

Marina Da Gama EXCO Minutes of Exco on 11th August at 18h00

Marina Da Gama Office

Present

Lise Carswell	Patrick Mc Kenna	Peter Allen	Digby Colman
Richard Midgley	Paul Higgins	Scott Attfield	

Via Zoom	Lathif Gafoor	Valerie Benson	Angus Hemp
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1. Welcome and apologies – (Lathif Gafoor, Angus Hemp and Valerie Benson to attend via Zoom)
Chair welcomed all
2. Approval of agenda; adoption of Exco Meeting minutes of – 14th July 2020 and All Portfolio Reports were unanimously accepted and approved.
3. Correspondence - Nil
4. Portfolio reports

PORTFOLIO REPORTS – 11 August 2020

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TREASURER REPORT

Bank Balances: as at 06/08/2020

Cheque A/c	R	28,894.11
Archcom A/c	R	319,096.44
Money Market A/c	R	817,321.59
Total	R	1,165,312.14

WATERWAYS - ANGUS HEMP

Reserve manager, Kyran Wright, has reported that bacteriological water sampling by the city's Scientific Services on 14.7.20, following a significant storm flush, revealed less-than-satisfactory E. coli counts in the northern sections of the vlei and northern Marina canals. Counts were not severe enough to warrant closure of the water body. Elevated counts were not associated with any specific incident, but were the result of volumes of water moving down the catchment rivers and canals picking up contaminants.

It is not just the rivers that flow into the vlei that are responsible for the litter that enters the vlei and Marina canals. Water and any debris from Marina roads and gutters, and even from as far afield as Capricorn shopping centre with its car wash, ends up in the stormwater system and hence in the vlei.

The reserve was reopened for residents and visitors on 15.7.20, including the opening of Park Island. Here there were some problems with a few dog walkers ignoring the 'dogs on a leash at all times' rule. There were instances of student Reserve staff being verbally abused when they politely requested adherence to the leash and mask rules.

There is still little sign of pond weed in the Marina canals, hence less food for the waterbirds, and there are far fewer ducks and the like than we are used to seeing. There are, however, lots of fish, with almost daily cormorant-fishing parties, attended by seagulls and little egrets, in many of the Marina canals. There are already signs of spring, with a family of Egyptian geese with nine goslings having been seen. They were in the company of a pair of Cape Teal, a duck species hardly ever seen in our canals.

ZPAAC – Angus to recommend Brian Nicholson as ZPAAC Chairperson – through his channels and copy in Paul Higgins

ENVIRONMENTAL, UBUNTU & MARINA SUPPORT – LISE CARSWELL

17th July Kyran reported that the water quality wasn't great, but no actual sewerage spills.

Ubuntu – we are still going strong with the R1000 voucher each week. One person added to the group. We have R1650 in our account for this.

Support Cards – R94175 has been collected. The canoe club collected R2200 for its Mandela day initiative. We now have 58 Marina cards and 25 Sozo cards out there.

The initial cards end in September – can we discuss how we go forward.

SECURITY – PETER ALAN

Crime Stats of all crime reported to or attended by DBS

Park Island	Eastlake Dr	Theft out of MV	03.07.2020	02h30	Yes Muizenberg	Suspect came over PGD wall at Baleen Close
Uitsig	Eastlake Dr	Att HB	03.07.2020	02h20	No	Suspect came over PGD wall at Baleen Close
East Lake	Eastlake Dr	Theft out of MV	06.07.2020	Between 22h00 05/07 and 05h00 06/07	Yes Muizenberg	Suspect/s came over PGD wall and broke into 2 x vehicles
Uitsig	Mullet Close	HBT	20.07.2020	During the night of 19/07	Yes Muizenberg	Suspect/s opened garage door, forced open storage door and stole tools, wine and a drone helicopter. Tried to force open kitchen door but did not succeed.
Uitsig	Eastlake Dr	Att HB	22.07.2020	00h25	No	Suspect/s climbed over PGD wall, placed bricks against client's perimeter wall and hooked a wire onto E Fence. Left when alarm activated
Uitsig	Eastlake Dr	Att HB	23.07.2020	01h15	No	Suspect climbed over PGD wall and broke E Fence wire while jumping into yard setting off E Fence alarm. Suspect then climbed back out.
Uitsig	Mullet Close	HBT	26.07.2020	During the night of 25/07	Yes Muizenberg	Laptop and Cell phone stolen out of vehicle parked in garage. No signs of forced entry were found.
Uitsig	Eastlake Dr	Att HB	26.07.2020	13h00	No	Suspects threw bunch of wire on the E Fence setting off the alarm. They went into Vrygrond.
Uitsig	Red Roman	Att HB	27.07.2020	04h00	No	Suspect entered yard. Resident heard him, went out and shouted at him when he saw the suspect. Suspect then ran away.

