



Decision List BC Meeting 02/13/2024

Subtitle	Weekly BC Meeting
Date	02/13/2024
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 of last BC Meeting

Attachment:

BC Minutes 05.2024

Minutes BC Meeting 06-02-2024

Decision:

BC Minutes approved.

3.0.0 Discussion Papers

3.0.1 BC Proposal Culture Budget 2024

The Public Entity recently hired two culture colleagues who are setting the foundation for the newly established Cultural Department on Saba. These colleagues have been working with the Ministry of OCW to develop the Priorities Saba Culture Agenda 2024-2026. To support this plan, a \$10,000 budget will be allocated as a donations fund for 2024 that will be used to assist community initiatives in the field of culture on Saba. \$45,000 will be allocated to support cultural events and festivities on the island for the year. This budget will support the 2024 Saba Cultural Calendar that features initiatives by the Cultural Department as well as events in which the cultural department may not take the lead but will be better positioned to offer support. Lastly, \$16,000 has been allocated as a general culture budget which also covers the costs of the annual firework display (\$12,000 fireworks and \$4,000 general culture costs).



General Culture Budget	Amount
Donations fund	10,000.00
Cultural Events and Festivities	45,000.00
General Culture Fund	16,000.00
Total	71,000.00

An amount of \$235,000 has been allocated for cultural subsidies. The total amount for the 2024 Culture Budget is therefore \$306,000.00. The advice for BC is to approve the \$10,000 cultural donations budget, the \$45,000 budget for events and festivities and the \$16,000 general culture budget which also covers the annual firework display and to allow the Policy Advisor to manage these budgets.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.4 BC Proposal Safe House Shelter DV

The Domestic Violence shelter was acquired in July of the previous year by the Public Entity Saba through BC Proposal #378/23. The proposal was presented to the council, and permission was granted for the purchase. Funding for the acquisition was secured using incidental funds from the Ministry of VWS earmarked for Domestic Violence, with the remaining balance of \$150k contributed by the Public Entity.

The top three apartments of the building will be designated for the Domestic Violence Shelter, with the Ministry of VWS committed to maintaining their interior and utilities.

The bottom three apartments will be allocated for Public Entity/Community Development usage, serving as office space and a communal meeting area.

The Ministry of VWS supports this arrangement, emphasizing the need for input to ensure the safety of individuals in the shelter.

OLS will retain responsibility for the maintenance of the exterior and the bottom three apartments.



Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.5 BC Proposal Vacancy Census Department

Census Office is in need of a new all-round worker.

The team currently consists of 3 workers.

- Senior medewerker Census Office
- Allround medewerker Census Office
- PIVA specialist for the civil registry system, quality of data, application management and other Civil Registry system related procedures.

The Census Office is in need of an All-round worker. Continuation of services to the public is essential. The amount of work to do in the office is extensive and difficult to do while also serving walk-in customers. The All-round worker has a key role in serving the customers and supporting the team in time demanding issues for example, making family trees, but is also performing marriages.

To give permission for the Census Office to recruit a new colleague in the function of All-round worker and publish the vacancy in Dutch and English.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.6 BC proposal Vacancies Social Worker & Youth and Family Social Worker

The department of community development & culture is in need of filling two vacancies in the social domain portfolio. We have shortage with capacity after the departure of our social worker of six years. We would also like to fill a position for a youth and family social worker for more prevention programs among youth and families.

BC advised to agree to recruiting and advertising 2 fte vacancies for social worker and Youth and Family Worker for the department of Community Development. The vacancies need to be further adapted with the department of HR, these are not the final versions.



Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.8 Conference on administrative approaches to organized and subversive crime

A “Koninkrijkssummit Bestuurlijke Aanpak” will be held on Bonaire from 26 to 28 February 2024, focused on administrative approaches to organized and subversive crime in the Caribbean countries of the Kingdom and the BES. The summit is held on Bonaire to strengthen the bond between countries of the Kingdom and Caribbean Netherlands, also in relation to the Regional Information and Expertise Center Caribbean Netherlands (RIEC CN). Goals for the summit will be to meet with partners, strengthen cooperation, increase knowledge, and discuss common challenges. Attendance of this meeting can be combined with a working group meeting on February 29 on the Public Administration Probity Screening Act (Bibob) for Caribbean Netherlands, which is still in development. It can also be combined with a meeting of the “strategisch vreemdelingenketen overleg” on March 1.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.2 Public Health Budget 2024

In preparation for the new financial year, 2024, PHD shares with BC the department plans for the Public Health available budgets. With this PHD seeks approval to spend the budget as approved in the manner as was granted in 2023, which would therefore limit the number of proposals that have to be submitted throughout the year.

