



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020

- Since we have been unable to host our AGM in 2020 it has been decided to provide you with this report to inform you about our activities since the previous AGM held in April 2019.
- In December 2019, after detailed consideration and public participation, we adopted a new constitution. The changes reflected a more community minded approach, an increase of EXCO members, and the creation of portfolios within our EXCO.
- The monthly EXCO meetings have, since mid- year, been complemented by weekly office-bearer meetings, to discuss and manage various new and ongoing projects.
- It was also decided to identify and appoint additional EXCO members to better represent the community and to reflect the demographics of Sea Point; Miles October, Ruth Friedmann, Gordon Metz and Yusuf Kadwa joined SFB's EXCO. Welcome.
- In 2019 EXCO decided that we should allocate more resources to address the aggravated homelessness situation in our area and SFB started Project H.O.P.E. (Homelessness Outreach Prevention & Education) with a generous donation from our new EXCO member Miles October and employed a fieldworker.

- The objective of Project H.O.P.E. is to gain more knowledge to better coordinate and monitor the activities of the various agencies and institutions



- engaged on this issue (SAPS, Law Enforcement, Social Development etc.) and to get a clearer picture regarding the extent and nature of homelessness in our area. One of the first findings is that the capacities of shelters and safe spaces for the homeless are totally insufficient and these facilities need to be significantly and urgently increased.
- We believe that, in order to make progress, the community in our area needs to better understand the complex dynamic behind homelessness. Without that we shall continue to fail in providing sustainable solutions which provide mutual benefits for housed residents as well as those on the streets. We also believe that the work of the various role players in this field (SFB, Sea Point CID, Law Enforcement, adjacent Ratepayers Organisations, NGOs etc.) would benefit from being better coordinated. As part of that process, we hosted a workshop on 'Responsible Giving'.

- The EXCO also resolved to reassess the focus of our Safety and Cleaning Initiative. A new security service provider was appointed in December 2019. The Avenue Response Team is now responsible for patrolling the Sea Point Beach Front along with the side streets between Beach and Main Road/Regent Rd.
- The ever and, often dramatically, increasing property rates have been regularly on our agenda. These are of particular concern for residents especially in the current economic climate. To address the issue more effectively the SFB has joined forces with other Ratepayer organisations and we are expecting the first results of this initiative early in 2021. Our initial analysis of the City's current approach to the determination of property values appears to be arbitrary and flawed, which is borne out by hearsay comments from various residents.
- SFB's Planning Committee has been active throughout the period meeting bi-monthly to review and comment upon planning applications. Recently, without prior notice or public consultation, the City of Cape Town changed the parking requirement for new developments in our area. Under these changes developers are no longer required to include off-street parking provision as part of their development plans if, according to the City, there is adequate public transport provision nearby, such as a MyCiti bus route. We are investigating this matter since we strongly believe that such a step should have involved public participation and consultation. The new policy will have serious and detrimental consequences for our community as has already been shown from recent development proposals.





- As to public transport in the area in general, we intend to engage with the City to address the proliferation of hail-and-ride transport services (Uber, etc.). While they provide valuable services for residents and visitors there is a complete lack of infrastructure to support their provision. Consequently,

drivers are parked for long hours in front of residents' homes without adequate facilities such as toilets among others.

Similarly, while extensive use is made of mini bus taxis to bring essential workers into the area again no infrastructure is provided by the City. Drivers stop wherever they like ignoring the rules of the road, as well as other road users, and commuters are required to stand outside in the blazing sun in summer as well as the cold and rain in winter for their taxi.

- We are also engaging with the City to address the growing concern amongst residents about the intensification and non-regulation of tourism-related helicopter flights in our area and the subsequent impact of noise disturbance.



- SFB has started some new projects such as the composting of organic waste and promoting dog poo bins which we intend to develop in the year ahead.

- I would like to thank our EXCO members for their dedicated and engaged work for this community. They spend many hours working for you, our members and residents, behind the scenes engaging with officials, NGOs, residents and our Ward Councillor, among others. Their voluntary work is a demonstration of our belief in the future and the conviction that, together, we can and will make a difference for our community. We recently received resignations from EXCO members Ari Vayanos and Marco van Embden, both ex Chairs. We pay tribute to them both for their many years of commitment and service both to the community and SFB.



- I would also like to pay particular thanks to our service providers - Straatwerk and the Avenue Response Team - for their contributions to the community often working in challenging conditions especially those thrown up in the past year.



- To all our supporters and members of SFB's Safety and Cleaning Initiative – many thanks. Your monthly contributions mean that SFB has been able to provide essential top-up services from which both residents and visitors benefit.

We acknowledge that much of 2020 has been a tremendous challenge for us all. SFB is committed to looking forward and in that respect is planning to host a workshop 'Sea Point 2030' as soon as is feasible. We shall be inviting residents and various role players to take part to develop a vision for what we want the SFB area to be in the decades to come.