Peter – to provide a fully costed (3 competitive bids) – covering the Uitsig Canal entrance to Marina, the 2 Eastlake Drive /PGD unprotected areas, and The Eastlake Drive/Geneve fence/gate issue
Further – Peter to look at proposals that would cover the broader Marina Perimeter Protection.

PARKS AND MAINTENANCE – SCOTT ATTFIELD

Staff

- Ongoing discussions for garden service companies to work alongside the association to assist us brining the lovely marina closer to manageable and possibly to the times home by.
- An interesting new consideration came from our now regular JL Treefell, who currently does the chipping.
- He, amongst being a tree care and chipping company, does larger garden service projects, lives close by in Lakeside, is accredited contractor for the City of Cape Town, has a strong relationship with the local Parks department and their supervisors and keen to build his business, especially private work in the Marina.

- If we doubled our current weekly spend, we could probably achieve massive results in a very short pace of time with him working weekly from island to island.
- A huge bonus here is that he is much loved by the Park Island residents to whom he regularly donates many tons of woodchip for the "Park Island Reserve".
- We are currently awaiting a proposal from him
- R2000 per week for the year. R106 000. Estimate.

Nursery

- Picking up from where we left off pre Covid.
- We would need to re-establish contact with resident in Halyard
- A rough costing for the project

6 x wooden posts @ R190 each R540
 2 x wooden beams @ R160 each R320
 1 x steel cable and tensioners R230
 1 x shade cloth for area. R640
 1 x bolts, drill bits and fasteners R420
 1 x weed retardant fabric R430
 30 concrete blocks @R15. R450

Working total R 3030

The project could be kicked off with the use of our existing gardeners, who seem to have some experience with this level of basic construction work and would probably be completed over the next two Tuesdays.

Signage

- Digby and Robbie assessing the usability of existing metal frames onto which our now approved and ready prints need to be attached.
- Should these not be able to be reworked then new quotations for the metal framework will need to be acquired and put forward for discussion.
- Similarly, we need also to check the entrances for the usability of the old map signs framework.
- The art for this was in the process of being reworked when Covid reared its ugly head. This process can be re-ignited.

Planting and care of the Public Open Spaces

- Following on from our pre Covid upgrade program, landscape plans will be drawn up for the various POS areas. Starting with the three largest parks, then working down through the smaller ones.
- Naturally we will only be planting next winter when the abundant rains will establish our plants for the seasons ahead.
- In the meantime, sourcing of larger plants and trees that cannot be grown in our nursery will take place.
- Our local parks department has committed to providing us large trees in exchange for the relief we have provided to their overburdened workload. Let's see if we can get some out of them for this financial year (which we can house in our nursery) as well as a batch in next year when the actual planting will take place.
- We have been approached by David Bristow, the author and environmental scientist who is very keen to be part of our POS upgrade program. He has suggested a great many wonderful ideas and with some unpacking

- and defining I believe we could be a great synergy with his aid and input. Both David and his brother Vincent are avid beekeepers and keen to see how we can incorporate seasonal flowering plants into our plan's areas.

Maximizing resources for San Marina & Marina Moorings (Uitsig)

- Further discussion needs to be brought forward regarding the allocating of practical resources for these previously overlooked areas.
- Marina mornings has limited water access and barely any public open space. San Marina has absolutely none of either.
- They don't have the benefit from the original developers' resources that most of the other parts of the Marina do enjoy. This needs to be urgently assessed and I believe the new committee needs to make every possible headway into bridging the oversights of the past.
- Many of these homes have younger families that could really benefit from additional facilities.
- If we were going to focus support any single area of our lovely home, it should be there.

COMMUNICATIONS – PATRICK McKenna

The Communications sub-committee has reviewed the responses to our invitation to tender for overhauling the Martina's communications function. We recommend that we appoint Five Star Stories on the strength of the agency's track record and client list, its costs, and because it is a run by Marina residents.

Work on the next edition of the Marina da Gama News magazine will begin within the next week with a call for contributions. Publication is scheduled for the end of August.

Patrick given go ahead to contact 5STAR and proceed with their proposal

ARCHCOM – PAUL HIGGINS

Meeting 26 07 2020 – 2 plans submitted – none approved

Meeting 05 08 2020 – 1 plan submitted – not approved

Paul gave feedback on interactions with Kyran –with use of Stormwater overlay - test project on Boom to trap litter at top of Cannon Island – with resident participating – collecting litter and giving feedback
Paul to supply Kyran with spec regarding litter pick up boat in Cape Town Waterfront – as a model for Cape Nature to look into.

