38,000.00 Renovation of front fence and gates donated by contractor - Calvary Hill – Stations of the Cross. Artisan training for youth in restoration Techniques. Restoration of Cast Iron Plaques by CFC member Judi Sheppard. Project Manager Herman Lee King Awaiting funding for importation of yellow stocks brick. - 2016 - 2nd Caribbean Conference of National Trusts and Preservation Societies. Theme CULTURAL LANDSCAPES.



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<p>President's Report Continued</p>	<p>130 attendees from 30 countries. The Secretary General of INTO presented a paper. Highly successful conference undertaken with The national trust of Trinidad and Tobago and ICOMOS Trinidad Ltd.</p> <p>The Conference addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Caribbean Historic Cities: Preservation Challenges and Successes2. Layering History: Multicultural Sites that span Generations of Historic Importance.3. Adaptive Re-Use of Historic Structures4. Developing a Heritage Economy through Community engagement <p>Research Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- UWI RDIFUND project Leveraging built and cultural heritage for economic development in East Port of Spain – (CNULM/UWI) Historic Districts studied were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Belmont- Charlotte Street to Park and Piccadilly.This Research project was done by Rudylynn, Margaret, Kara and Ariann. <p>Dossiers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CFC produced 30 dossiers on Historic Buildings for The National Trust <p>Bursaries for Tertiary Education awarded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kara Roopsingh- Svetlana Lau- Chike Pilgrim <p>Education Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lecture on Historic Havana by Architect Sophia Martinez of Cuba <p>Teaching programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mentoring by the Masters. A program sponsored by The Culture Division of the Ministry of Community Development Culture and The Arts.- Rudylynn and Kara mentored 12 students in Historic Architecture Preservation over an eight week period.
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<p>President's Report Continued</p> <p>President's Report</p>	<p>Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2015 Calendar <p>Conferences and Workshops</p> <p>CFC members presented papers at the following conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BARBADOS: OAS Cultural Heritage Project. The purpose of these series of workshops is to identify educational gaps that can contribute to the preservation of the cultural heritage in the region.- BARBADOS: 1st Caribbean Conference of National Trusts and Preservation Societies.- EUROCHAMTT: POS revitalization Workshop- GUADELOUPE: Sustainable Urban Planning & Embellishment of the Public Space- GUADELOUPE: The Memorial ACTe is part of UNESCO's Slave Route Project, a global initiative to promote communication among peoples through the shared legacy of this tragedy.- NATIONAL TRUST: Photography Seminar- NATIONAL TRUST: Breakfast Seminar- ROTARY: Lunch feature speaker- BRITISH WOMEN'S CLUB: Event feature speaker. <p>CFC members also attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- INTO International Conference Cambridge England , UK- Administrative professionals Workshop 2015 <p>Fund Raising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rocks of Art. Championed by Chairman Christine Millar with assistance from Rosemary Jardine. Rocks were collected by members and given to artists who painted them in various ways. The Rocks were auctioned.- Peter Doig also painted two rocks for CFC, which were put on display for bids at the Art Society. They were sold almost a year later to the only bidder from that display. <p>National Committees</p> <p>Lopinot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lopinot House was listed as one of the heritage sites in Trinidad under the National Trust of Trinidad & Tobago Act in August 2015.
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Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ministry of Tourism has mandated the TDC led by Michele Lewis (Project Manager) to undertake Community Tourism projects such as Lopinot House and funding has been allocated.- Mr. Browne (formerly of Ministry of Works – Historical Unit) prepared a new dilapidation survey and separate technical meetings were held on the development of the scope. <p>Memories of the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- UNESCO's Memories of the World Programme is an international initiative launched to safeguard the documentary heritage of humanity against collective amnesia, neglect, the ravages of time and climatic conditions, and wilful and deliberate destruction. <p>Heritage Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Heritage Library on Knox St is being restored as “The Memorial Library for the Eric Williams Collection.” <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CFC Website is maintained by Geoffrey MacLean http://citizensforconservationtt.org <p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maintained by Kara- One Group one page- 3,592 members <p>Field trips and international trips</p> <p>CFC organized trips to historical cities and sites in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tobago- Bogota and Cartagena in Columbia- Havana, Santa Clara and Trinidad in Cuba. <p>Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Christine Millar received a lifetime award in 2015- Angelo Bissessarsingh received an appreciation award in 2016
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CONTACT US. CFC 's new offices located at 19 Stanmore Ave Port of Spain
Election of Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nomination forms had been prepared and were available at the meeting for financial members to nominate persons for the post of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. - Six nomination forms were completed and placed in the envelope provided. The envelope was opened by the Presiding Officer and a check was done of the nominators and nominees to ensure that they were financial members of CFC. - Nominations for the Post of President. Rudylynn Roberts was nominated by four persons and Margaret McDowall was nominated by one person. However since the latter declined the nomination, Rudylynn Roberts was elected unopposed to the post of President. - Nominations for the post of Vice President. Geoffrey MacLean was nominated by three persons, Rudylynn Roberts was nominated by one person and Margaret McDowall was nominated by one person. The latter declined and Ms. Roberts had already been elected as President. Therefore Geoffrey MacLean was elected unopposed to the post of Vice President. - Nominations for the post of Secretary. Karene Ramkisoorn was nominated by three persons. Anne Blache Fraser was nominated by one person. However as Mrs. Blache-Fraser was not present and had not indicated her availability or willingness to attend, Karene Ramkisoorn was elected unopposed to the post of Secretary. - Nominations for the post of Treasurer. Neisha Ghany was nominated by four persons. Karene Ramkisoorn was nominated by one person but since she had already been elected to the post of secretary, Neisha Ghany was elected unopposed to the post of Treasurer.
Standing Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CFC Young Professionals - Education - Fund Raising - Built and Tangible Heritage - Publications



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership outreach - Social media
<p>Lecture by Maria Nunes, Photographer Port of Spain – Crosswords of the World</p>	<p><i>“The reasonable man adapts himself to the world. The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man”</i> George Bernard Show in Man and Superman.</p> <p>This phrase sums up the presentation by Ms. Nunes as she took everyone into the realm of culture, history and photography. Her keen awareness of her surroundings created a canvas which showcased the elements of carnival, fretwork, local history and modern development. Her work highlighted the impact that historic structures have on the society today, therefore progress depends on the individual striving to achieve greatness.</p> <p>There was an unending applause that spoke unwritten words of appreciation, admiration and awe. At the completion of her presentation everyone mingled and enjoyed the refreshments. Meeting ended 9 pm.</p>