

Observatory Civic Association ManCom Meeting			
Meeting Date	February 25 th 2020	Time	18:00
Minutes By	Jean-Paul	Chairperson	Leslie London
Mancomm attendees:	Leslie London, Sheila Barsel, Edwin Angless, Marc Turok, Joy Robinson, Tauriq Jenkins, Kiki Bisogno, DeVos Rabie, Tauriq Jenkins (arrived 18:45)		
Mancomm Apologies:	Andy Goedhals		
Absent:	Pauli van Wyk		
Invitees:	Michael Strong, Amanda Kirk		
ADMINISTRATION			
Topic	Responsible	Timeframe	
1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES Members were welcomed. Meeting was noted as quorate.			
2. Adoption of previous minutes Jan 28 Mancomm <i>Note from Edwin</i> - Can all please send apologies to either Mancomm WhatsApp or Mancomm email. Omission from minutes of 28 Jan meeting - Leslie requested that Marc please ensure TRUPA send an email to Mancomm stating that TRUPA has nominated Marc to be the rep for OCA. TRUPA will Issue at next scheduled meeting. Adoption of Jan 2020 Minutes - Sheila proposed, Edwin seconded	All Marc		
3. MATTERS ARISING 3.1 OBS Community Centre Edwin attended OCC meeting two weeks ago - but neither Tauriq or Pauli attended. OCC is waiting on City to come up with a policy on how the community building will be managed after which a new constitution can be introduced. Edwin noted that the issue of the constitution is moot as the community already agreed that in terms of the composition of the committee it should follow the previous constitution. It has been accepted that there are three members of the community that serve on the committee, as well as two OCA reps and a Business Forum Rep. Edwin to confirm it is included in the OCC minutes. Edwin will include an ad in the OCA newsletter advertising the OCC venue and hire rates to the OBS community. Edwin noted that a draft policy was circulated stating that community halls would be made available to community organizations free of charge. Leslie noted that there are bills from the OCC. Pending a new policy, we will not pay until the new policy is confirmed. Sheila suggested a discussion between the OCA and OBSID regarding OBSID's use of the OCC for their required meetings. Amanda stated that the OBSID want to use the venue from time to time. OCA will supply the two versions of the OCC constitution to OBSID. OBSID Feedback - Leslie It's been confirmed that OCA will not use the OBSID address in future. Questionnaire on community views Tauriq had suggested a questionnaire regarding the community's attitude to current number of liquor license approvals. Edwin put forward a proposal also to include this matter in the OBSID questionnaire that OBSID will send to their members. Leslie noted that this could be done additional to surveying residents since not all residents are home owners. Sheila and Amanda will discuss and find a solution.	Edwin Edwin Edwin Edwin	By next meeting By next meeting By next newsletter By next meeting	
	Sheila	By next meeting	

<p>3.2 Matters arising from AGM</p> <p>LDG Vacancy still not filled. David Aitchison has still not made contact. Marc suggested that A&H be first port of call to receive any issues for LDG and that LDG starts up if another crisis arises. Sheila noted that A&H are currently taking strain. Leslie will follow up with Andy and Marine.</p> <p>Confirmation of OCA membership No new members. Joy - no new money since AGM Michael drew up a letter directed to our members - Michael to send to Mancomm for comment. JP to send letter in MailChimp to members.</p> <p>Details of Proxies and attendance for attachment to AGM minutes. Michael to produce a list of AGM proxies and attendees. Edwin and Sheila to send Proxies to Michael.</p> <p>Signing of AGM minutes Leslie will give Joy signed AGM minutes.</p>	<p>Leslie</p> <p>Michael/JP</p> <p>Sheila/Michael</p> <p>Leslie</p>	<p>By next meeting</p> <p>By next week</p> <p>By next week</p> <p>By next week</p>
<p>3.3 Other Matters</p> <p>WhatsApp neighborhood group protocols Matter arose as result of a complaint on the racial stereotyping of individuals on a WhatsApp group. Amanda noted that unfortunately suspects in cases are identified by race in the SAPS reports that are escalated. She noted that the crime reporting groups are getting blurred with the social WhatsApp groups and this is causing the issue.</p> <p>OCA will not intervene in social WhatsApp groups but if the first Social issues workshop can explore this matter in their workshop.</p> <p>WhatsApp Protocols that Frank developed will be sent to Mancomm.</p> <p>Observatropolis No movement on this issue as of yet.</p> <p>Fund raising for 2020 Edwin suggested two lists - One for projects that need funding and another one which is ACS projects. A List of Projects that Tauriq suggested can be found at the end of these minutes</p> <p>Other matters arising 3.2.1 Michael Strong to sign on and become OCA member 4.4 Hazel and Michael to Liaise with each other re NPO status</p>	<p>Kiki</p> <p>Amanda</p> <p>Michael</p>	
<p>4. Financials and NPO status</p> <p>We are spending slightly more (about R 2000) each month than we receive as revenue. There are fewer carpark expenses but, equally, there is less carpark income. DeVos has made some progress with the city. Very little has changed from last month. Financials noted and approved.</p> <p>Confirmation of representative taxpayer Joy Robinson was formally confirmed as our representative tax payer to SARS. Confirmed that DeVos, Edwin, Marc, Sheila and Leslie all supplied certified IDs to Joy. Kiki and Tauriq to supply</p> <p>Update on NPO status Confirmation of Address and AGM minutes to be submitted.</p>	<p>Tauriq Kiki</p> <p>Joy</p>	<p>By Next week</p> <p>By next meeting</p>
<p>5. Car Park</p>	<p>DeVos</p>	

