



## Decision List BC Meeting of 8/11/2023

<b>Date</b>	11/08/2023
<b>Time</b>	10:00 – 12:00
<b>Location</b>	Courtroom
<b>Chair</b>	Governor Johnson
<b>Attendees</b>	Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers

### 1.0.0 Welcome

### 2.0.0 Minutes of the last meeting

*Decision:*

BC Minutes Approved

### 3.0.0 Discussion papers

#### 3.1.0 Legal support land purchase Black Rocks

In March 2022, a land purchase agreement was signed for the development of Black Rocks Harbor and associated facilities. In order to have the sale closed by the notary, some of the special conditions of the purchase agreement need further elaboration. With the tender for the construction of Black Rocks Harbor scheduled to start in December 2023, it is important to finalize the land purchase as soon as possible.

*Decision:*

BC approve proposal for finalizing land purchase of Black Rocks

#### 3.2.0 Airco Replacement in AGL Room

Window Unit is malfunctioning in AGL room, where Runway light CCRs are housed. The average life span of A/C units are two years due to the harsh elements. Change from window units to split units. Estimate includes Aluminium plate to cover hole when the window unit is removed & Labour. The building is made from aluminium.  
Replacement costs estimate \$2818.57

*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved



### 3.3.0

#### **BC proposal Candidate for Media & Campaign Coordinator**

The departments of Community Development & Public Health were recruiting a Media & Campaign Coordinator to support both departments with sharing more information to the public.

Interviews were held with potential candidates, in which the best candidate was chosen. This proposal seeks the approval of the Council for the nominated candidate for the position which is shared between the two departments. The reference BC proposal for the vacancy which was advertised and approved is 1109/2023.

*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved

### 3.4.0

#### **BC Proposal Healthy School Meal Program SHS & SCS 2023–2024**

The Ministry of OCW has provided incidental funding for the intention of providing healthy school meals at the Primary and Secondary schools.

The Meal program is intended to provide healthy meals to all students enrolled in education, ensuring they receive a nutritious snack to give them energy for learning as well as to reduce the costs for parents. This is a one-time payment for Healthy Meal Programs for SHS and SCS.

*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved.

### 3.5.0

#### **BC Proposal Travel Conference Cultuur Participatie NL**

The Funds Voor Cultuur Participatie is hosting a conference for “Foreign Visitors Program of the Fund for Cultural Participation” in the Netherlands from November 19th until 24th 2023. The aim of this conference program is to deepen the knowledge of all participants and to discover, strengthen and deepen mutual partnerships.

This trip will also help the newly appointed Policy Advisor and Culture Coach to expand their knowledge and understanding of their new positions and how they should function, as well as a great opportunity to network with regional and Dutch cultural stakeholders. It is proposed for 3 colleagues from Community Development to travel to NL to attend the conference.



*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved.

### **3.6.0 Change in name for Government Information Services (GIS)**

This proposal is a request to change the name of the team "Government Information Service" (GIS) to the "Office of Communication and Public Relations". This transition represents a strategic rebranding that aligns with the evolving responsibilities of the team, as well as modernization of communication practices. While the original name emphasized the dissemination of information, the new title encapsulates a broader scope, including media relations, public engagement, digital and social media management, and integrated communication strategies, which reflects the team's multifaceted role and underscores a commitment to transparency, responsiveness, and collaboration with government departments, stakeholders and the community.

*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved.

### **3.7.0 Expertise invasive species project proposal**

PES and DCNA are working together to develop a project proposal on invasive species control, with a focus on cats, rats and green iguanas. Expertise is needed to ensure a sufficient knowledge base in the proposal and help make a realistic estimate of the costs. Attached is a quotation from Mr. Thijs van den Burg, who is an invasive species expert, with a specialization in iguanas, and who has a lot of experience in the region (also on Saba). The maximum costs for his expertise is \$5,000 to develop a project proposal for invasive species control.

*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved.

### **3.8.0 Replacement of Harbour Fence**

The harbour fencing has been damaged for quite some time. During this period, Customs and Immigration have made several complaints that the harbour is not safe due to the damaged fencing. Consequently, they are unable to perform their duties correctly when cargo vessels and ferries are in port. The current conditions are unsafe and unattractive, especially for the upcoming Saba Day celebrations that are hosted at the harbour.



We have received a quote to replace the entire fencing around the harbour. The fencing can be purchased on the French side of Sint Maarten, with a quoted price of 6717.97 euros (~\$7133.11), excluding shipping and ABB. The labour will be conducted by a local contractor, for a total cost of \$9360. The total cost (excluding shipping and abb) for both the materials and the labour is \$16,493.11. To proceed hiring J&A construction to replace the fencing at the harbour.

*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved.

### **3.9.0 Purchase new enforcement vehicle**

Our enforcers are valuable personnel to the PES and to our community. They are mobile employees that should have access to move throughout the island with the use of the PES vehicle. Therefore the enforcers need a properly functioning vehicle. At first appearance, the vehicle should be labelled with the competent authority's logo and be marked as an enforcement car.

The current vehicle is very small and the engine is very light. Besides that, it has no air conditioning and it can't be installed in the car. This means the vehicle cannot be used properly when it rains as the windows fog up. Having a secured vehicle allows movements freely and promptly from one location to the other. It is important that enforcers are visible and approachable for our residents and entrepreneurs. Purchasing a new vehicle can also lead to fewer vehicle breakdowns and expenses. At the moment there are also insufficient vehicles available at the Public Entity to dedicate one to the Government enforcers. Proposed to purchase a new enforcer vehicle.

*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved.

### **4.1.0 Urgent BC proposal Saba Day 2023**

Saba Day 2023 will be celebrated on December 1st, 2023. To honor our special day a program and budget plan has been created. The official day will be coordinated by the Department of Community Development & Culture and the weekend festivities will be organized by a sub-



committee. Agree with the budget plan and view the tentative program, adjustments are still being made with the official program.

*Decision:*

BC Proposal Approved.

*Explanation:*

Saba Anthem is song on the grounds of the Administration Building while the flag is being hoisted.

#### **5.0.0 Formalities**

*Decision:*

BC Decision: Approved

#### **6.0.0 Incoming pieces / requests**

##### **Cancellation of business license (1266/2023)**

Request submitted for the 'vestigings- en directeursvergunning' of CFPC Hospitality N.V. to be cancelled as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Decision:*

In agreement

##### **Cease operations at current location (1269/2023)**

Request submitted for cancellation of sole proprietorship business license of Angelina's Saba by Owaichie with immediate effect.

*Decision:*

In agreement

##### **Saban student housing allowance (1271/2023)**

Request submitted for housing allowance for student due to housing crisis.

*Decision:*

In agreement with advice that student is ineligible based on the Housing and Tuition Allowance Policy

##### **Request for tuition allowance (1295/2023)**

Application submitted for tuition allowance for study abroad.

*Decision:*



In agreement with advice that student is eligible based on the Hosing and Tuition Allowance Policy

**Request to cancel business license (1301/2023)**

Request submitted for the 'vestigings- en directeursvergunning' of Hibiscus B.V. to be cancelled as of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Decision:*

In agreement

**Request business establishment permit Saba (1302/2023)**

Request submitted for a 'vestigings- en directeursvergunning' for Leisure Enterprises B.V. as of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Decision:*

In agreement

**7.0.0**

**Announcements**

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

**8.0.0**

**Closing**