



OBSERVATORY
Civic & Business
Association

Observatory Civic Association ManCom Meeting

Meeting Date	30 August 2018	Time	18:30
Minutes By	Sarah Driver-Jowitt	Chairperson	Tauriq Jenkins
Register	2018-2019 Committee: Tauriq Jenkins (Chair Person), Sarah Driver-Jowitt (Secretary), Joy Robinson (Treasurer), Tracy Hyde, De Vos Rabie, Dale Forbes, Mark Turock, Olivia Andrews		
Apologies	Gwen Dereymaeker (Vice Chair), Carolyn Neville, Murray Hunter, Leslie London		
Guests	Councillor Paddy Chapple		

ADMINISTRATION

Topic	Responsible	Timeframe
Welcome and Introduction of ManComm Tauriq Jenkins called the meeting to order and welcome Paddy Chapple	N/A	
Acceptance of the Minutes: Proposed Tauriq Jenkins and Seconded Sarah Driver-Jowitt no matters arising. It was noted that the agenda would highlight matters in which we would include our Councillor and address these earlier in the evening for efficiency.	N/A	

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR CHAPPLE TO MATTERS ARISING

1. Malta Park I was asked to submit this to the city and note that this has been receipted to the City
Receipted to City Manager
2. Picketed – Legalities and the counting of the protesters remained at 15
3. Support of Plan C of TRUPA, I remain Committed to Plan C. I do note further appeals and the filing of the advocate
4. Officials at the last TRUP meeting was raised with Councillor Herron.
5. CPF – Mark wrote a fascinating report back on the CPF Election. Peter Ashford has raised a complaint about the Library and this has gone to JP Smith
6. Fringe Protection Plan protest has been submitted and Leslie London has written a comprehensive motion as an amendment.
7. This has been resubmitted originally when the area fell under Pinelands but this has now moved to Good Hope. I do believe that the Fringe Protection Plan as per the original submission plus
8. The events permit submitted in regards to Hartleyvale Hockey Event and I have had no response and this had been
9. Library – I will follow up on this matter
10. Circus – despite the standing eviction order this has not been carried through and I have not followed up on this.

KEY ISSUES

Topic	Responsible	Timeframe
1. MALTA PARK/HARTLEYVALE A PAIA APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED The PAIA Application was read to all participants. This requires a 30 day response from the City of Cape Town to the request for information in relation to permission related to the installation of the Astro Turf which		

<p>is not reflected as a special condition in the lease and therefore requires special permission and the specific requirement for permission for excavation and filling works.</p> <p>UPDATE ON THE SUBMISSION Andrew Massyn provided further information on the original objection to process of awarding the lease to the City of Cape Town Football Club. We have confirmation that the City Manager and the Office of the Speaker received copies – it appears that the city received more than one copy. The Speakers office received it on 20 June and a receipt from the City Manager. The City has 60 days to call an Appeal Committee. Irrespective of WHICH office received the submission, the 60 days has passed.</p> <p>There are three options: a) provide more time b) to launch a review the decision of the city and this would be expensive c) Interdict the tenant pending a decision of the city.</p> <p>The appeal period is very short. This discussion was postponed until Councillor Chapple could be excused.</p> <p>NEW FENCE New Fence has been erected between the two fields.</p> <p>IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUEST IN RELATION TO ASTRO TURF We will continue this under the PAIA process</p> <p>CTV REPORT A small report will be released and shared.</p>		
<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <p>SUBWAY LIGHTS The issue of Subway lights was raised by a member of the community. Councillor Chapple clarified that this is on the budget for ward allocation but that some of the subways fall under PRASA.</p> <p>STREET SIGNS ON NUTTALL ROAD This has resulted in delay in a delay in an ambulance and other emergency services. This will be followed up.</p>	<p>Councillor Chapple</p> <p>Councillor Chapple</p>	
<p>3. LARGE DEVELOPMENT GROUPS</p> <p>1. Large Development Reports Leslie submitted a range of reports which have been tabled and are available.</p> <p>1. Doves Funeral Parlour Doves Funeral Parlour has now been sold and the site has been fenced and the building has been zoned commercial and we will need to observe what will occur there.</p> <p>2. Gym in Scotts Road</p>		

