

Minutes of EXCOM - MARINA DA GAMA ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY 09th November 2021 at 17:30 (loadshedding) at the OFFICE of THE MDG ASSOCIATION

Minutes

- 1) Welcome to all – and no apologies – Welcome to Dominique Erasmus – taking on the Events Portfolio – Dominique has submitted short Bio and photo to Patrick which has been published for members
Present - Patrick Mc Kenna, Paul Higgins, Richard Midgley, Lise Carswell, Nick Bode, Graham Barratt, Tharwah Davids, Peter Allen and Ulf Martz
Zoom – Dominique Erasmus (ill)
- 2) Unanimous Approval of Minutes of 12th October 2021
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Matters Arising

- A) Resident Communications – we have a short list serial communicators – that follow a similar strategy – ask the Association a simple question – we research and answer to the best of our knowledge and reply within a day – and from that reply – we get a multitude of follow-on questions. Our strategy is to be as open and honest as possible in dealing with queries but after the initial answer – we merely acknowledge as experience has shown us – with these members the questions never end.
- B) Waterways in MDG still closed and Portfolio makes an impassioned plea for residents to clear their 2 meters. ZPAAC members had useful meetings with like bodies from Milnerton and False Bay to start strategizing in regards to dealing with the City. The Kingfisher is back on the waterways again - will assist with clearing algae – even though it is not suited to this. The new Kingfisher build is on track – and fortunately it will be on a maintenance plan with builder – avoiding pitfalls of current one.
- C) Security – successful SAPS Joint operation in the Marina and Costa Da Gama on the 5th November – the Association was well represented as were the Security Service Providers. Debated the issue of disclosure regarding the LPR Alert reports – how much information should be shared and for what purpose – RM, PA and Francois to deliberate and make a proposal.
- D) Cell phone tower at Denel building next to Eastlake shopping Centre – MDGA was approached for approval for installation of cell phone tower on the Denel building roof. We believe this is of wider interest to our members and we thus will publish on our Newsletter and Social media the proposal and request feedback from our members.
- E) Graham – mentioned the missing road maps at Uitsig and Eastlake – in conjunction with Paul – will draw up maps and utilise the previously utilised contractor to produce
- F) Ulf mentioned the volume of pedestrian traffic on Eastlake and Battle Ridge Roads, and that there are poorly utilised walkways to handle this traffic. There is equally no walkway on Oudevlei Road. To this end Exco unanimously approved by vote – that he apply to the City for walkways/cycle tracks to be installed to take pedestrians off the road. Proper lighting is also required for the walkway.

G) All exco members to be on alert to any houses being sold – give Marcia the name and phone number of agents so we can make contact and ensure that we are on top of changes in ownership – effects subscription collection, communication and Marina standards of behaviour.

H) December 14th Exco at 17h00 and will be followed by a Exco and Partners get together.

Meeting finished at 18h30

5. Date of next meeting – 14th December 2021 at 17h00 at Paul’s house.

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TREASURER, COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL – THARWAH DAVIDS

Bank Balances: as at 05/11/2021

Cheque A/c	R	9,129.30
Archcom A/c	R	333,157.19
Money Market A/c	R	690,138.47
Total	R	1,032,424.96

INFRASTRUCTURE – ULF MARTZ

1. Overview

Since being nominated by MdGA Exco to lead the Infrastructure Portfolio, the challenge has been to obtain information and infrastructural plans from the City of Cape Town.

2. Asset Management

CoCT Procurement of new weed harvester – See Waterways Report.

Still awaiting asset register in terms of municipal services from the CoCT,

3. Roads and Stormwater

Various correspondence addressed to the CoCT relating to the Marina da Gama Road conditions and status of the M3-M5 link were sent to City officials.

The CoCT regional district office representative, Brendon Fortuin; Head: District Roads and Stormwater (Plumstead); Roads Infrastructure and Management, Transport Directorate responded as follows:

“I did ask one of my staff (Enrico Bell) to meet with you. The feedback from this meeting was, apart from localized repairs on Eastlake Drive at the shopping centre, the 22km of roads in Marina Da Gama, relatively speaking, are in a good condition when compared to other areas like Rondebosch, Claremont, Newlands etc. This is confirmed by the roads assessment data in our Pavement Management System.

