

MINUTES FOR THE EXCO MEETING
of the
SEA POINT, FRESNAYE, BANTRY BAY RATEPAYERS
AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
held on
Thursday 27th of February 2020 at 17h30
at
Latitude Café, 101 Regent Rd, Sea Point

- 1. Welcome and Apologies** VM
Apologies: Marco van Embden, David Polovin, Aris Vayanos
Present: Michael Ender, Victor Morris, David Rose, Lydia Abel, Juanita Levetan, Lizaan Loedolff
By Invitation: Councillor Nicola Jowell, Tony Lottering

- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - 2.1. Approval (23 January 2020)
Proposer: Michael Ender
Secunder: David Rose

- 3. Matters Arising** ALL

- 4. Short Notice Agenda Items** ALL

- 5. Ward Committee Member Feedback Report**
 - 5.1. The Festive Season
All agencies were thanked for their efforts over this period. Sadness registered in regard to drownings and deaths at/near beaches over the period. Also noted ongoing issues with litter when large numbers arrive which needs to be address. One unlicensed trader selling alcohol apprehended.
 - 5.2. Homelessness
A major issue right across the City but of concern for local residents. Aware of restrictions in place in regard to pending court case but in discussion attendees pressed City to do more, not just immediately, but for the future. Not just an LE (Law Enforcement) issue, though they have helped a lot, in conjunction with the DPU (Displaced Peoples' Unit). Need ongoing and sustainable solutions, not shuffling homeless people from site to site for the benefit of both the homeless and residents. More safe spaces being considered, one needed along the Atlantic Seaboard but no timescale. Ward fieldworkers helping to ease the situation by engaging with almost 300 people across the season of which almost 40 were referred to various follow-up programmes. Request by the Councillor for residents to open C3s where homeless reside to alert the various agencies to help where possible
 - 5.3. Traffic Official
The dedicated Ward official continues to be of significant benefit. He cant be everywhere all at the same time. For Nov 2019 863 cases which included unlicensed vehicles, driving infringements and 22 warrants of arrest issued.
 - 5.4. Parking fees
Due to rise in next budget but residents will have opportunity to comment and can do so in regard to proposed rates and structure of fees, look out for comment period.
 - 5.5. Liquor/Events
Residents will have the opportunity to comment and are encouraged to do so. Details are published on City website and in media.

5.6. Promenade

Noted that second phase due to start in the coming months - date to be finalised. Re-grassed area is taking up considerable water but must happen if the grass is to survive during the summer months

5.7. Water restrictions

This is likely to remain despite dam levels given uncertainty of long-term rain patterns

5.8. Next meeting

2 April at 2020 at 15.00 in the Minor Hall of the Sea Point Civic Centre. All residents welcome to attend and observe

6. Ward Councillor Feedback Report

Cllr NJ

6.1. Load Shedding

There have been several queries regarding certain areas affected by load shedding and other areas in Sea Point not. The Councillor provided a map outlaying the area that sometimes might not be affected by load shedding since it is in the Cape Town Stadium area. Sometimes this area is not affected during the run up to the event, on the day or with the strike down of the event. Another reason is, should there be only a small amount of electricity shed, this area again will not be affected by load shedding.

6.2. Independent Power Suppliers

The City of Cape Town is in the process of writing new legislation that will allow The City to buy electricity from independent power suppliers, even from homes with their own solar panels. This might ensure that Cape Town will not be affected by national load shedding.

6.3. Avenue Response

Michael Barcale is regularly meeting with Ward Councillor Nicola Jowell to ensure an open line of communication and to share concerns and successes. Currently MB is exploring employing a part time fieldworker, at the expense of Avenue Response that will drive in the Avenue Response/SFB response vehicle. MB and the Councillor will meet next week again to discuss a joint 'Give Dignity' campaign.

6.4. Responsibility Campaign

The Vulnerable Community department of The City of Cape Town along with the Councillor will do a 'Responsible Giving' campaign on Monday afternoon where the fieldworkers will walk the streets and hand out flyers and speak with both the homeless, residents and visitors to educate them on 'Responsible Giving'.

