

Community spirit hailed as T&TEC lights Recreation Ground in Belmont

Minister of Public Utilities, Senator the Honourable Robert Le Hunte, praised the residents of Upper St. Francois Valley Road, Belmont, for their enterprise in making improvements to their community space. “You saw a need and did not simply wait on the government to fill that need,” the Minister told the residents on Friday (September 7) at a ceremony to commission new lights on the Enforcers Recreation Ground.

In his feature address, the Minister applauded the residents for “being the change you want to see,” a sentiment that was echoed by the Member of Parliament for Laventille West, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, as he recognised the efforts of the residents who petitioned for the lighting upgrade after they used community labour to complete minor upgrades on the Ground.

Both Ministers commended T&TEC’s Public Lighting Department for completing the lighting upgrade. Minister Hinds was pleased to announce that the PLD was in the process of completing work on two

other facilities in the area, at Crown Trace, Upper Picton Road and at Plaisance Park Road.

Also on hand to highlight the new lighting infrastructure was T&TEC’s Chairman, Keith Sirju. He told the residents that this latest community-building venture saw 12 – 1500-watt flood lights installed on 17 meter high poles, and is part of a 13-year legacy of T&TEC facilitating the illumination the country’s roads and highways, recreation grounds, parks and courts. “As the nation’s sole electricity transmission and distribution utility, support for the government’s development thrust is part of T&TEC’s mandate,” he said, “...as we both seek to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.”

The commissioning of the lights on the Enforcers Recreation is the latest among over 390 projects completed since the start of the public lighting programme in 2005. It coincided with the launch of the community’s football competition, held in honour of former Councillor Darryl Rajpaul, who passed away during a football game in the area in November last year.



A representative from the Belmont community joins Ministers Fitzgerald Hinds and Robert Le Hunte to ‘spot’ the ball before the start of the first game under lights at the Enforcers Recreation Ground.



MP Fitzgerald Hinds and Minister Robert Le Hunte congratulate a young resident after unveiling the plaque in the presence of community and T&TEC representatives.

T&TEC’s General Manager, Kelvin Ramsook; Member of Parliament for Laventille West, the Hon. Fitzgerald Hinds; Minister of Public Utilities, Sen. the Hon. Robert Le Hunte; T&TEC’s Chairman, Keith Sirju; and Councillor for St. Barb’s/ Chinapoo, Jason Alexander with young residents after switching on the lights to the Enforcers Recreation Ground, Belmont.

