

Report from Marc Turok, OCA's TRUP representative, April 2018.

Two Rivers Urban Park Association, (TRUPA) remains highly poised in its vigilance as per its constitution set up in 2003 that includes the need represent Stakeholders and interests of the Park. A full consultation and Co-Design strategy is being developed based on TRUPA's constitution, the Stakeholder Joint supported Draft Manifesto, updated versions of our alternative vision for the Park, aimed at contributing and achieving a satisfactory sustainable updated 'Local Spatial Development Framework' for the T R U Park. We are obtaining assistance also from DAG (a local NGO).

The area of T R U Park is recognised for its significant Grade One (National) and Provincial Heritage qualities, with a history that spans thousands of years (early precolonial and postcolonial times including the "First Frontier war" that dislodged and decimated First People from Cape Town area.

Heritage Western Cape's 'Impact Assessment Committee' is now managing development issues in most of TRUP, according to heritage provisions so a permanent status can be assessed.

TRUPA have put forward a strong objection to the very large development proposal for the River Club Site, submitted again recently in a revised form for an HIA. Its amenities and services appear to cater mainly to upper socio-economic interests and weak on heritage. We await the outcome.

TRUPA representatives had a valuable meeting on 12 April 2018 with Cncllr Brett Herron, who is the political head of the City 'Transport and Development Authority' (TDA). We hope for a revised new understanding as a potential breakthrough in our co-operative City interaction on TRUP in future.

TRUPA are clearly a key role player to assist to resolve the unfortunate lack of consultation and lack of due process engagements by authorities in the Hartleyvale and Malta Park fields, within the declared western areas of Two Rivers Urban Park. The fields are within the area under Heritage Western Cape's recently announced heritage control on developments in TRUP.

The TRUPA are proceeding with activities responding to the ruling of Heritage Western Cape's Impact Assessment Committee, that proposals contributing to a new 'Local Spatial Development Framework' for TRUP, as part of an HIA and EIA, on the Two Rivers Urban Park, in its current context, may have a probable *threat* to Heritage and as such, needs to first go through a 'Co-Design consultation and negotiation between stakeholders and the applicant (City & Province), in order to attempt to generate positive acceptable outcomes. We meet on Monday 23 April 2018.

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