



OBSERVATORY  
Civic & Business  
Association

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 27 MARCH 2018, 18h30

### Obs Community Centre

#### Minutes

	Item	Matters arising / Action to be taken
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Attendance: Tauriq, Gwen, Leslie, Marc, Dale, Olivia, Joy, De Vos, Tracy, Eden, Robert, Zaid</p> <p>Apologies : Richard, Carolyn, Murray and Sarah</p>	
2.	<p><b>Acceptance of previous minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of the OCA meeting of 26 February were adopted. Supported by Olivia, seconded by Gwen</p>	
3.	<p><b>Report back of sub-committees</b></p> <p>1. A+H</p> <p>It was agreed that the map of all pending developments would be uploaded on the OCA website. Matter arising: <i>Decision needs to be made as who's in charge of updating the map.</i> Tracy will draft an op-ed on the legal definition is a backpackers and how some developers abuse it. The City's building inspector is systematically absent from Observatory and doesn't take action on illegal buildings. The community needs to be more vocal in its unhappiness about the CoCT's systematic failure to enforce applicable legislation relating to construction and property development. A positive sign is Paddy Chapple's surprising support to get the Anson Rd appeal finalised. Proposal to have a picket outside an illegal structure in May. Tracy will coordinate with A&amp;H group and report back at the next meeting. On current projects: three projects supported; two not supported (including the river club). There are currently four illegal building works in Obs. The A+H will provide information on how neighbours can complain about illegal building and using the C3 complaints system.</p> <p>2. Arts, sports and culture</p>	<p>Who will manage the online map?</p> <p>Copy of op-ed to be circulated by Tracy.</p> <p>Tracy to report back on picketing proposal.</p> <p>Tracy to make information available for the OCA website.</p>

<p>We want to develop a heritage profile for Observatory. The movie made by Edwin Angless will promote the suburb. People could also promote the history of their own homes.</p> <p>Mark proposes a workshop on what the portfolio can do for the year. Dale proposes to make a list of institutions in the neighbourhood. Tauriq will share the audit of artist residences in Obs and salt river done last year.</p> <p>TJ: CoCT did an audit. Will share with you.</p> <p>Hartleyvale: Zaid Omar, owner of FC Kapstadt (FCK), came to present the issue of the lease of the Hartleyvale stadium to CTCFC. FCK has been using Hartleyvale stadium since 2009, when the CoCT developed Green Point urban park. Despite numerous promises, the CoCT never finalised the lease agreement. A new lease opportunity was published in local newspapers last year, which was granted to CTCFC. CTCFC has now confirmed that they plan on building a 10 000 seater stadium on Hartleyvale. FCK and others objected to this lease agreement. No clubs currently based there were consulted or considered to apply for the lease. There's some evidence that negotiations happened a long time before the publication of the advert last year. There are rumours that CTCFC funds the DA. FCK will mobilise the community to publicly voice their opposition to the lease and legally challenge the granting of the lease. The mayor has asked for evidence of wrongdoing to annul the lease, which Zaid doesn't have. The problem is the appearance of public consultation and open processes but lack thereof, the negotiations behind closed doors, the total lack of engagement of CoCT officials.</p> <p>Malta park also has a very rich history. And is part of TRUP.</p> <p>Tauriq proposed to organise a townhall talk where FCK, CTCFC and the CoCT would be invited. Dale prefers to wait until May and have it as an item on the broader Obs visioning workshop. Going further, a task team should be established to tackle the issue. Possibly under TRUP.</p> <p>The issue of holding a townhall talk is put to a vote of the exco. 9 vote in favour, 1 against (Dale). A date will be set soon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3. Business forum</p> <p>No update. The business forum was active when the crime situation was bad but needs an energy renewal. Possibly through the water crisis/water census? Would also allow to have access to the large business parks. The WESGRO study on water solutions is a reference document.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4. Car park</p> <p>The car park is operating fine.</p> <p>The contract with CoCT on the lease of the plot is hugely problematic. All details are in De Vos' report. Tauriq will motivate</p>	<p>Feedback on workshop proposal? Dale: list of Obs institutions Tauriq to share the CoCT audit</p> <p>Urgent need to set up a task team.</p> <p>Tauriq will share the WESGRO document with Olivia.</p> <p>Contract requested to</p>
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<p>to justify a lower rent than what is currently being asked. The OCA is a very active civic and the car park is its only source of revenue. Furthermore, if there was no car park, it would become a vacant piece of land; something all parties want to avoid.</p> <p>The contract with EOH for the equipment presents many legal issues; unclear when it was signed or for what. This issue requires finalisation, possibly through a settlement. Dale proposes that we ask EOH for a copy of the contract or we'll stop paying.</p> <p>5. Constitution working group The working group met on 26 March and is making progress. A draft will be submitted in June. There will be online public consultations on the draft.</p> <p>6. LDG Leslie will follow up with Paddy and the mayor to get an update on the Anson appeal. There appears to be issues with CoCT notifications that do not reach the OCA, including and in particular on planned property developments. Unclear whether all departments received the names and email addresses of the new members. These are Heritage WC; CoCT planning dept; subcouncil 16. Sarah and Murray will contact each department.</p> <p>7. Social issues Joy informed all that a workshop with NU/Future Cape Town/Jodi Allemeier on inclusivity in Observatory will take place on 19 April.</p> <p>8. Treasurer It's difficult to provide a financial situation without clarity on the car park. The car park represents 95% of the OCA's revenue, but also its main source of expenses. Bank charges are high. Tracy proposes that we move to Capitec.  Two funding requests will be sent to the exco via email; one from the water and sanitation group and one for a poetry festival.</p> <p>9. TRUP, including the River Club The development of the north of the park must respect the park and be based on the manifesto. A campaign strategy is being developed. Tracy suggest that that publicity gets improved.</p> <p>10. Water and sanitation Water was discussed at Open streets and the census is ongoing. People should fill in online, but it is not always working. Volunteers could do door-to-door to get people to sign up. Possibly EPWP workers as well.</p>	<p>EOH?</p> <p>New contact details communicated to relevant officials?</p>
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4.	<p><b>Proposal of an Obs visioning workshop 3.0</b></p> <p>Leslie proposes to hold another Observatory visioning workshop to promote the work of the OCA (all subgroups would present and have breakaway sessions to brainstorm) and increase participation. The facilitator would be Penny Morale. Tauriq proposes to use the Obs charter as a starting point. Date set to 5 May. Leslie and the exco will plan.</p>	Need update
5.	<p><b>Proposal of an audit of OCA accounts</b></p> <p>Will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><b>OCA internal and external communications: proposals</b></p> <p>Will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Minor general items and other</b></p> <p>Our Councillor is absent as usual. He's refused to engage with the OCA on all matters of importance in Observatory. His commitment to the community he is supposed to serve is very doubtful. We will discuss the next steps at our following meeting.</p> <p>Tauriq gave feedback on the Woodstock ratepayers association. They face similar issues to ours. They have a very diverse mancom. They are a strong ally. Tauriq will send them a formal congratulations.</p>	Tauriq to send email to WRA.
8.	<p><b>Next meeting, thanks and close</b></p> <p>24 April at 18h30.</p>	