<p>A gym has opened in Scotts Rd and the property is zoned residential and there has been complaints in relation to parking. A cease works order is in place and the planning committee will need to make a decision.</p> <p>3. Carte Blanche A representative from Carte Blanche is interested in potentially doing an report on large developments taking place within Cape Town.</p> <p>4. A general concern was raised in the assessment of new developments. There process appears to be that there is an impact assessment conducted on traffic and other implications that only assess one development at a time and does not take into consideration other developments being planned. Councillor Chapple noted that a report has been sent out in relation to the Development Levy and residents are urged to read this report.</p> <p>5. Sewerage infrastructure limitations. Observatory is facing a future challenge in relation to sewerage. The ward where development happens needs to receive a percentage of the development level in order to upgrade the surrounding suburbs. Councillor Chapple suggests a proposal of 20% of this levy.</p> <p>No current expenditure has been allocated to Ward 57 for sewerage despite the fact that with the developments and old infrastructure that our current infrastructure will not be sustainable and the sewerage system will not be able to be maintain the demand.</p> <p>The participants reflected significant dissatisfaction at the fact that no funds have been allocated.</p> <p>Councillor Chapple to share the budget</p> <p>6. Housing Tribunal Concerns Additional concerns were in relation to systemic problems that the Housing Tribunal includes someone who is involved in the River Club Development. The fact that the Tribunal is made up of only planners does put civic associations at a significant disadvantage.</p> <p>Councillor Chapple requested that it should be minuted that despite the fact that the application was lost 3:2 in the application and the fact that the building is restricted to Student Housing is a significant achievement that it should be noted that this is a significant achievement for a Civic Association when facing professional developers.</p>	<p>Councillor Chapple</p> <p>Councillor Chapple</p>	
<p>4. ARTS AND HERITAGE The Arts and Heritage Subcommittee continue to look at projects. A major problems remains the lack of building inspectors and we have an absent building inspector. Councillor Chapple is aware of the fact that the individual is not available. Marks Mapuwira has now been appointed to the Tribunal and is not available.</p>		

<p>A request was made for disciplinary action against the current building inspector and what are the guidelines to support the disciplinary action.</p> <p>OCA will collate the detailed actions of the Current Building Inspector. Leslie London will be requested to share this will Councillor Chapple to support disciplinary action.</p> <p>The Local Spatial Development Framework in conjunction with the TRAUPA has been recommended.</p> <p>Request for clarity on the opening time of Malta Park</p>	<p>Councillor Chapple</p> <p>Arts & Heritage & OCA</p>	
<p>5. CAR PARK</p> <p>De Vos Rabie presented. The Council has invited comment on the lease of the Car Park which is unclear as there is on current lease so it is not clear if it is a lease with us or potentially with us. Unfortunately the response from the Councillor does not clarify this matter. Apparently only the OCA is applying and rental is going to be reduced from R10,000 to R20,000 and it is up to us to apply.</p> <p>A favourable meeting has been held with the City of Cape Town this year.</p> <p>The Councillor confirmed that as per the February meeting that the rental has been reduced to R10,000 and that the submission needs to be submitted by 8 September.</p> <p>PROCESS PROPOSED</p> <p>a) Invite Comment from the Community The more letters of support the better the motivation for the OCA.</p> <p>b) We submit a proposal as to what we are able to afford.</p> <p>Councillor Chapple documented the history of the rental of the Parking Lot. The OCA originally signed an 8% escalation in 2004 and while there was a period of arrears, the arrears have been paid off in full.</p> <p>EQUIPMENT RENTAL</p> <p>Proposal to terminate the rental and take over the equipment to continue to run this at a reduced rental.</p>	<p>Murray was requested to draft a request for community comment.</p> <p>De Vos</p> <p>De Vos</p>	<p>6 September for collation of comment</p> <p>8 September submission</p>
<p>7. TWO RIVERS URBAN PARK</p> <p>We had a hectic meeting just over a month ago as the new management from the City and Province and in the mean time they have proposed a new programme which we have asked them to correct. We are asking for respect for the consultation process that has happened in the past and the Heritage Western Cape Appeal. The planners that have been</p>	<p>Tauriq</p>	<p>NA</p>