**WE WISH YOU WELL OVER THE  
HOLIDAYS AND A HEALTHY  
AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.**

**PLEASE PRACTISE THE COVID19  
– PROTOCOLS...**

**WEAR A MASK  
SOCIAL DISTANCE  
WASH YOUR HANDS**

# COVID-19: UPDATE TO ALERT LEVEL 1 REGULATIONS

In his address to the nation on Tuesday, 14 December 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the following changes to the national lockdown regulations, which are effective immediately:

**NEW CURFEW TIME:** You are required to be at home from 23:00 – 04:00 daily.

**EARLY CLOSING TIMES:** All venues including bars, restaurants, places of worship, cinemas, casinos, theatres, sports venues and any other place where gatherings take place must close at 22:00.

**MASKS:** It is mandatory to wear a face mask when in public, when entering a building or using public transport.

**ALCOHOL SALES RESTRICTION:** Retail sales of alcohol is limited to the hours from 10:00 to 18:00 on Monday to Thursday only. Restaurants, bars and shebeens may sell alcohol until 22:00 provided it is consumed onsite. Wineries may sell alcohol during the same hours on Fridays and Saturdays.

**GATHERINGS:** Indoor venues are limited to a maximum of 100 people, or 50% of capacity. Outdoor venues are limited to a maximum of 250 people. No night vigils or after-funeral gatherings are permitted.

**BEACHES AND PARKS:** Cape Town's beaches and parks remain open to the public, but only between 09:00 and 18:00. Festivals, live performances and loud music are prohibited. Masks are to be worn, and social distancing of at least 1,5 metres is to be observed at all times.

**HOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES:** No more than 50% of the capacity of the property is to be used to accommodate guests, with patrons observing a distance of at least 1,5 metres from each other.

**SPORTS MATCHES:** No spectators are allowed at the venue where a match is taking place.

**CONTRAVENTION OF REGULATIONS:** Persons or businesses found contravening the national regulations may be subject to a fine and / or imprisonment of up to six months.

For detailed information on all Alert Level 1 restrictions, please visit the National Government COVID-19 website. For detailed information on COVID-19, please visit [www.capetown.gov.za/Coronavirus](http://www.capetown.gov.za/Coronavirus) or call the toll-free provincial COVID-19 hotline for advice on 080 928 1402.

# **WE ALL NEED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AREA WE LIVE IN IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM /SOMETHING NEEDS ATTENTION / NOT WORKING / BROKEN ETC.**

Take a photo of the problem area / Use the City Service Request reporting system online

OR Call Centre 0860 103 089

For Electricity problems SMS the details to 31220 and for Water the SMS is 31373

## **PROBLEM? LOG A C3 REPORT!!**

The primary goal of the C3 service requests is to ensure effective service delivery throughout Cape Town. This service can be used for be used for faulty electricity, water, breakages, street cleaning etc. If you would like to submit a service request, report a fault in your area or log an issue, you can do so via our customer call centre at 0860 103 089 or use this link:

[https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq\\_app/index.html](https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq_app/index.html)

# GIVE RESPONSIBLY SFB ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING NPOS WITH FOOD, CLOTHING AND/OR DONATIONS

**SFB PROJECT H.O.P.E.** is in need of toiletries, clothing and shoes (mostly men) and money donations to buy bus tickets when reuniting homeless people with their families  
Please support SFB Project H.O.P.E. (Homelessness Outreach Prevention & Education)

<https://www.backabuddy.co.za/champion/project/sfb-project>

**LADLES OF LOVE** ([www.ladlesoflove.org.za](http://www.ladlesoflove.org.za))  
JOIN THEIR COVID19 SANDWICH & FOOD DRIVE

**RPJ HELPING HANDS** [pat@rpjhelpinghands.org.za](mailto:pat@rpjhelpinghands.org.za)  
082 494 7287 - Feeding all over the peninsula

**THE GUGULETHU SEABOARD CAN PARTNERSHIP**

<https://seaboardcan.org/>

This Community Action Network partnership between Seaboard and Gugulethu are feeding many in the township click on their website for more info and on how to donate.

**THE HAVEN NIGHT SHELTER**

<https://www.haven.org.za/>

2 Napier Street, Green Point

(also at 20 Selkirk Street, District Six)

Breakfast (8.30-10am); Lunch (12-2pm); Dinner (6pm)

# **KEY CONTACT NUMBERS GENERAL EMERGENCIES**

107 from a Land Line  
OR 021 480 7700 from Cell phone

Police Emergencies 10111  
Sea Point Police 021 430 3700  
City Law Enforcement 0860 765 423  
Fire and Rescue 021 480 7700  
Traffic and Metro 021 596 1999  
Ambulance 10177  
ER24 - 084 124  
Netcare 911

**COMMUNITY MEDICS**  
087 230 0404

WC Provincial Government Hotline – 021 928 4102  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/dept/health>

[www.nicd.ac.za](http://www.nicd.ac.za)

WhatsApp: 0600 123 456