

MINUTES FOR THE EXCO MEETING
of the
SEA POINT, FRESNAYE, BANTRY BAY RATEPAYERS
AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
held on
TUESDAY, 25th July 2017 at 17h30
at
Arthur Seat Hotel, Arthurs Road, Sea Point

1. **Welcome and Apologies** MvE
Present: Marco Van Embden (Chair), Janey Ball (Vice-Chair), Ari Vayanos, Suzanne Kempen, Juanita Levetan, Ori Saban, Lizaan Loedolff, Paul Berman, Shayne Ramsay
Apologies: Marc Sher, Jacques van Embden

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - 2.1. Approval (20 June 2017)
Proposer: Marco van Embden
Seconder: Ori Saban
1 Noted change, 9.1 should read: “good shape” instead of “debt free”

3. **Matters Arising**
 - 3.1. Legal attack from Isa Jacobson and her attorneys
 - 3.1.1. MvE briefed Exco on lawyer’s letter from Ms Jacobson. Noted that, as volunteers doing community service, it is regrettable to have to deal with unwarranted attacks especially since the same request delivered by Ms Jacobson per “friendly” email could have sufficed. SFB have now had to appoint attorneys in order to respond. These funds could have been spent employing more cleaning personnel/security patrollers. Our minutes are in any event available online. The exco spends huge amounts of time on improving the Atlantic Seaboard and will not be deterred. A conference call was scheduled between ENS & Exco to discuss our response. Ms Jacobson is welcome to stand for election at the next AGM if she wishes to play a positive role.
 - 3.2. David Lazarus – Binguard Project
 - 3.2.1. He is challenging the City on Binguard. MvE asked Cllr Ramsay to respond. MvE suggested Cllr Ramsay correspond with Mr T Magubane and with Mr Lazarus.
 - 3.3. Urban Garden/Garden Initiative
 - 3.3.1. Will this be a feasible venture for the SFB? JB mentioned that the Rotary Club of Sea Point has interest in this project. LL to send a letter to Sea Point Rotary Club on behalf of the SFBRA to offer our support should they decide to launch this project in Sea Point. JB to provide contact information.

4. **Short Notice Agenda Items**
 - 4.1. Air BnB (Refer to email from T Yach)
 - 4.1.1. Each block has their own set of Conduct Rules created and approved by the members of their Body Corporate. Each block is responsible for enforcing their own rules re: Air BnB. This is not an area with which SFB can engage.
 - 4.2. Parking Rate Increase – City of Cape Town
 - 4.2.1. MvE: Who has the mandate on the parking increase? JB will question the increase at the next ward committee meeting in August. Exco to table for the next meeting, the increase of 57% is way too large. MvE suggest JB deal with this matter the way she sees fit.

5. Council Report / Issues

Cllr SR

5.1. Matters for comment

5.1.1. Water – we need to keep saving! Even though we are in winter, we are still in crisis. The long-term weather forecast suggests longer, hotter summers with more wind. The Mayor expects this drought situation to become the new normal. MvE: he is disappointed in the Western Cape and the City of Cape Town. It took The City too long to realize that we are in crisis. They should have noticed that over the last 5 years the high influx of people to the Cape and the dropping of water levels. They waited too long to attempt to change water use culture. Most people do not understand how much trouble we are in. Predicted that by February 2018 we will run out of water in Cape Town. The taps will run empty, including at Hotels and that will have a massive impact on our tourism. Cllr Ramsay responded that the Mayor is determined to rescue the situation and therefore does not believe we will run out of water. Also over 100 responses to the RFI were received; each of which are now under consideration.

5.1.2. Taxi's – This is a continuous (big) problem, especially at The Point Mall. The Police and Traffic college recently graduated their new recruits and Cllr Ramsay is thrilled to confirm that the Atlantic Seaboard will soon have 4 additional traffic staff members. They will assist with traffic, taxis and blitzes among other things. The City is incredibly understaffed. There is simply no funding. JB would like to know what is the policy that governs the demarcation of red and yellow lines and centre lanes. JB noticed increased amounts of red lines (also in St Johns Road) - wasted parking opportunities. These red lines become spots for the taxis to unload. Cllr Ramsay responded that the residents of these roads may have requested the red lines but agreed to find out. JB do not think that that many residents will take this kind of initiative.

