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Government Hill Community Council Minutes September 18, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions: Introductions were made by all those in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 2008 minutes were approved as written.

Legislative/Assembly Report: Patrick Flynn stated that on October 9th, KABATA would be subject to review by AMATS. Meetings will take place at 1:00 at the Public Works Building off of Elmore Road and is open to the public. Over the summer L.E.D. lights replaced the high pressure sodium lights at Municipal Buildings. Eventually most city lights are to be replaced with L.E.D. bulbs that emit a white light that produce less light pollution. Johnny Ellis reported that the 25th Legislature was very productive and accomplished breakthroughs on major issues such as education, public transportation, and energy issues. Les Gara gave an overview of the Legislative Council's investigation into the possible abuse of power by Governor Palin.

Sewer Update: Ed Sorenson of AWWU and Dean Katz of PTS reported that the sewer project is almost complete. The project contractor was able to significantly minimize impact on vegetation. Hydroseeding will be completed next spring in impacted areas. ML&P was unable to underground any conduit as the contractor excavation for the sewer project was too minimal. However, an initial portion of the GH neighborhood is due for undergrounding of power in 2012.

Committee Reports

Parks: On September 27th, seven parks were involved in a pilot project sponsored by the MOA Parks Department. The goal was for volunteers from the community to complete "report cards" assessments of the parks according to several criteria. A BBQ followed at Sunset Park. The Parks Committee reported that work at Browns Point is almost complete. A special thanks to Reva Franklin, Gail & Bob French, Bob Atkinson, Kathleen King, and Howard and Mavis Hancock.

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KAB: Bob French reported that KAB Section 106 negotiations will continue this month.

Port: The Port hosted over 3,500 visitors this summer. The Port has received six letters of intent from prospective new users. Mr. Ribuffo will investigate the mowing of several lilac bushes along the fence east to Nightingale Park that had previously been given to the neighborhood.

Northpointe Development: Jaguar approached GH with a request to amend the CCRs to remove language restricting rental housing to be constructed by builders. GH has refused to allow the change. At this point it is believed that none of the 64 lots has been sold.

Traffic/Zoning: Residents complained that the traffic calming areas on the east side of GH have caused some disruption with cars parked haphazardly and skateboarders hanging out.

<u>Neighborhood Issues/Concerns:</u> Revelry at 7:00 a.m. has continued. Les Gara will look into this.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.