<p>seconded to TRUPA has helped and some advice has been useful but we need to take this further. We are waiting on a result as to where this stands with Heritage Western Cape and if they will be bolstered by Heritage South Africa and if there will be an impact assessment and we need to strengthen our co-operation with many groups to keep this on the front burner to ensure that Cape Town is listening and ensure that we are not developing on the Flood Plain and on this historically important site. We hope to have a plan to encourage development around the park that respect the heritage.</p> <p>There is a deadline for public comment on 9 September.</p> <p>PROPOSAL That OCA comment on the Heritage Western Cape is being taken to tribunal by a number of government departments in support of the River Club development.</p> <p>This was agreed and the OCA Comments which will focus on the support for Heritage Western Cape decision. This comment will be shared on all OCA Platforms.</p> <p>The Comment will also be forwarded to the Malta Park Action Group and everyone on the Malta Park Action group as well as other parties will be invited to join the TRUPA group.</p> <p>REGULAR PARTICIPATION There are monthly TRUPA meetings. The next meeting will take place 4 September.</p> <p>Councillor Chapple was asked for his comment on the application.</p>	<p>Tauriq</p> <p>Mark and Tauriq</p> <p>Tauriq & Murray.</p> <p>Councillor Chapple</p>	<p>9 September</p> <p>4 September</p>
<p>8. COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM REVIVAL The elections took place last night.</p> <p>Observatory Neighbourhood Watch (ONW) had two observers as a result of the lack of satisfaction with the Woodstock police station management over the last 10 years. Of the 28 organisations in attendance, 5 Neighbourhood Watches abstained. The position statement from ONW in relation to sector management was supported by Councillor Chapple.</p> <p>OCA will engage with the ONW with a view to formulating the sector.</p>		
<p>9. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Subway lights Lower Wrench subway falls under the Council - This is on the budget for ward allocation. It was highlighted</p> <p>Street Signs on Nuttall Road This has resulted in delay in a delay in an ambulance</p> <p>PRASA RELATIONSHIP This has improved but has continues to be a challenge</p>	<p>Councillor Chapple</p>	

<p>OBSID Security Measures The OCA raised concerns that there has been a delay in the installation of the cameras approved last year and approved by the community in the AGM in order to support the License Plate Recognition System. The OCA noted their concern that this was budgeted for in the AGM in January 2018 but had yet to be delivered on and was affecting the security for all residents. It was also noted that there was a delay in funding being forthcoming for the Neighbourhood Watch & OBSID Security Team to move the Radio Repeater which has also resulted in delays in the roll out of security measures affecting us all.</p> <p>CONTROL ROOM IN FOREST HILL FOR THE REGION Initial Control Room will have 23 cameras and Lynwood have put in 6 and 12 these will be controlled by Forest Hill.</p>		
<p>10. ARTS, CULTURE & SPORT Heritage Day event walking touring visiting key spots in the suburb ending up at the Observatory itself where we will have some events has been planned for Heritage Day. Jannie Hannekom and others will report on the history of Observatory. Chris Marais - an award winning poet - will also be attending and it is hoped that residents and guests will learn more about our heritage.</p>		24 September
<p>11. MALTA PARK & HARTLEYVALE SUBCOMMITTEE Sub-Committee meeting will held and their input brought to the Management Committee in relation to the Legal position following</p>		
FINANCIAL REPORTS & SUB-COMMITTEE FEEDBACK SHARED ELECTRONICALLY		
Topic	Responsible	Timeframe
<p>1. COMMUNICATION The report was taken as read</p>	Murray	NA
<p>2. LARGE DEVELOPMENT GROUP This report was taken as read and issues discussed under Key Topics above.</p>	Leslie	NA
<p>3. ARCHITECTURE & HERITAGE This report was taken as read and issues discussed under Key Topics above.</p>	Tracy	NA
<p>4. BUSINESS FORUM This report was taken as read and issues discussed under Key Topics above.</p>		NA
<p>5. ARTS, CULTURE & SPORT This report was taken as read and issues related to Malta Park discussed under Key Topics above.</p>		
<p>6. SOCIAL ISSUES This report was taken as read.</p>		NA
ADDITIONAL MATTERS		
Topic	Responsible	Timeframe
<p>OCA CONSTITUTION Ongoing progress and it is hoped to be completed soon. Apologies for the delay were extended.</p>		
CLOSURE		
The OCA and guests were thanked for their work and the meeting closed at 8:40pm		