



Decision List BC Meeting 03/04/2024

Subtitle	Weekly BC Meeting
Date	03/04/2024
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:

Minutes BC Meeting 13-2-2024

BC Minutes 06.2024

Minutes BC Meeting 22-02-2024

BC Minutes 07.2024

Decision:

Minutes approved.

3.0.0 **Discussion papers**

BC proposals to be discussed and decided upon jointly.

3.0.1 **BC Proposal – World Water Day**

World Water Day takes place annually on March 22nd. For this year's celebration, our aim is to not only commemorate the significance of water but also to initiate the Saba Splash Marketing campaign with engaging events. Therefore, Public Entity will be hosting events on both March 20th and 22nd as follows:

March 20th: Water Wednesday

Two tents will be set up for promotion of Saba Splash. One tent will be located in the Windwardside Parking lot from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and the other tent will be located in the Bottom by the admin building lawn from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. At the tents, we will give away free Saba



Splash bottles, t-shirts, water bottles, and brochures with information about Saba Splash. We will also provide infused water samples to those who visit the tent.

Furthermore, the Saba Splash plant will be offering public tours. A morning tour and an afternoon tour will both be available. Public transportation to and from the plant will be organized to avoid any traffic issues and facilitate those who may not have transportation.

March 22nd: Hike for Water

A sunset hike to ladder bay will be organized on the 22nd. The idea with this hike is to signify solidarity with those in countries who have to walk long distances for water. The hike will start with a warm up done by Kemaul Lee. There will also be a competition element of the hike for those who are interested, in collaboration with event 66. For the competition, persons participating will have to bring up 3- or 5-gallon bottles of Saba Splash. After the hike, we will have some snacks and refreshments for all those who joined the event.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.3

Continuation sales of animal feed

For the past six months a pilot project was executed with the purchase and sale of animal feed by the Public Entity. Feed and hay for goats, pigs, cows and chickens was purchased in bulk and sold to the public with a subsidy on transportation and import costs. Because of this it was possible to sell a bag of feed for an average of \$24 (in comparison, the price on St Maarten is around \$32, excluding shipping costs to Saba).

The pilot was very successful, as many local people active in animal husbandry switched completely to the subsidized feed, thereby significantly reducing their operational costs. Originally the idea was to continue the project, if successful, without the subsidy on the transport and import costs. However, seeing the positive results of the project and the relief it has brought for people active in animal husbandry, it is advised to continue the project with a partial subsidy to ensure that the price per bag of feed can still be around \$5 lower than the prices on St



Maarten. This would require a subsidy of around \$17,000 until the end of the year and \$20,000 structurally.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.4 Funding Request Policy updated

In 2022, the first Funding Request Policy was drafted and implemented. The Public Health & Sports Departments receives requests throughout the year to support various initiatives in sports and this policy has been a tool to guide that process. The Funding Request Policy has also helped encourage more people from the sports community to feel empowered to take their own initiatives, which in turn provides more sports offerings to the island.

The policy has been reviewed and revised in collaboration with the Finance Department to ensure the process is streamlined to be the most efficient for all involved. A few minor changes have been made, such as:

- Adjustments to the minimum and maximum tables
- Daily stipend table
- Post Funding report is now only required when the maximum amount possible is requested
- Process for returning funds when there is a cancellation/reschedule

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.6 Budget request NEPP

Over the past years, several projects have been initiated via the NEPP, with currently 8 projects ongoing or in a start-up phase (goat control, hydroponics, reforestation, waste water, coral restoration, waste management, education and awareness, spatial development). New project proposals are currently being developed to address priorities that were determined for the first phase of the NEPP (2020–2024). At the moment there is no certainty about financing for the second phase of the NEPP (2025–2030).

With the increasing number of projects comes an increasing need for



capacity. Not only for the current execution of projects, but also to safeguard continuity on the NEPP after the first phase ends. This was discussed in the Steering Group meeting of January 25th. It was decided that funding would be provided for:

- Capacity for the development and implementation of a spatial development plan (EUR 200,000)
- Capacity to maintain a core NEPP team (program manager, program support, two project managers) until the end of 2026 (USD 470,000 additional to what is currently available)

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.7 **Attending of IPDC Conference 2024**

Deltares, Climate Adaption Services (CAS) and the Ministry of I&W will host a conference from March 25 to 27 for the International Panel for Deltas, Coastal Areas and Islands (IPDC).

The aim of the IPDC Conference 2024 is to share and exchange state-of-the-art adaptation knowledge for deltas, coastal areas and islands, including strategy, finance, policy, science, and practices.

As part of the climate agenda, the PES will develop a climate plan to accelerate the transition to a resilient and sustainable future in order for Saba to cope with the impacts of climate change.

The information obtained at this conference will help prepare and enable policy advisors to develop the climate plan.

Seeing that sustainability will be an integral component in the climate plan, Jordan will attend the conference with Sarah and Justin.

The travel and accommodation costs are covered by the IPDC.

The only costs that need to be taken into consideration for the PES are the daily allowances and transportation costs for Sarah, Justin and Jordan.

These can be covered by the NEPP budget.



Decision:

Approved.

3.0.9 Long Live Love consultation proposal for Allan Carolina

The Public Health Department has been working on contextualizing the Long Live Love sexual health curriculum. To effectively and efficiently execute this project we would like Allan Carolina to continue with this project, Allan is well versed with this project and can continue to contribute effectively as we are now coming to the final phases of the project and it would be of great benefit to have his continued contribution to utilize time effectively and prevent any delays.

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Approved.

4.0.0 Formalities

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5.0.0 Incoming Pieces / Requests (on paper)

6.0.0 Announcements

Announcements:

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

7.0.0 Signing

8.0.0 Closing