

Observatory Civic Association ManCom Meeting

Meeting Date	27 th Aug 2019	Time	18:05
Minutes By	Leslie London	Chairperson	Tauriq Jenkins
Present	De Vos, Sheila, Leslie, Marc, Tauriq, Joy		
Apologies	Edwin, Eden, Pauli		
No Apologies			
Guests	See register		

ADMINISTRATION

Topic	Responsible	Timeframe
<p>1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES Members were welcomed. Meeting was noted as quorate. Apologies from Edwin (away), Pauli and Eden</p>	N/A	
<p>2. Circus report was presented by Helen Rourke and Lolo Ndlovu from DAG, which is an organisation that works on issues of housing. They did a diagnostic assessment. A timeline was presented of developments at the circus since 2005. The options were summarised as follows: (a) the City pursue an eviction (conflictual route, will take years); (b) a tailored approach to help residents find alternative accommodation or other solutions; (c) no action, which may have unpredictable and negative outcomes (e.g land invasion, safety issues, risk of illegal activity, further tension with surrounding residents). The Civic was encouraged to pursue a participatory design process whereby the future plans for the space are decided jointly.</p>		
<p>3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two sets of minutes (June and July 2019) were considered Leslie moved acceptance, Sheila seconded both minutes to be adopted. 		
<p>4. MATTERS ARISING 4.1 Admin person. Cannot finalise recruitment while Edwin is away. Agreed to extend JPs contract until we interview / appoint the administrator. When Edwin is back we can finalise this.</p>		
<p>5. Mediation – It was noted that a mediation process was supported by OCA involving Tauriq, Lara and Janet. No resolution was achieved.</p>		
<p>6. Constitution The SGM to be held on 3rd September 6pm aiming to adopt the constitution. Need to have membership table to confirm valid membership. Agreed to circulate notice to residents to write to check their membership status.</p>	Leslie to send note	By 31 st Aug
<p>7. New membership applications considered 7.1 Kate Ribbet – approved – resident in Obs, paid up and produced proof of residence. 7.2 River Club – declined because (a) River Club has not responded to the concerns of the Community raised in a Feb 2019 letter asking for transparency in any political party funding – the River Club did not answer the letter; (b) River Club has criticised the OCA as telling ‘lies’ in public about the River Club development. The Code of Conduct requires members to “comply with the aims and objectives and the Constitution of the Association” and to not “conduct himself / herself in such a way as to bring the Association into disrepute.” Since the aim and objective of the OCA includes providing “a public forum for the Civic of Observatory to express their concerns and opinions about the full range of Civic issues that affects us in the Observatory area” and “to promote and safeguard</p>	Sheila to reply Sheila to reply	By 3 September By 3 Sept

<p>Civic interests in association with our Local Authority”, we do not believe this application is consistent with the criteria for membership. It was noted that within hours of applying for membership, the River Club was asking for information about the number of members belonging to the OCA.</p> <p>7.3 Andy Goedhals will be accepted as a member when he submits his membership form, membership payment and proof of address.</p> <p>7.4 Tembalethu Manqunyana will be accepted as a member when he submits his membership form, membership payment and proof of address.</p>		
<p>7. Financials: Statements were considered and approved.</p> <p>We decided to appoint Des Brown to draft our annual financial statement based on a quote of R 3500.</p> <p>Joy will set up a meeting with a lawyer contact of hers over the lease for the car park for which the City is demanding massive arrears. The aim of the consultation would be to see if any constructive action could be possible. It is likely there will be a consulting fee. Joy to find out.</p>	<p>Joy</p> <p>Joy</p>	<p>By 3 September</p> <p>Feedback next meeting</p>
<p>8. Portfolios</p> <p>We agreed to appoint Andy Goedhals as convener of the A&H committee and Tembalethu Manqunyana as Arts and Culture portfolio in the interim until the AGM. Tembalethu confirmed he will address both Arts and Culture issues in the portfolio.</p> <p>Suggested that Tembalethu convene a workshop as soon as possible to set up an Arts and Culture group in the OCA.</p> <p>Henk Stutterheim will continue to assist on liquor licenses but will not convene the Social and Liquor Group. We need to find a convener. Sheila will coordinate receipt of applications for a Liquor license and alert Man Comm on behalf of OCA until we get a convener. To communicate this to Carolyn Neville.</p> <p>Springbok Club hosting a braaivleis competition!</p>	<p>Tembalethu</p> <p>Sheila to write to Carolyn</p>	<p>Report back to next Man Comm</p> <p>By 3 Sept</p>
<p>9. Ward Forum meeting</p> <p>Councillor Chapple was not present. Reason given was an urgent meeting at UCT with the SRC. It seems no such meeting took place. Mayor was meant to meet Ward but the meeting was postponed. No real explanation given.</p> <p>Issues raised at Ward Forum included lack of clarity on the Pepper Square lease, the need for the Obs Community Centre to hold an AGM, issues with the building inspector, clarity on what is going on around the Circus, misinformation regarding the proposed changes to the OCA Constitution, liquor license application. It was noted that corrections to the minutes asked at the preceding Ward Forum were not done so the minutes of the past 2 meetings do not accurately reflect what was discussed. The Ward councillor is not communicating with the OCA but engaging directly with some Observatory residents which is a matter of concern.</p>		
<p>10. CAPP</p> <p>Well attended CAPP meeting on ward councillor accountability.</p> <p>Article in People’s Post</p> <p>CAPP has requested a meeting with the Mayor</p> <p>Tauriq to submit report after DAG finalises their report.</p>	<p>Tauriq</p>	<p>By Next Man Comm</p>
<p>11. TRUPA</p> <p>The River Club HIA was considered at HWC meeting. They will submit I&AP comments to the DEADP Basic Assessment.</p>	<p>Marc</p>	<p>Before 15 Sept</p>

TRUPA will facilitate meeting for potential objectors to the River Club development. Marc to alert us. Deadline for comments on River Club is 15 th September		
12. Obs Community Centre OCA will press OCC to continue with its AGM when Edwin is back.	Tauriq and Edwin	By Next Man Comm
13. LDG – planning LSDP meeting on 4 th Andy and Leslie to put blurb together. Distribute on Mail Chimp and LDG list; Andy will design poster and LDG volunteers will assist in putting up. Invite OBSID, ONW, TRUPA, DAG, VPUU, et al.	Andy and Leslie and LDG	For 4 th Sept
14. Proposal to meet with Mayor to raise multiple issues – do it through CAPP	Tauriq	By Next Man Comm
15. Membership numbers – The meeting confirmed 112 paid-up members.		
CLOSURE		
The meeting closed at 19:58. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1 st October, 6.00pm (since the 24 th is public holiday).		