<p>DeVos stated that he tried to make contact with the accounts department today. Noted that there was an issue with the landline. There has been progress on the carpark and it looks like they will agree to our proposal. Deon Crowwcamp confirmed that the director of properties and services indicated support for accepting our proposal for the carpark.</p>		
<p>6. Liquor and Sound Task Group.</p> <p>Feedback on Lobey Fiesta approval Held over to next meeting</p> <p>Meeting with CoCt Leslie wrote as chair, to the City to discuss Liquor license approvals. Received No Reply. Copied to the Mayors office and the Public participation person. They replied and offered a mid-morning meeting time. Leslie responded requesting a meeting at OCA with Mancomm and the local residents participating one late afternoon or evening. Still awaiting response.</p> <p>Liquor Policy Carolyn Neville is away and so this will be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Springbok Pub appeal Hearing is scheduled for the 26th March at Bellville venue. Leslie, Sheila and Joy will attend.</p> <p>Armchair Owner has applied for a liquor license and an interim event-based liquor license. Carolyn met with the owner and felt that it was reasonable. No objections.</p> <p>Carolyn and Sheila meeting with OBSID Conversations around issues of common concern i.e. Noise and recording of incidents etc When it comes to liquor license applications or renewals Amanda stated that they would provide information around incidents relating to the particular establishment in question and the manager will give an affidavit to confirm the origin of the incident.</p>	<p>Sheila</p> <p>Carolyn</p> <p>Leslie, Sheila Joy</p>	<p>By next meeting</p> <p>By next meeting</p> <p>26th March</p>
<p>7. Ward 57 Forum Report</p> <p>Tauriq: The previous month there was a private election held without the Ward Forum members which resulted in the institution of three new ward forum members. One includes a former ward councilor who represents a neighborhood watch. The other is the contested civic that hijacked the civic in Walmer Estate. The third is also a representative from a neighborhood watch. Mark Neville was forced to resign as a result of conflict of interest.</p> <p>Tauriq noted that he pointed out the conflict of interest a year prior on the Ward Forum. Paddy Chapple has provisionally nominated another neighborhood watch person from the Mowbray Rosebank Area. Tauriq stated that he has been pushing for an environmental as well as a social Rep. Opened up a platform for TRUPA, Friends of the Liesbeek as well as Rape Crisis to apply. Both have been rejected by the Ward Councilor whose main concern is security. Tauriq stated that they challenged the entire forum sans the three - placing on record that 8000 signatures for environment and heritage petition have been received. Making clear that there is an environmental issue.</p> <p>The Response was that they are looking at available dates for the election - the vacancy has not been advertised yet. They will inform all the ward committee members. OCA will write to Paddy Chapple regarding this issue.</p> <p>Tauriq was not able to attend Sybrand Park Civic meeting.</p>	<p>Leslie</p>	
<p>8. TRUPA</p> <p>TRUPA still awaiting final report of LSDF TRUP. Final additional comments on the BAR will be submitted by Fri 28th Feb. Next tribunal meeting is set for Fri 13th March at 08:30am. Next TRUPA meeting will be on Wed 18th March at 12:15pm at the Enviro center at Valkenburg. TRUPA to formally confirm the appointment of Marc as OCA Rep at meeting as well as endorsing of proceeding with Provincial Heritage application.</p>	<p>Marc</p> <p>Leslie</p>	