6. Ward Committee Member Feedback Report

JB

6.1. Update

6.1.1. No update, next meeting is on the 27th of August. Requests the Exco to pay attention to the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Spatial Development Framework (SDF) (2017-2022) public participation process and comment.

7. Finance

SK

7.1. Report from Treasurer – June Financials 2017

The Treasurer tabled Monthly Financial Reports and provided an in-depth report. We have an appropriate surplus and our debtors book is under control. Exco authorised a 2-month credit for Punta del Mar. The Segway rental agreement is near concluded and the R4500 saving per month will enable us soon to own two Ninebots outright. Noted by MvE than we need to accumulate sufficient funds to increase cleaning shifts for Phase 1 and Phase 2 as from the 1 September.

7.2. Debtors (outstanding Debtors – action report was tabled and agreed)

7.3. Straatwerk shifts and funding

7.3.1. Beach road will increase to 2 shifts per day, 7 days per week. Phase 2 cleaning shifts to increase from 3 days per week to 5 days per week with effect from the 1st of September 2017. Cllr Ramsay – suggests she assist with an article on J Booysen on the assessment centre and the Upliftment Programme. Agreed. .

8. Safety & Cleaning Initiative Feedback Report

JL

8.1. Update

8.1.1. Newsletters and social media is gaining traction. Media releases – been in touch with Atlantic Sun and People's Post. JL in talks with Cape Talk, still to decide on which presenter

to approach. JL will let MvE know the Phase 1 blocks not willing to sign up along with their reasons why. We are approaching Phase 2, managing agents are kindly assisting. MvE: residents have been complimenting on how clean the streets, especially Beach Road has become. JL: We should be looking at a bigger office space for JBooyesen. JL & LL are speaking to church halls to have a space to assist the homeless community once a week, looking for food sponsor. JB: Contact Service Dining Rooms (Karen Cain), they might be able to assist with food

8.2. Going forward

8.3. Increasing Cleaning Shifts

8.3.1. Phase 1 to 2 shifts per day, 7 days per week

8.3.2. Phase 2 to 1 shift, 5 days per week.

8.4. Goals for 2017

8.4.1. Our goal is to have all of Phase 1 and the majority of Phase 2 signed up by December. We have a waiting list for Phase 3. MvE suggest we arrange a meeting with Bordeaux as we are close to 80%.

9. Upliftment Programme

MvE/JL

9.1. Sponsorship incentive – Adopt-Shift

9.1.1. In terms of the Upliftment Programme, meeting with Shoprite on Friday, Standard Bank and Spar also show interest. MvE is making himself available to meet with corporates. JB suggests contacting Inyathelo, who offer a free resource library and funding database for non-profit organizations. LL to approach Inyathelo. MvE also suggest contacting all banks and oil companies, mentioned to also contact paragliding companies who use the Promenade as their “landing strip”.

9.2. Night Operation

9.2.1. LL, JBooyesen and the team from Ubuntu did a night operation on the 18th of July. They walked the streets of Phase 1 and Phase 2 reaching out to the homeless community to see where they can assist, reasons why they are not in a shelter, informing them of Columborg project and JBooyesen reaching out to his clients with mental needs.

9.3. Recruitment Progress

9.3.1. Up to date 88 people from the homeless community have been recruited from the streets and participated in our Upliftment Programme.

10. SFB PlanComm

JvE

10.1. Update

10.2. Feedback on response to Lawyers Letter from Smith Ndlovu Summers

10.2.1. ENS Is dealing with response.

10.3. Plancom Mandate to Review

10.3.1. PlanCom mandate involves commenting on applications where we are registered as an interested and affected party which includes the following:

- Title deed amendments / alterations
- Land Use Management applications
- Responding to neighbours / city regarding oversight of building projects to ensure work is completed legally and in accordance with approvals
- Heritage applications
- To review plans

The SFB Planning Committee is a sub-committee of SFB Ratepayers Executive Committee.

11. PR, Marketing & Communication

11.1. Annual Membership

11.1.1. All Exco members to apply themselves

12. Events

12.1. List attached

13. Next Meeting Date

29 August 2017

Arthur Seat Hotel, Arthur Road, Sea Point

14. Close

19:15

Attachments Tabled at Meeting

Cllr Herron Speech

Adopt-A-Shift letter as a refresher

Financial Reports