



OBSERVATORY
Civic Association

MANCOMM MEETING			
Meeting Date	26 March 2019	Time	17:145 – 20:20
Minutes By	Dale Forbes	Chairperson	Tauriq Jenkins
Present	Sheila Barsel, Dale Forbes, Joy Robertson, Janet Cronje, Marc Turok, Tracy Hyde, Edwin Angless, DeVos Rabie, Tauriq Jenkins, Stephan Frantisek, Paul Walker		
Apologies	Leslie London		
Absent with apology	Eden Musampa		
Additional residents	Gwen Dereymaeker, Tania Sincic, Shaun Swiftler, Tony Greenwood, Jacques Wiener, Steve Brand, John Brophy, Jessy Thibambe, Joseph Alexander, Ayubu Godfrey, Gregory Boots, Jeanine Schouw		
Topic			Responsible Person
PREMEETING			
<p>There were several community members present to discuss the matter of the circus. They wanted to discuss the current situation, health and safety issues, legalities, the City’s plans and what the next steps ought to be.</p> <p>Janet read the email that she had circulated to Mancomm members previously.</p> <p>Then it was discovered there were two journalist who were recording the meeting and taking pictures without permission. Lara objected to this and reminded them that it was both courteous and professional to ask permission first.</p> <p>Four circus residents also arrived during this time and spoke about their situation. It appears that there are some discrepancies between what we have been told by Paddy Chapple and the City and what the state of affairs are.</p> <p>It was decided to hold a public meeting, on Tuesday 9th April. The meeting is to be co-ordinated by Stephan but will be facilitated by somebody outside the OCA. The OCA should write to the City requesting the relevant officials and councillor be present and answer questions at the town hall meeting.</p> <p>Invitations will be extended to Paddy Chapple, Mark Basson and any relevant others. If no City officials are willing to be present, then we need to get answers, in writing, to the questions raised by concerned residents.</p>			
1. Welcome			

<p>The chairperson opened the meeting at 6.30 pm.</p>	
<p>2. Corrections to January minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Finance Report to be included in the minutes • The Circus is to be added to the January minutes • Figures of legal costs to be added • Janet did not draft a new pamphlet but updated an existing one. <p>Adopted by Sheila; seconded by Edwin</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising from the minutes:</p> <p>3.1 Hartleyvale/Malta Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the arguments, he felt that getting the lease reversed was the least likely to succeed, mainly because of how late this court action would be and by the time we get to court, the first lease would be over. On the second argument related to the fencing, he was also not that convinced because the fencing is consequential to the lease decision. A private party would be entitled to protect their property by fencing. There was, however, the decision to allocate something zoned for public open space to private use that might be challengeable. - Budlender’s advice is that given the time elapsed since the granting of the lease, our chances of success in a High Court application would be low. He advised that we not proceed with a High Court application seeking to overturn the lease with the Cape Town City Football Club. He further advised that planning commence now already in anticipation of the Club seeking to extend their lease. view to preparing for new lease. <p>The meeting resolved to accept the above advice and, in addition to preparing for the renewal of the lease would also take account of the need for the widening of the mandate of the Action Committee to consider the advancement of a precinct plan to cover the entire area of Hartleyvale/Malta Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement with Adv. De Jager – No meeting took place because proper arrangements were not made. Telephone discussion held and De Jager indicated that he would reconsider his fees. <p>The meeting resolved that the OCA pay the full amount after De Jager has made his final determination of costs.</p>	

- On the Anson, he felt that what we had would not be strong enough to win the case. The fact that the Mayoral committee whizzed through the 19 appeals would not, itself, prove malfeasance of failure to apply one's mind. Theoretically, the committee members may have read all the documents before the hearing so, if they did not offer any comment, it could not be assumed there was no application of mind.
- We have not secured an affidavit from Cllr Chapple that he tried to make representations that was ignored by the committee and so any legal action to challenge the decision of the CoCT would not be possible.

Proposed: Edwin. Seconded: DeVos

3.2 Fundraising

A workshop will be held on 6 May.

Edwin requested documents related to heritage applications, which Tauriq will handover.

3.3 Infringements on The Malta Park Field by the Cape Town City Football Club

Janet submitted the complaints to Cllr Vos who indicated that he would respond. Correspondence to be forwarded to Mancomm in future.

3.4 Standard Operating Procedure

The committee has not met to develop a proposal. Edwin to obtain SOP from Obsid. Lara to join group.

