



Decision List BC Meeting 04/23/2024

Subtitle	Weekly BC Meeting
Date	04/23/2024
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger, Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers

1.0.0 **Welcome**

2.0.0 **Minutes**

Attachment:

BC Meeting Minutes 16-04-2024

BC Minutes 13.2024

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.0 **Discussion Papers**

3.0.2 **Agriculture Conference on Statia**

Years ago, the DCAFLA (Dutch Caribbean Agriculture, Livestock and fisheries Alliance) was formed with the Dutch islands. Once a year the group meets and has a conference on one of the Dutch islands to discuss improving the relationship among the islands and discuss improvements in Agriculture. This year the workshop will be on St. Eustatius.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.5 **Mandate budget and special grants Department of HRM**

The Finance Department has requested departments to submit a budget proposal for the department's expenses. This proposal concerns the budget of the department of HRM and three special grant projects: Friction grant (early retirement), Zorg Bonus grant and Organizational



Development plan grant. Currently every invoice over US\$ 500,- needs approval for BC and this can be seen as a burden and very time consuming. Details of the 2024 budget and use of funds can be found in the Finance section.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.7

Relocation cannons Black Rocks

In October 2021, archaeologist Ryan Espersen and Jelle van der Velde of the Saba Conservation Foundation surveyed the offshore area that will be impacted by the Black Rocks Harbor project. Two ship cannons were located together at a location just east of the projected breakwater. To avoid any damage to the cannons during the construction and operation of Black Rocks Harbor, it is necessary to carry out mitigating actions.

In March 2024, meetings were held with relevant stakeholders to decide on the preferred option for mitigation. Sharifa Balfour (Sabarc), Shaigan Marten (Department of Community Development and Culture), Kai Wulf (Saba Conservation Foundation) and the harbor project team unanimously agreed to proceed with a combination of two of the mitigation options:

1. Relocate the cannons to the nearby “Big Rock Market” dive site, and
2. Install anodes on both cannons to start underwater in-situ electrolysis to preserve the cannons.

All works will be carried out by the Saba Conservation Foundation. This approach will add an attraction for divers, while conservation of the cannons takes place in a “hand-off” way. During the conservation process encrustations and corrosions will flake off the cannons. This will make it possible to determine their date, caliber and place of manufacture. It could then be decided to have exact replicas cast and mounted on carriages for display at the new harbor. The costs for making replicas are not included in the cost estimate.

Decision:

Approved.



3.0.9

Letter to the island council – updates of the Inspectorate of Education Visit April 2024

The Inspectorate of Education visited Saba April 9–15, 2024, to follow-up on the signals of November 2023. The Inspectors comprised of a delegation of 4 persons, inspectors of primary and secondary education as well as inspectors of finance.

With this proposal we would like to inform the Island Council of the discussion that was had with the inspectors. More communication will be made in the upcoming weeks by the Schools, RCN OCW and local government.

Decision:

Approved.

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Letter to Island Council – Letter of Intent Housing

The Letter of Intent Housing and Spatial Planning Saba was signed in November 2023 between the Executive Council and the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, and also by Own Your Own Home Foundation and Bazalt Wonen in early 2024.

A ‘Kickoff meeting’ took place on April 10 2024 with all parties, to discuss progress and plan the next steps to deliver the Letter of Intent.

The purpose of the attached letter is to update Island Council on what was discussed during this kickoff meeting, with the signed Letter of Intent (and its English translation) attached for information.

Decision:

Approved.

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Formalities

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Incoming pieces/request (on paper)

6.0.0

Announcements

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

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Signing

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Closing

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Presentation Spatial planning policy by department of infrastructure and spatial planning