Lathif mentioned that the Kingfisher replacement will be delivered in June next year.

STANDARDS – DIGBY COLMAN

Infringements 83

Resolved 129

Category 1	6 incidents with an average age of 900 days
Category 2	11 incidents with an average age of 1140 days
Category 3	32 incidents with an average age of 1200 days
Category 4 and 5	26 incidents with an average age of 850 days

I don't think that reporting these stats are particularly helpful. If I can propose an agenda item for EXCO September 2020 "**Function and Reporting of the Standards Portfolio**" where I will ask for approval for a new modus operandi. I have no idea what that is at this stage!

We have removed a few of the old City Council signs and the rest will be removed and taken to the signwriters before next Tuesday for renewal and replacement.

LONGER TERM PROJECTS – LATHIF GAFOOR

A new contractor to be assigned for the cleaning of the nets. Aimee responded that Alphonso's contract has now expired and a tender for a new contract will shortly be advertised. Reservations at council's modus operandi calling for tenders after the expiration of an existing one with no interim measures in place in undertaking the task was raised b. the absence of cleaning services on our streets which result in garbage and debris landing into culverts and finally into our waterways and the resultant pollution. Our neighbours in Vrygrond enjoy the privilege of a dedicated road cleaning service which of course they are entitled to as their needs are more challenging than ours. However, this is no excuse for Marina da Gama being totally excluded from such services. Aimee will be escalating this to council level c. Standards Inspector brought to my attention the question of a street in the village riddled with potholes and broken drainage covers. He has had no response from council over the past year. This was raised with the person in charge of roads and drainage who has responded by email and has now escalated this to the department concerned for their attention. I also notified Aimee of the action I had taken and she requested that correspondence from the head of storm water and drains be emailed to her for her records. This has been done.

d. on the subject of general road repairs I was informed that the necessary survey of roads has been done by the official I spoke to at their offices in Plumstead a year and a half ago. However remedial provisions for Marina road repairs will be addressed in the upcoming budget e. The environmental problems emanating from plastic bags etc discarded at the Muizenberg flea market on Sundays which eventually land onto the beach and the Marina waterways was raised.

UITSIG – VALERIE BENSON

UITSIG PENINSULA - 4.8.2020

2. **Cracked wall at end of Red Roman Road at canal.** - resident Andy Rumbelow reported the severely cracked wall to me. Not on a resident's property so who fixes or repairs this? -

Digby and Standards to look at this and report back to EXCO

3. EVENTS -BRINGING THE MARINA TOGETHER:

- The Marina Birding group (masked and socially distanced) was shown round the Bird Sanctuary at Zandvlei Estuary Nature Reserve this last Sunday by the knowledgeable Reserve Manager, Kyran Wright, and his rangers. It was an amazing, uplifting and informative walk. One person counted seeing 36 birds ranging from juvenile pink flamingos to plovers, avocets, spoonbills, sea gulls of course, an African Sacred Ibis, egrits, cormorants and many more. There was also much excitement at a wasp carrying off a spider and also the rare sighting of a Knox's desert lizard. A night walk in the Reserve is in the planning stages...thanks to Kyran and his rangers and to Tania, Adrienne and Sue for the amazing photos!"

This was the third birding walk since the Birding group was started on 1st July 2020. The first two walks were on Wildwood Island in Uitsig Peninsula and led by Uitsig resident, Andy Rumbelow. Contact Valerie Benson to be added to the group on 082 475 6187

- On Friday 31st July 2020, The Rotary Club of Good Hope handed over a cheque for R5000 to the Guide Dog Association in Uitsig Park. Four of the nine trainee guide dogs who were there at the presentation are being raised and trained by Marina residents - two dogs by Tania Robbertse, one dog by Wendy Purdon and one dog by Jill and Andy Rumbelow.

5. General

Patrick Mc Kenna – nominated to be 4th Signatory on all the MDGA Standard Bank Account – Agreed Unanimously

Outstanding Payments to MDGA – authority to proceed legally against people that are in Arrears and owe R2000 or More or residents with outstanding payments going back to 2018 and earlier –

Unanimously approved

Valerie Benson – nominated by Patrick Mc Kenna to form part of Communication Subcommittee -
Unanimously approved

Post Exco but via e mail – Valerie nominated to Events Portfolio and unanimously agreed

Office relocation – unanimously agreed that proposed site – alongside restaurant would not be
acceptable – RM to write to Architect