

Brief LDG Report to OCA Management Committee April 2018

1. Minutes of our LDG meeting of the 17th attached
2. Activities in the last month since last report
 - a. We started setting up a database of all large developments in Obs in order to inform our comments, objections based on what is happening across Obs. This is somewhat limited by the lack of information on all developments. Assistance by an intern would be really helpful to complete this since it requires a lot of ferreting work to dig out his information. There are currently 48 developments on our list, of which 25 are active large developments.
 - b. We contributed to the map of developments developed by Tracy and posted on line by Murray. We hope to link at least some of the information in the database to the map on line through some kind of pop-up. It should include information on Owner of the development, number of apartments, height of the development, number of stories, parking bays, ground floor street interface details, who is the project managers and their contacts in the event of a complaint, zoning. Any other ideas welcome.
 - c. We have arranged a meeting on the 19th with Jodi Allemeier and other CSOs involved in inclusive housing to discuss what kind of position OCA can support in relation to the developers moving in to Obs. This will take place at the Obs Community Centre at 6pm. All Mann Comm and LDG and A&H members welcome.
 - d. Our Erf watch is incredibly time consuming and taxing. So, after meeting with Marx Mupariwa, we got the go-ahead to approach a City Official responsible for client services, Christian Coetzee for our erf watch information. We got some information from him and will continue trying to pursue this.
 - e. A heritage area application – we are continuing to pursue taking advice on this possibility. Leslie and Tracy have met with Steven Townsend and Bridget O'Donoghue to get their insight. Bridget promised to speak to some Heritage officials and get back to us. She also offered to comment on any application we develop. She encouraged us to focus on protecting what is core to the Heritage area of Obs and will send us some suggestions. We are planning one further consultative meeting before approaching HWC.
 - f. Objections:
 - i. We lodged an objection to the Seymour St departure – nil further heard
 - ii. We have continued to press the City for a stay of decision regarding the Anson appeal – pending the outcome of the HWC court case on the Anson.
 - g. We have been supporting the CAPP process on a bylaw for public participation. Workshop with Civic reps this Saturday. Meeting with lawyers from WW gave us some useful information from the Municipal Systems Act outlining the obligation of the local authority to foster public participation systems over and above ward councils. Idea of collaborating with other Civics in writing publicly about democracy in the city was suggested.
 - h. Support to various community groups with development concerns – met with local residents near the Chippies/Car Mania area to discuss what they could do.

For OCA Mann Comm discussion – ideas ok with Mann Comm?

1. Joy to approach Liz Fish to see if Carte Blanche would cover the Malta Park / Hartleyvale issue.
2. Suggestions for information for the development map popups
3. Leslie proposes at the CAPP meeting that we work with other Civics to draft some piece/s for the paper on the challenges of democracy in the city.

For OCA Mann Comm decision

4. LDG wants to access an intern to (a) assist with finalising the database and information for the map with developments; (b) assist with the Heritage application.
5. For a future OCA public meeting – topic “The heritage of Observatory” - invite Tauriq Mellet, John Young, and others who have written about Obs (or made documentaries, i.e. Edwin). To do this in conjunction with Sports/Culture and A&H