

I assent,
C. C. WOOLLEY,

Governor.

6th April, 1950.

ORDINANCE No. 12 of 1950.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the establishment of a Cultural Centre in the city of Georgetown.

[8th April, 1950]

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the A.D. 1950. advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Georgetown Short Title. Cultural Centre Ordinance, 1950.

2. In this Ordinance —

“the Society” means the Royal Agricultural and Commercial Society incorporated under the Royal Agricultural and Commercial Society Ordinance.

Interpre-
tation.

Cap. 219.

Establishment of the Board of Trustees for the Georgetown Cultural Centre.

3. (1) There shall be established a Board under the name and style of the Board of Trustees for the Georgetown Cultural Centre (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as "the Board").

(2) The Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and the power to sue and be sued.

(3) The Board shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, have full power to accept by way of gift, legacy or devise, all property, movable or immovable, for the use of the Society for the purposes of this Ordinance, and shall have power to hold land without the licence of the Governor in Council.

Constitution of the Board.

4. (1) The Board shall consist of three persons from time to time appointed by the Governor.

(2) Two of such persons shall be selected from a panel of persons from time to time nominated from among its members by the Society.

(3) The members of the Board shall be appointed for two years, and they shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) The Governor shall from time to time appoint a member of the Board to be Chairman of the Board.

(5) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board which he attends, and in his absence from any meeting of the Board the members present may elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

(6) Two members present at any meeting of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(7) The Board may, subject to the provisions of sub-section (6) of this section, act notwithstanding any vacancy among the members thereof.

(8) The Chairman, or other member presiding at a meeting of the Board shall have an original and a casting vote.

(9) The Governor may grant leave of absence to any member of the Board, and, in such case, he may, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, appoint another person to act in the place of the member of the Board who has been granted such leave.

(10) A member may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Colonial Secretary, resign from the Board.

(11) Where a member, without the leave of the Governor, absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Board, he shall be deemed to have resigned, and the circumstances of such resignation shall be reported by the Chairman of the Board to the Colonial Secretary for the information of the Governor.

(12) The Governor may, at any time, revoke the appointment of a member of the Board.

(13) Where a member of the Board has resigned or is deemed to have resigned, or where the appointment of a member of the Board is revoked, the Governor may, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, appoint another person to be a member of the Board during the unexpired portion of his predecessor's term of office.

5. (1) There shall be vested in the Board full and absolute title free of encumbrances, to the area of land described in the schedule hereto.

(2) The said area of land is hereby dedicated for use for cultural purposes only.

(3) The western portion of the parcel of land on the plan specified in the description of the area aforesaid shall be used for the general purposes only of the Society.

(4) The eastern portion of the parcel of land on the plan specified in the description of the area aforesaid shall be used for the purpose only of an auditorium or a theatre.

6. (1) The Board shall cause the building now in course of construction on the western portion of the parcel of land on the plan specified in the schedule hereto, to be completed and enlarged in accordance with specifications agreed to in writing on the 24th day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty.

between the Government of the Colony and the Society.

(2) The Government of the Colony shall bear four-fifths of the total cost of the completion and enlargement of the building as aforesaid.

(3) The ownership of the aforesaid building shall vest in the Board who shall hold the same for the use of and, for the general purposes only of the Society.

7. (1) It shall be the duty of the Board to maintain and keep in good order and condition any buildings held by them for the use of the Society under the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) One-fifth of the cost of such maintenance and upkeep shall be borne by the Society, and four-fifths of such cost shall be defrayed out of the revenues of the Colony.

8. Anything contained in the Royal Agricultural and Commercial Society Ordinance or in the by-laws of the Society to the contrary notwithstanding —

(a) the constitution of the committee of the Society having control of the Museum (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as "the Museum Committee") shall be subject to the provisions of this section;

(b) the Chairman, and two-thirds of the members, of the Museum Committee shall from time to time be appointed by the Governor, and the provisions of sub-sections (3), (5), (7), (8), (9), (11), (12) and (13) of section four shall apply to the Chairman, and any member of the Museum Committee appointed by the Governor and to the Museum Committee in the same manner and to the like extent as they apply to the Chairman, and a member, of the Board, and to the Board;

(c) every person for the time being holding the office of Chairman or a member of the Museum Committee under paragraph (b) of this section shall, by virtue of his office, be a Director of the Society.

Vesting of land in the Board and purposes for which land may be used.
Schedule.

Completion of building to be used as a Library, Reading Room and Museum.

Maintenance of building completed under section 6.

Museum Committee.

Museum collection to be transferred to the custody of the Museum Committee.

9. (1) There shall be transferred to the custody of the Museum Committee —

- (a) the museum collection, now in the custody of the Committee of the Georgetown Public Free Library, which has been on permanent loan by the Society to the Government of the Colony since the year nineteen hundred and thirty-seven;
- (b) all exhibits added to the said collection;
- (c) the exhibits in the Natural History collection for the time being housed in the building formerly known as the Cummingsburg Market, situate at lot 77, Main Street, in the City of Georgetown.

(2) The Museum Committee shall have control of the collection and exhibits as aforesaid, and shall be responsible for their maintenance and improvement.

(3) The cost of maintenance of the Museum shall continue to be met from —

- (a) such subventions as are annually made by the Legislative Council for the purpose; and
- (b) donations.

(4) The Museum Committee shall continue the work of restoration of the Natural History section of the Museum, and the cost of such restoration shall be met from —

- (a) the proceeds of the Insurance Fund held in reserve for this purpose by the Society;
- (b) such grants as may from time to time be made by the Legislative Council for the purpose; and
- (c) donations.

Regulations.

10. The Governor in Council may make Regulations for any of the purposes of this Ordinance.

Saving of rights of the Crown.

11. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect, or be deemed to affect, the rights of His Majesty the King, His Heirs and Successors, or of any body politic or corporate or of any other person or persons except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, from, through or under them.

SCHEDULE. (Section 5.)

A parcel of Crown Land situate on the Company Path between North Street and Church Street in the City of Georgetown, and shown as "Cultural Centre" on the Development Plan referred to in Section 4 of the Town Planning (Georgetown Fire Area) Ordinance, 1945, (No. 18) on record in the Department of Lands and Mines as Plan No. 4883, the Western portion of the said parcel commencing at a point N.15° 16' 07" (true) 50 feet from a paal marking the North-eastern corner of lot surveyed for Messrs. William Fogarty Ltd., and its boundaries extend thence N. 15° 16' 07" (true) 89.75 feet, thence N.105° 16' 07" (true) 179 feet, thence N.195° 16' 07" (true) 89.75 feet, thence N.285° 16' 07" (true) 179 feet to point of commencement and the Eastern portion of the said parcel commencing at the North-eastern corner of the Western portion and extending thence N.195° 16' 07" (true) 89.75 feet, thence N.105° 16' 07" (true) 185.45 feet, thence N. 15° 16' 07" (true) 89.75 feet, thence by a curved line back to the point of commencement,