

MINUTES FOR THE EXCO MEETING
of the
SEA POINT, FRESNAYE, BANTRY BAY RATEPAYERS
AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
held on
Thursday 22nd of August 2019 at 17h30
at
Arthur Seat Protea Hotel, Arthurs Road, Sea Point

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies: David Rose, Aris Vayanos, Cllr Jowell, Marco van Embden

Present: Lydia Abel, Juanita Levetan, Victor Morris, Brian Kirsch, David Polovin, Michael Ender
Lizaan Loedolff

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1. Approval (25 July 2019)

Proposer: David Polovin

Secunder: Juanita Levetan

3. Matters Arising

4. Short Notice Agenda Items

5. Ward Committee Member Feedback Report

5.1. Coastal By-Law

Details sent out on this site earlier about public participation and public meetings for residents to attend and engage/comment. Details on City website

5.2. Roads

Councillor Jowell mentioned that she has had numerous meetings with the Roads department to deal with issues such as road markings, storm drains and a reminder to use the report fault system on the City's website.

5.3. Electricity Outages

Residents' thanked for their patience in dealing with the significant number of problems following a storm at the end of June

5.4. Ward Allocation

Increased from R850 000 to R1 000 000. Residents had been asked to provide ideas for support for 2020/2021 and these ideas are now being assessed

5.5. Promenade Death

It has been noted with sadness the death of a homeless person on the promenade earlier in the week. Anyone wishing to assist in providing services for the homeless to work with existing services. Councillor Jowell mentioned the Safe Space initiative and how residents could coordinate assistance through that. The site can be contacted directly at streetpeoplesafespace@gmail.com or call 021 801 0140 or 021 801 0082. City also has its Give Dignity Campaign

5.6. Refurbishment of Promenade and Parks

City parks undertaking various projects. Promenade being assessed and work done in stages

5.7. Rates Valuations

Concerns raised about the process. Many cases outstanding, should be completed by year end. Attendees strongly advised City to rethink the process as it was patently flawed

5.8. Beaches

Need to ensure proper and coordinated arrangements for their safety especially over season and how to police/monitor the issuing of vendor permits

5.9. Armed Robberies

Especially of jewellers and post offices. Recent incidents noted with concern. Nothing in area so far, thanked SPCID for their alerts to local businesses

6. **Finance**

6.1. Report from Treasurer – July Financials

R28 000 was paid to an independent Town Planner who assisted with the appeal against the proposed development at Erf 2052 Fresnaye 15 Kloof Road

6.2. Latest Monthly Income & Expenditure summary (shortfall/surplus amount)

No extraordinary expenses during the month of July.

6.3. Outstanding Debtors

A total of 5 outstanding debtors in 30 days and over. LL to follow up.

7. **Liquor License Application**

7.1. Step Brothers Restaurant (On Premise Consumption – Bantry Bay)

Noted.

8. **Safety & Cleaning Initiative Feedback Report**

8.1. Feedback from PPA meeting and the way forward

New Exco members want to re-evaluate the Safety & Cleaning Initiative to see how SFB can reach its goals and communicate progress effectively as Mr Ender raised the issue that it seems to be unclear what the SFB security scheme is supposed to achieve and that Exco members have a different understand of this at present. The treasurers request to be provided with the current contract with PPA could not be complied with; after several reminders an unsigned and vague document has been provided. LL to request PPA to provide an updated contract in draft format, clearly specifying expenses and what services SFB will receive in return should they move to the Tactical Vehicles. The draft contract will be circulated to Exco for comment. JL reminds Exco to be realistic, the patrollers are limited, they are not allowed to make arrests. BK feels strongly to continue with PPA, but to get away from the mobile units and make use of tactical vehicles. By moving to a tactical vehicle, many costs can be cut such as the tracking units as the vehicle will have its own tracker. No more monthly maintenance expenses or the constant repair costs for the mobile units. A more tactical approach will allow for a higher calibre of patrollers who will be armed. DP, VM and ME will work on the new contract while LA suggests cancelling the contract with PPA and approaching all the private security companies on the Atlantic Seaboard to use their services free of charge. Mr Ender suggest a temporary task team be established to thoroughly investigate the security aspect of the Safety & Cleaning initiative, engage with various role players, establish the objectives SFB wants to achieve and obtain proposals from various companies in the Sea Point area. JL, LA, BK, VM and ME will form the task team.

8.2. Doggy Poo Bags (Averda)

LL confirmed that Averda does not manufacture small bags that can be used for doggy poo bags. LA and JL suggest investigating the option of having composting bins for doggy poo bags as used in Hout Bay and Noordhoek. LL to investigate.

