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FEB 10/02/85

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UDF Celebrated "NOBEL PEACE"
at SABUKANI AMPHITHEATRE. (SOWETO)

SPEAKER: Rev. (Dr) ALAN BOESAK
(did not speak) KATZER MOTAUN (MD) -
- FERRO LEROTA (did not speak)
All other bands (MUSIC).

13 February 1985.

Emma Satukge memorial Service to
be held in Kibera that is Mamelodi,
Attardgile and in Soweto.

15 Feb

Abred Mankpula, Solomon Kagalla,
Pulmonon Letele and Gregory Thulani
were detained this morning
(lawyers OK informed) I.

Rev AM 164

PREAMBLE:

A very strong need has arisen for the residents of the Grahamstown townships to organise themselves on a civic level.

We very strongly believe that :

- Housing is a legitimate right of all;
- People must have well constructed houses designed for their peace, comfort and security;
- Lack of accommodation can lead to social problems highly inexplicable in language terms;
- The solution to the shortage of housing is the building of mere houses;
- People must only be charged affordable rents, service charges, rates, water and electricity;
- Houses which are up for sale must be at prices people can afford;
- Essential amenities and other services must be available for the community;
- People have a legitimate right to mobilize and organise themselves; and that
- "Dummy bodies" are only serving themselves, and not the community.

1. NAME:

The name of the organisation shall be GRAHAMSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION, herein referred to as GRACA.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- (a) To strive for proper housing, essential amenities and other services for our community;
- (b) To strive for affordable rents, service charges, rates, water and electricity;
- (c) To act as a "watchdog" on any matters affecting the life of our community;
- (d) To unite the residents against their daily constraints and frustrations;
- (e) To undertake any activity deemed to be in the interests of our community;
- (f) To liaise and co-operate with other similar organisation;
- (g) To take a lead to any matter affecting our residents.

3. PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

- (a) Whereas GRACA was formed by the Black residents due to aggravating circumstances in their townships, it shall be a non-racial, non-political and non-profit making community organisation;
- (b) No person may join this organisation if his/her membership is considered detrimental to the work of GRACA.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership shall be opened to the residents of the Grahamstown townships;
- (b) Membership shall be opened irrespective of age and sex;

- (c) The Executive may approve or disapprove membership to any person for various reasons;
- (d) The following types of membership shall also be available;
 - (i) Associate membership, i.e. members of other organisations not affiliated to GRACA, whose aims and objectives are not in conflict with these organisation;
 - (ii) Co-opted membership, i.e. persons co-opted by the Executive by reason of their specialised knowledge and experience.
- (e) All members, including associates and co-opts shall have full voting power.

5. COMMITTEES

- (a) The Executive shall be the policy-making body
- (b) It shall have the powers to form sub-committees as well as other committees;
- (c) It shall determine the number and composition of such committees;
- (d) It shall determine the terms, conditions and powers of such committees;
- (e) It shall have the power to disband any committee or change or add to the members originally appointed to serve on such committees;
- (f) It shall frame such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the smooth-running of the work of GRACA;
- (g) It shall have the power to accept or reject membership re any person for various reason;
- (h) It shall expel or take any disciplinary actions against any member of GRACA whenever deemed necessary;
- (i) It shall deal with any matters that are not specifically provided for by the constitution;
- (j) It shall plan and supervise the work of GRACA;
- (k) It shall represent the residents of the Grahamstown townships.

6. COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall comprise of the following office-bearers ;

- (a) Chairman
- (b) Vice-Chairman
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Assistant Secretary
- (e) Treasurer
- (f) Publicity Secretary
- (g) Organiser
- (h) Organiser
- (i) Exec. Member
- (j) Exec. Member
- (k) Exec. Member

7. MEETINGS, ELECTIONS AND VOTING

These will be determined by the Executive

8. QUARUM

The quorum of any meeting shall be half the number of the members of the committee concerned plus one member.

9. INTERPRETATION

Should any doubt arise concerning the meaning or interpretation of any part of this constitution, the decision of the Executive shall be final and binding.

10. AMENDMENT

This constitution is subject to change or amendment by only a two-thirds majority of the Executive members present and specifically called for that purpose.

11. DISSOLUTION

This association shall be dissolved only by a two-thirds majority of the Executive committee members present and specifically called for that purpose in a General Meeting. Any assets on hand shall be donated to similar organisations approved by the Executive.

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