6.5. Feedback from CID meeting

HT states that she is willing to work together with other role players but if she is presented with an opportunity to collaborate, she refuses. ME thinks she wears too many hats. In short, HT does not want to work together with SFB.

6.6. Natalie CID

Natalie Coetzee, the CID fieldworker has been dismissed for reasons still to be confirmed.

6.7. No Solicitation Signs – Beach Road Parking – illegal car guards

LL suggest adding clear signs around Beach Road Parking to instruct visitors and residents that they should not give in to the threatening behaviour of the illegal car guards and to confirm that this parking is free.

6.8. Corana virus

ME inquire from the Councillor Jowell what The City has planned for the COVID-19 pandemic to which the Councillor responds that there might be a continuance plan in place by the department of health. This is not a City of Cape Town problem; this is a national department of health problem.

7. Avenue Response Feedback Report

JL

7.1. Signs

All the signs has been replaced with the new updated SFB/Avenue Response signs.

8. Finance

VM

8.1. Report from Treasurer

SFB has money in the bank currently, all invoices paid, including the large expense of Avenue Response.

8.2. Cancellation Periods for Safety & Cleaning Initiative.

VM suggest a lawyer sign up a proper document ensuring that the blocks provide a three-month cancellation period and ME suggest we include contact details for Managing Agents and Trustees.

9. Liquor License Applications

9.1. Al Diwan Café and Restaurant

102 Main Road Sea Point

On Consumption

Sea Point CID has no objections but LA feels there are too many outlets selling alcohol.

10. Safety & Cleaning Initiative Feedback Report

JL

10.1. SCI Sign Ups

ME suggest that a newsletter and all emails must be sent to the database with the database being increased drastically. JL suggest a double sided A5 poster with SCI information that needs to be delivered door to door.

10.2. Mark (Cape Town Jam) Collaboration

Mark suggest that inviting NGO's to the AGM and create little stalls for them where they can showcase their offerings. JL thinks this is a great idea but ME and VM feels strongly that the AGM is not the right venue for this as people will rather be at the stalls than inside the AGM. A final decision still to be made

11. SFB PlanComm

VM/AV

11.1. Update

These meetings are running smoothly.

11.2. New Chair & Vice-Chair

After the resignation of Lauren Bolus, Ori Saban was voted as Chair, but due to the restrictions of the new SFB Constitution, a sub-committee must be Chaired by an Exco member resulting in VM becoming SFB Chair with OS chairing the meetings only.

11.3. New Planning Committee Members

The SFB Planning Committee warmly welcomes Andrew Beattie and Alan Walt to the committee.

12. Communication/Marketing

12.1. Intern CV

LL to set up a meeting with potential intern Michaela with SFB Office Bearers.

12.2. Buzzers App

This app is used in Hout Bay and is vry effective states TL, bringing positive change to the Hout Bay area. This app will alert residents of what is happening in the area.

13. Community Concerns

13.1. Sea Point Holiday Hotel (Corner Oliver & Main Road)

From the City side there has been a file since 2010, the city often goes out, the owner fixes it and complies. 3 weeks ago, the fire department and health inspectors went out and came back with a list, and the owner is complying with the instructions. The owner is renovating and the bottom office will become a rental space for the outside vendors. The owner has also installed cameras everywhere and is always on site.

13.2. Helicopter Noise (Student to Log Helicopter Information)

ME and GM had a meeting with Shannon Marree from the City of Cape Town who is in charge of

all the noise complaints and SFB will write a letter again to the CEO of the waterfront because he made promises but did not deliver.

14. AGM

14.1. Speaker

TM of CWC, perhaps the Mayco Member of the Vulnerable Group Department, perhaps Premier Alan Winde.

14.2. Venue

Options include The President Hotel, Herzlia School in Kloof Road, Fresnaye Bowling Club.

15. General

15.1. Support for CID/CFP Meeting

Yes, supported.

16. Toni Lottering Concerns

16.1. Queens Beach Taxi Rank

TL queries about the current state of Queens Beach, ME confirms this has been raised with the Ward Councillor, the current solution as taxi rank is only temporary.

16.2. Racing Taxis

The racing and speeding along OVD is incredible! TL request Cllr NJ to investigate the option of installing a camera.

17. Next Meeting

26 March 2020