8.3. Sign Ups

ME suggested that each Exco member is allocated several apartment blocks and should be tasked with building relationships, sign them up to the Safety & Cleaning initiative and have direct contact with them to see how we can help and to communicate important information. LL to send a list of all the blocks in phase one and two to ME who will draw up a list of buildings and allocate Exco members to the blocks.

8.4. Sponsors

The list of companies contacted for sponsorship noted.

8.5. Smart Tool Technology

MvE sent an interesting article for the Exco.

8.6. Tramway/Quendon/Kei Apple Road

DP states that a more militant approach must be taken with The City of Cape Town to ensure that they deliver the services that they paid for such as street cleaning, traffic and social intervention, especially after they raised all the rates in July 2019. DP will explore the options for SFB to hold The City accountable.

8.7. Binguard (Brian Kirsch)

Residents are complaining regarding the effectiveness of Binguard. BK were one of the firsts to buy these locks and stated that it had been 100% effective for his block. He warns to only put the bins out in the morning during the daylight, as bins are easy to vandalise at night, in the dark. Binguard is 95% more effective than no lock at all!

8.8. Heather Tager

A big concern for ratepayers is the constant increase in the homeless community, ME states that the tactical vehicles won't change the homeless situation and suggest that SFB engage with role players such as Heather Tager and CID. The option to extend the CID or for SFB to create their own CID has been explored in 2018 but the legal process can take a minimum of 18 months and the challenge will be is for 51% of the ratepayers below the Main Road to agree to a large increase in their rates. ME suggested putting a small team together to explore these options and BK will have an informal meeting with Heather Tager and Jacques Weber. DP states again that we need to hold The City of Cape Town responsible.

8.8.1. Fieldworker Contribution

There is a fundraising campaign for the Sea Point CID fieldworker. LL to find out when the deadline is for contributing.

9. SFB Reference Group

9.1. The suggestion was made to place a container in front of the civic centre where fieldworkers can assess the homeless. The container can also be used as a meeting place for the homeless community. Concerns that this will lure more people into the Sea Point area.

10. SFB PlanComm

10.1. Erf 367 Fresnaye 32 Upper Clarens Road

SFB objected to the proposed development and will appeal the decision by The City of Cape Town to approve this application.

10.2. Financial Reserve

The Planning Committee is feeling frustrated by objecting and appealing to applications, (thousands of rands worth of professional fees in their time to review these applications) and The City of Cape Town approving the applications despite their objections. A suggestion was made place a request to contribute to a fund that can be channelled into appeals. A difference of opinions held stating that ratepayers won't pay into such a fund unless it directly affects them. LA suggest Heritage Specialist GM prepare a presentation for the September Exco meeting.

A different of opinions held on 10.2

DP Version	ME Version
ME proposed that the SFB should have a general policy to embark on legal proceedings if the City dismisses its appeals in relation to property planning matters and that we should raise a fighting fund expressly for this purpose. DP said that we should be very cautious about litigation and then only in	There was a fundamental disagreement between Exco members on how to proceed should the SFB Planning Committee lodge an appeal and lose to The City of Cape Town that approves these applications. ME feels that SFB should consider to take The City to court on a case to case basis after careful

cases that are likely to have a significant effect on the urban landscape and are well supported by funding raised specifically for the case. He believes that we would be better advised to simply support the efforts of the interested and affected parties in a particular case and not to litigate in our own name.	consideration of each specific case, and that e.g. the Camps Bay Ratepayers Association has been highly successful in this. DP stated that SFB does not have the financial resources, plus that other Ratepayers Associations have tried this and failed, almost at very serious personal legal expense.
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11. Events

- 31 Aug – Sea Point Primary Fun Walk
- 07 Sep – Life Childs Walk for Little Feet
- 07 Sep - Night Run to Honour Nurses
- 08 Sep – Sunflower Fund Walk
- 26 Oct - Milk Matters Fun Walk
- 03 Nov - 1st Sunday of Month Swim Broken Baths
- 18 Dec - GrowthPoint Sundowner
- 01 Mar - Chatz Charity Fun Walk

12. PR & Marketing

- 12.1. Update Website
The SFB website needs a fresh new look. Martha Muller (Woman in Dialogue) has a website, vocaleyes, where people can have several discussion points on one website and share ideas. LA will discuss this with Martha Muller, JL will find someone to assist with updating the website.

13. General

- 13.1. Executive Committee Minutes & Agenda
As from the September Exco meeting the draft Agenda will be circulated 14 days prior to the meeting for comment and additions. Seven days before the meeting the final Agenda along with all the supporting documents will be circulated to the Executive Committee.
- 13.2. Constitution
LA would like the proposed changes to the constitution to be finalized sooner rather than later. ME and DP will partner on this project and LA offered to edit the draft. Comments and proposals will be circulated to the Executive Committee.

14. Next Meeting

- 19 September 2019