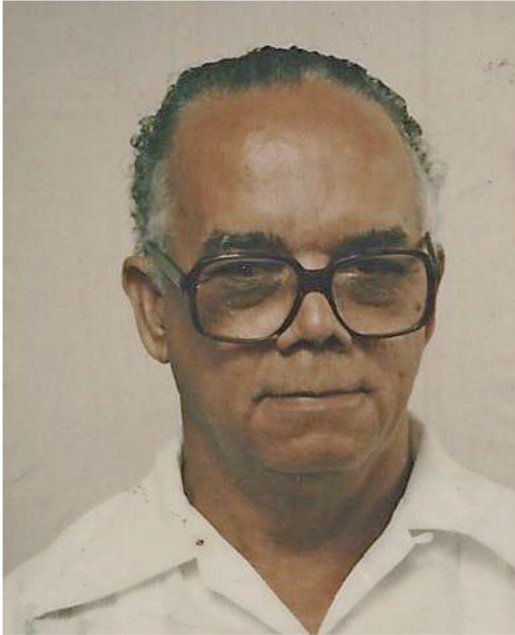




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EDMUND L. PENN

April 7, 2016

The Magens Bay Authority (MBA) Board of Directors was saddened to learn of the passing of Edmund I Penn a former Member of the Board of Directors of the Magens Bay Authority.

The Authority wishes to extend condolences to the family of Leo on his passing and may they find comfort and solace in knowing that Edmund served his community well.

On May 13, 2004, Edmund L Penn, was honored by the Twenty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands for his outstanding service to the Magens Bay Authority.

It was enacted:

That Mr. Edmund Penn be honored and commended for his many years of outstanding service to the people of the Virgin Islands.

WHEREAS Mr. Penn began his service to the community as a volunteer in the St. Thomas Home Guard Committee, and was then employed as a procurement officer until his promotion to the position of Major until the Guard disbanded; and

Mr. Penn worked in the Department of Agriculture and Labor as the Administrator of the Workmen' Compensation Division where he championed the cause for immediate treatment and relief for Virgin Islanders who were injured on the job. and made many valuable contributions when he retired as Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. Penn also worked in the Office of the Governor during the Korean war.

Mr. Penn was recommended for membership on the Board of the Magens Bay Authority and was present fifty-two years ago when Arthur Fairchild deeded the fifty-eight acres of property to the people of the United States Virgin Islands.

Through the efforts of the Magens Bay Authority and its Chairman Penn management efforts, the heirs of Mr. Fairchild deeded an additional ten acres Magens Bay and Drake Seat, thereby making the beachfront sixty-eight acres with one quarter acre at Drake Seat.

After serving as a member and officer on the Magens Bay Authority for twenty-nine years, Mr. Penn was appointed as Chairman of the Authority.

He was reelected consistently as Chairman for an additional twenty-three years. Always with the understanding and intent of protecting Magens Bay, as mandated for the People of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Penn successfully prepared and administered an annual budget, which created the healthy economic environment that allowed the Authority to become financially solvent and for the most part independent of the Central Government.

Mr. Penn used his vast knowledge of the Government, to foster relationships with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, other federal government agencies, hotels, the West Indian Company, Virgin Islands Police Department, and cruise lines, to provide a positive experience on Magens Bay Beach for residents and visitors.

Mr. Penn tireless efforts for seeking donations, for acquiring equipment for the maintenance of the beach, construction of recreation sheds, maintenance buildings, as well as the first bathhouse for Magens Bay Beach, which he helped to acquire from the US. Army when Camp Harwood was decommissioned at Long Bay (Yacht Haven) area.

It is the sense of the Legislature that Edmund L. Penn's numerous contributions have enriched the life of Virgin Islanders, specifically his fortitude during the development of the park and beach areas at Magens Bay which continues to improve health and living standards and will protect this most valuable Virgin Islands Resource for generations to come.

In his Honor the Magens Bay Authority established the Edmund L. Penn Scholarship, for his fifty-two years of service to the Magens Bay Authority. The Edmund L. Penn Scholarship consists of

\$6,600 of financial aid to be paid by the Authority to the University of the Virgin Islands, each year for five years. to be awarded to a high school graduate in the territory who plans to study biology, marine biology, environmental studies, or a related field at the University of the Virgin Islands

Today the Magens Bay Authority continues to foster those achievements of Edmund, and all other dedicated Virgin Islanders whose service contributed to the Magens Bay Authority.

With our deepest sympathies,

The Board of Directors and Management of the Magens Bay Authority

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