<p>Application for Provincial Heritage status is ready, awaiting some information from Tauriq. It will be submitted by the Goringhaicona high council with OCA and TRUPA in support. Will be submitted in the next day or so.</p> <p>Noted that OCA is supporting application along with Goringhaicona High Council, TRUPA and 51 associated Civics, NGOs and other bodies.</p>		
<p>9. Update on Subgroup reports and plans</p> <p>Social Issues - 28th March will be first Social Issues workshop - Kiki creating invite currently. Amanda from OBSID and Kiki in conversation to avoid overlap on issues. It will be a 1 day community development workshop - invitation will be forwarded to OCA - Workshop will be held at OCC from 10am till 3pm. Homelessness, community development and Substance abuse are the headline topics for the workshop.</p> <p>A&H - Andy not present - dates need to be set for LSDF workshop and Andy needs to identify Architects and Planners for A&H.</p> <p>Arts, Culture & Sport – <i>SPORT</i>: Tauriq suggested some action is required around the Malta Park issue of Comitis' 10 000-seater stadium. When we engage with the TRUP LSDF we need to link the soccer stadium, Malta Park and the River club together. Determine date for renewal of Maltapark Lease to Comitis - Sheila offered to investigate. Tauriq to send memo to OCA on relationship between Cape Town City Sports club and the River Club.</p> <p><i>ARTS & CULTURE</i>: - Tauriq will meet with Salt River Heritage in the coming week. Event coming up on History of Khanya House. Event to be confirmed. Dr June Bam and Ciraj Rassool will be speakers. Tauriq is in talks with a choreographer for event in the Subway as an extension of the subway project. The event will be based on dance movement on the precolonial history of Observatory. All dates to be confirmed. Event coming up on 29th March at Oude Molen - Celebrating the 1510 Battle - Goringhaicona has extended invitations.</p> <p>Edwin requested two weeks' notice for advertisement in the Mailchimp.</p> <p>Business Forum - Pauli is absent. No report received.</p> <p>Communications - Edwin presented stats from Newsletters. He pointed out that any outside communications should be done by Chair or a member delegated by Chair. Communications should be shared to Mancomm. Tauriq commended Leslie as chair on the high level of proficiency with current communications. Edwin will put communications protocol in writing and distribute to Mancomm.</p> <p>LAC - OCA applied under PAIA for info on when the consultants were appointed for TRUP. Nigel Titus intimated that Rudewaan was not technically employed by the two authorities at the same time. City has refused PAIA application and we will now have to appeal. Suggested that the Goringhaicona apply to the River Club under PAIA as to the appointment of Rudewaan. Tauriq stated that the minister made a public statement in the Daily Maverick that there is a conflict of interest in Rudewaan and that his contract has not been renewed.</p> <p><i>Date set for Thurs 5th March for OCA Strategy session from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Sheila's House.</i></p> <p>Links with Press to come out of Strat meeting.</p>	<p>Kiki</p> <p>Andy</p> <p>Tauriq</p> <p>Tauriq</p> <p>Tauriq</p> <p>Tauriq</p> <p>Pauli</p> <p>Edwin</p> <p>Tauriq</p> <p>Sheila</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>By next week</p> <p>By next Meeting</p> <p>By next meeting</p> <p></p>
<p>Other business</p> <p>Noted that Marc had a meeting with the Organization for the Undoing of Tax Abuse (OUTA) and the possibility of support for exposing corruption and misuse of public resources. Edwin also had a meeting with the organization and reported back via email.</p> <p>Michael to communicate with Desire at OCC to request to switch rooms from NA room to any other Room, due to noise in NA room.</p>	<p>Michael</p>	<p>By Next week</p>

The meeting closed at 19:41 pm.		
Next Mancomm meeting: March 31st, 6pm at the OCC.		

Possible Arts Culture Sports projects for the year (suggested in Jan 2020)

- # Monthly Arts Culture and Sports meeting (venue : OCC - tbc)
- # Social Enterprise workshops 2020 (NGO's / NPO's)
- # Sub'version Shakespeare, Shakespeare for Heritage Protection - reclaiming the subway project.
- # Observatory Heritage Talks Series
- # !Gamirodi Poetry Festival with 'Off The Wall Poetry group (Observatory) and Grounding Sessions Poetry groups.
- # OCC (UPATION) - reconnecting the Observatory Community Centre.
- # Arts, Culture and Sports Awards - (Annual awards)
- Best Theatre production, Best Music Performance, Best Exhibition, Best Artist Award, Award for Heritage Protection, Best NGO / NPO.
- # ACS protest action : Mass Breathing Exercise for "Open Space, Open Lungs, Open Hearts"
- 1.1 River Club
- 1.2 Hartleyvale
- # Observatory Mother Tongues Project - Engaging the Chinese Community Centre, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Francophone, Dutch, German, Afrikaans, Xhosa, residents and business owners to assist translation of ACS monthly reports and to engage a multi linguistic online publication on the diversity of Observatory.
- # Observatory Oral History Project. Oral histories, and interviews. (Conscripts of Apartheid)
- # Establishing an Observatory History Archive
- # Ethical Framework of Arts engagement and indigenous knowledge & practice