3.5 OCA Representative on the Ward Forum

Documents related to the legal establishment and requirements of the forum from Lara and those related to the history of its functioning from Tauriq was not available. These reports are to be submitted by 29 March.

3.6 NPO Status

Documents are still being sought to finalise registration.

3.7 Constitutional Committee

The committee has met and have divided up the constitution for revision. A draft will be available for the April Mancomm.

<p>3.8 Swimming Pool</p> <p>Janet has met with Cllr Badroodeen who is looking into re-opening the pool. It was suggested that a meeting be held with the pool supervisor to see how the opening could be expedited.</p> <p>3.9 Communications Committee and IT Assistant</p> <p>Carolyn’s suggestion not practical. No response yet for request for assistance from residents. Janet to meet with Andrew Fife to obtain domain name and to find out how it would cost. Edwin to follow up with Obsid to see whether the appointment of an IT person could assist us with establishing the necessary communication protocols.</p> <p>3.10 Spar Tables</p> <p>Joy obtained a quote for banner R5290. Three quotes are to be obtained before we decide to proceed. The text to appear on the banner: ‘Observatory Civic Association’.</p> <p>Janet will circulate the draft pamphlet for comment.</p> <p>Tables will commence once all the above infrastructure is in place.</p>	
<p>4. Observatory Community Centre</p> <p>OCC apparently amended their constitution to largely exclude community participation in the running of the centre. Edwin has been attempting to lay hands of the existing constitution, the minutes of the AGM as well as the MOU with the City, which has proven hard to obtain.</p> <p>The committee has accepted that there are 4 people on the committee representing Observatory residents, 2 representing the OCA and 2 from Business Forum.</p> <p>Tauriq and Edwin were appointed as OCA reps. Edwin and Tauriq attended a meeting on 25/3/19 and questioned the two versions of constitution and MOU. Edwin met with Mark Basson (responsible council official) who could not find a record of the revised constitution. Agreed that the meeting reinstate the earlier constitution with the previous representation. Agreed to call a public meeting to reconstitute committee.</p>	Edwin
<p>5. Committee Reports</p> <p>5.1 LDG - Website needs to be updated.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Snapscan will be acquired. (R250 and 2% on each transaction). Acquire cell phone to record transactions. - Alert media about developers being unwilling to declare their political funding. <p>5.2 A & H - Quiet time. Not much happening.</p> <p>5.3 ASC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tauriq Mellet unable to talk on the Khoi. Ron Martin to speak on 24/4/19. Agreed to cover his transport costs. - Arranging walkabout looking at Victorian architecture. <p>5.4 Social Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new liquor license requests - Request R7200 for raincoats, which will be repaid once a community member pays for the raincoat. Feeling that it would be more appropriate for Obsid to fund this action. Discussion about whether Carolyn should continue to serve on Obsid board and to serve on the SI subcomm but meeting felt that there was no problem with this. Suggestion that Stephan meets with Amanda to see whether suggestion can work. <p>5.5 Traffic – Two research groups are working on the traffic situation.</p> <p>5.6 Car Park – The lease approved and signed. Negotiations are still taking place for the arrears to be possibly written off. All documents related to signing of the lease has been submitted to the City for final approval.</p> <p>5.7 Business Forum – Paul Walker has been appointed to take over from Olivia who has sold her business and has consequently resigned as co-ordinator of the Business Forum.</p> <p>5.8 TRUPA – No recent meetings. The HIA assessment for River Club is available for inspection.</p>	<p>Stephan</p> <p>Eden/Leslie</p> <p>Devos</p>
<p>6. Water Strategy, Planning Bylaw and Rates and Valuation Roll</p> <p>The City has invited comments on the above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The OCA objection has been posted on the COCT website. - Tracy made a submission of the key issues related to the amendments of the planning bylaw and will make a submission by 31 March. 	<p>Tracy</p> <p>Tauriq</p> <p>Janet</p>
<p>7. Other Matters</p> <p>The OCA will jointly host a public meeting with ONW on a response to the Community Police Forum and notices to that effect have been sent out.</p>	

<p>There was a concern over the lack of co-design of the meeting and this will be raised with the ONW organizer.</p>	
<p>8. Dates and Times of Mancomm meetings. Meetings would remain on the last Tuesday of the month. The trial arrangement of meetings commencing at 5.30 pm where residents could raise any matter of concern prior to the commencement of the formal Mancomm meeting at 6.00 pm will continue. The next Mancomm is scheduled for 30 April 2019.</p>	
<p>CLOSURE</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 20:20.</p>	

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