



Decision List BC Meting 21/11/2023

Date	11/21/2023
Time	9:00 – 11:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger and Jonathan Johnson
Absentees	Bruce Zagers

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes of last BC Meeting

Decision:

The minutes are approved.

3.0.0 Discussion papers

BC proposals to be discussed and decided upon jointly.

3.1.0 Utility van for hydroponics project

Because of the high costs for repairs and uncertainty about long term usability of the old utility van at the hydroponics farm, it is advised to replace it with a new one that is proven in the region and can be maintained at relatively low cost. A quotation was requested for a small Changan van. This is a brand widely used on St Maarten, which has developed a good reputation with regards to reliability, ease of maintenance and affordability.

Decision:

To approve to purchase a utility van for the hydroponics farm.

3.4.0 Hiring of maintenance worker

The Public Works Department is hiring a maintenance worker based on a vacancy that was already posted.



Decision:

To approve the hiring of proposed candidate for December 3rd 2023 at the Department of Public Works as a maintenance worker.

3.6.0 Costs of training for reforestation rangers

The Public Entity Saba is carrying out a reforestation project as part of the Nature and Environment Policy Plan. Recently two people were hired as reforestation rangers. They not have a background in arboriculture or horticulture and could benefit from a training in reforestation processes. STENAPA in St. Eustatius is willing to provide training to the recently hired reforestation rangerst as was done with a other colleague in May/June of this year. The training is free of charge. Only travel costs will need to be considered. These costs can be covered by the reforestation project budget.

Decision:

Approve the travel costs of our two reforestation rangers to attend a reforestation training in Statia.

3.7.0 Dengue prevention campaign

With the rise of dengue in the surrounding islands Public Health is taking a proactive preventative approach, specifically by means of buying necessary supplies for general prevention and protection measures within the community. It is essential that we take a proactive approach towards dengue preparedness and prevention. In addition, these supplies would support the specific public health protocols used in an outbreak/medical crisis for confirmed cases and for high-risk individuals.

Finally, a portion of the funds would be utilized to kick-off an ongoing community promotional awareness campaign designed to educate and motivate individuals to perform weekly preventative measures around their homes and businesses. These prevention activities will reduce the community's overall risk for current and future vector-borne disease and crisis.

It is important to note that the protection and prevention supplies can be used for other vector-borne diseases that may impact the island (Zika and chikungunya for example), not just dengue, and have a long shelf life. What is not utilized in the near term for Dengue, will be on hand to increase Public Health's overall vector-born disease readiness.



Decision:

Approve the use of Ghor funds to kickstart dengue prevention and protection campaign within the community.

3.7.0 Vacancy Finance Administrative Assistant

The Finance Department has identified the need to fill a vacancy within the Finance Department due to the ongoing digital transformations taking place within our organization. The Finance Department is currently in the process of transitioning to a fully digital system for all incoming and outgoing correspondences. The purpose of this vacancy is to replace the existing internship position within the budget and undertake the responsibilities of receptionist/secretary, but with a primary focus on digitizing incoming and outgoing correspondences for the Finance Department. These responsibilities do not fall in line of the definition of an intern however are tasks of a regular administrative employee. The request is to approve the publicising of this function

Decision:

Approve advertisement of vacancy text for administrative assistant

3.8.0 External contract

The Public Health department aims to provide the best developmental opportunities to our youths, the Cool2Bfit and the Be your own icon program has been 2 successful initiatives that we wish to continuously deliver and execute effectively. To do this, we are requesting for external personnel to help the team in carrying out these initiatives.

Decision:

Approve the introduction of an external contractor to execute Cool2bfit and Be Your Own icon at Public Health.

3.9.0 Christmas lights Saba

Every year OLS organizes that the X-mas lights on the public roads are put up. This proposal is to organise the ordering and the putting up of the lights and Christmas trees. This year we organise it more as a team building experience.



Decision:

Approve the proposal for the christmas lights.

4.0.0 Formalities

Decision:

Approved the islandtoetsen.

5.0.0 Incoming Pieces / Requests

6.0.0 Announcements

Announcements:

1. Governor Johnson
2. Commissioner Zagers
3. Commissioner Heyliger
4. Island Secretary Streppel

7.0.0 Signing the bc proposals

8.0.0 Closing