



La Mercy Civic & Ratepayers Association

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Dear Residents/Owners/Contributors and Non- Contributors

RE: RECENT WHATSAPP CHATS

The above matter refers.

We are disturbed to note that there are persistent arguments, side comments, abuse and downright harassment that is ongoing on the group chats throughout the day.

The presumption is that the Chair being myself and the members that form the executive of LMRCA have all the time to whatsapp and respond during the day. Please note that we all hold full time jobs and cannot afford the luxury of whatsapping and sitting on our phones the entire day.

Therefore, when persons state that they do not hear from the Chair and others, please note that you cannot take our silence as acceptance of your averments that lack any foundation whatsoever. We are simply earning a living.

Several members of the Executive of LMRCA bar a few do not want to be dragged into petty bickering, accusations and conversations that are designed solely to cause discord and which will only result in people leaving the group chats.

I would like to place on record the following:

Transparency:

During the course of 2019 the books of accounts including spreadsheets and actual bank statements including that of CTP were put up at the shop for inspection. This was posted on all group chats and residents did go through to inspect same.

There can be no claim of non-transparency and allegations of mismanagement of funds. I caution those who brandish allegations loosely without proof. You are opening yourself to action of defamation especially since if any individual wants to meet with me personally and inspect books of accounting then they can do so.

On a monthly basis CTP via Thegan sends me bank statements and I accordingly post same on the LMRCA group chat (for Executives). Vishnu is on that group. I will be sending these out shortly. There can be no confusion in this regard. I receive the bank statements on a monthly basis.

Accusations of mismanagement of the CTP account hold no merit.

Two bank accounts:

Our predecessors who held the LMRCA bank account have refused to attend at the bank to sign over authority to the current chair being myself, vice Chair and treasurer. We have tried and failed in this regard. The only way to deal with this now is via court.

CTP and the LMRCA accounts were opened to facilitate the payment of security funds and to provide a method to pay the service provider. CTP is handled by Thegan, LMRCA is dealt with by myself and cash is dealt with by Flint. So if you are accusing anyone of mismanagement of funds you are accusing us. I take serious umbrage to this accusation and ask to you to get your facts straight. I will not be tolerating these accusations in the future.

We have posted over and over, the bank accounts for LMRCA. We have handed out pamphlets in this regard. We cannot be held responsible if residents choose to pay into LMRCA account or CTP. The accounts in any event are reconciled monthly.

Deficits:

Since the beginning of this project security payments and pledges have been slowly decreasing and this is due to many factors.

We need to find a way to deal with this issue constructively instead of fighting on public platforms and doing nothing.

A lot can be said about the keyboard warriors who have a lot to say but who simply will not put in the time and effort to assist.

Street representatives:

The best way to deal with this issue of short payment is to send out street representatives. IF each street held its own meeting then we would be in a better position to effect payments to the service provider. I will therefore challenge these keyboard warriors to please email me on tashya@tgiyapersad.co.za and propose a plan of action for their streets or any street they may want to have a meeting at in order to increase payments monthly. The Exec will attend.

Whatsapp groups:

These groups and the purposes for which they have been set up are now being abused. Please stop bickering on group chats. If you have an issue with someone take it offline and deal with it in a proper manner. The group does not need to be informed of your issues.

It is clear that these bank statements need to be posted monthly as opposed to twice a month.

This will now be done on a monthly basis and will include:

Service provider invoice, CTP account, LMRCA account, Spreadsheet and cash collected.

If anyone has any further issue, then contact me on 083 266 4330. If you have time on your hands, please use it constructively by contacting us and we will arrange Civic work that can have the collective effect in the long term betterment of the community.

We currently need volunteers as follows:

1. Neighborhood watch
2. Reporting of faults
3. South beach clean up
4. Setting up of street representatives
5. Communications (website and whatsapp)
6. Account management

I await a positive response in this regard.

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Chair LMRCA