This approach was approved for use by the department in 2023 and greatly streamlined the process by eliminating the need to draft, submit and wait for approval. It was likewise efficient for BC and supporting departments who needed to review each individual approval.

If there are expenses which need to be made outside of the proposed budget a BC proposal will be drafted and submitted for approval. To



further keep the Executive Council adequately informed head of PHD will meet with the Commissioner of Health monthly.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.5 Search and Rescue (SAR) facility

The BC has asked the Ministry of I&W for a special grant to fund a search and rescue (SAR) organization, including the purchase of a Caribbean proof SAR vessel, professional maintenance, as well as necessary training and equipment for five years.

The Ministry of I&W has agreed to the request. Now the budget is granted, it is time to start the project, according to the project plan.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

Explanation:

The Executive Council to appoint the board.

The Department of Crisis Management, Public Order and Safety is the department directly responsible for the SAR Project.

3.1.6 Training GreenFresh Aquaponics

From September 2023, Mr. Denis Banuoku has assisted the Public Entity with the set-up of the hydroponics farm and getting the local team up to speed with the necessary knowledge to ensure local operations of the farm on the long term. The contract with Mr. Banuoku ends on February 15th. He will use the last days of his assignment to finalize the training of the local team.

Considering the broad interest on the island for farming hydroponically, it would be beneficial to extend the sharing of Mr. Banuoku's knowledge to beyond the hydroponics team. He has therefore been asked to provide additional assistance in the form of training local inhabitants and clients of Saba Reach, as well as initial guidance at the farm for Saba Reach employees. The extra time he will then have on the island (the second



half of February) will also be used to assist with the set-up of some specific elements in the farm (lighting and a second bucket system).

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.7 Travel plan DuCaPHEN conference

Saba participates in an international health regulations stakeholder group lead by the RIVM consisting of the 6 Dutch islands and Ministry of Health representatives. The purpose of this annual meeting is to monitor the progress of the IHR-implementation, review preparedness and response to Public Health events, share knowledge and experiences, and strengthen Public Health in the Dutch Caribbean region. This year the conference takes place on Sint Maarten.

The main conference takes place from March 11th, 12th, and 13th, and after the main conference, on March 14th and 15th the team was invited to participate in a working group session for Public Health professionals that will focus on the year plan for DuCaPHEN. Therefore, I propose that Public Health team attend the five-day event.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.8 Travel to NL Feb 23 – Mar03

Travel to the Netherlands to meet with I & W along with Commissioner of Airport and Policy Advisor and to meet with ILT concerning landing restrictions for pilots.

As airport manager it is important to be present during discussions concerning the airport and air connectivity. Hereby requested preliminary itinerary. Week Feb 26– mar 01 – in Connection with Commissioner & Policy Advisor. Discuss Airport Budget (RWY Shoulders, Heli Air TWY, Fence, Routine Maint, Edu, PSO – Air Connectivity)

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.9 Urgent BC proposal VWS Budget 2023 & 2024 CDCD



The Ministry of VWS has provided the Public Entity Saba with special grant funding specifically for the Department of Community Development & Culture to further continue their outreach and prevention programs. The funding also includes covering personnel costs for 7 fte's including the new Media & Campaign Coordinator which is shared position with Public Health department.

The balance budget of 2023 was taken into consideration when requesting new funding for 2024 from the Ministry.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

4.0.0 Formalities

5.0.0 Incoming Pieces/ Request on paper

6.0.0 Announcements

Announcements:

1. Governor Johnson
2. Commissioner Zagers
3. Commissioner Heyliger
4. Acting Island Secretary van der Kaap-Hassell

7.0.0 Signing

8.0.0 Closing