The condition of roads as contained in our pavement management system is used to prioritize roads for maintenance interventions and is subject to budget availability. The Southfield Roads depot would undertake all routine / reactive roads maintenance requirements on an as and when required basis e.g. potholes, patch repairs, line marking etc. A service request for any of the aforementioned can be logged on any of options included on my email signature below.

With respect to the M3-M5 link a response was drafted, but I gather from your email below that this did not reach you. I will follow up on this and ensure that the response is provided.”

4. Infrastructural Development

Zandvlei Parkway (M3-M5) link road, refer to the CoCT Southern District Develop Plan:

“The Zandvlei Parkway, linking Main Road, the M3 and Ou Kaapse Weg (via Steenberg Road: M42) to Prince George Drive (M5) would improve access and mobility between the Noordhoek Valley, the Southern suburbs, the M3 and the M5 and eastern suburbs, relieving congestion on Baden Powell through Muizenberg and along Military Road. It is planned that this expressway will be continued eastwards from Prince George Drive and then southwards to link with a new alignment of Baden Powell Road in the vicinity of the Cape Flats WWTWs. The Zandvlei Parkway is a proclaimed road reserve, is on the Integrated Transport Plan and engineering design has been completed.

This proposal, although considered necessary in the longer term, is not considered to be critical to the movement network and public transport orientated movement in particular. Therefore, implementation is supported only in the medium to long term.”

5. Bridges

Several road and pedestrian bridges exist within the Marina da Gama. The condition of these will need to be monitored.

6. Water and Sanitation

The recent malfunctioning of sewer pump stations has contributed to spillage in the Zandvlei waterways as reported at the ZPAAC meeting held recently.

7. Electricity Supply

The recent load shedding by ESKOM has had an impact on the CoCT sewer pump stations' operations. Fortunately, the CoCT has been able to relieve the impact by reducing Load Shedding by a single phase during peak times, due to the induced spare capacity at the Palmiet pumped storage scheme.

8. Faults Logged

Damaged valve cover on Eastlake reported to CoCT Ref No: 9111252190 was attended to according to the CoCT (Ref: 9111714081).

9. Pedestrian Flows

The high pedestrian flow on Eastlake Drive using the roadway is considered hazardous for motorists. Consideration to provide appropriate sidewalks should be addressed with the CoCT.

SECURITY – PETER ALLEN

Herewith the DBS Crime Stats for Oct 21

Uitsig	Springer Close	Theft	15.10.21	03h40	Yes Muizenberg	Suspect was in yard and stole GHD through open window
Uitsig	Oudevlei Rd	Possession of suspected stolen goods	27.10.21	04h00	Yes Muizenberg	A guy forced his way past the guard at the entrance saying he is coming to visit a friend. The guard informed Armed Response but they and Combat could not find him. He was later seen by DBS in Oudevlei Rd carrying a weed eater. He was detained. He refused to say where he got the weed eater. SAPS was informed and they arrested him for Being in possession of suspected stolen goods.

LPR Camera Stats for October 2021.

There were in total 55 triggers received, caused by 19 vehicles.

STANDARDS – GRAHAM BARRATT

- Edits – Total 6 No.
- Resolved – Total 1 No.
- Additions – Total 3 No.

EVENTS – DOMINIQUE ERASMUS

Valerie (carols and kids xmas party)

Valerie will still be organising these two events for 2021, I requested that I shadow her on the day and be kept in the loop of any organisation leading up to the event. With the objective to familiarise myself with the key community members that are involved.

She has mentioned:

- 1) The speakers need to still be checked by Nick Bode
- 2) Can the stage be made larger to accommodate 7 musicians

Please note that it is best to liaise with Valerie (cc me in) for these two events so that we are not at cross purposes.

Dominique - Events 2021

The Bridge Fair

Dominique's maiden event!

The Bridge Fair will be a prelude to the carols starting at 4 pm on the 19th of December in Uitsig Park. The fair is open to all foodies, crafters and trades from our community (first). Meet and greet, browse the stores and grab something to eat and then make your way to the carols. I am hoping it will be a whimsical festive fair with some willing buskers and one or two food trucks.

There is no charge for the vendors to have a stall, but they can make a donation which will go into a kitty. Seeff has offered to match the kitty to the value of 2k.

Whatever is in the kitty at the end the community can take a vote on how to spend the money. New bench, net etc

- 1) The advert has been made and approved by the bigwigs and should be advertised this week on all the platforms.
- 2) We need to get a few fire extinguishers on hand
- 3) I will go to COCT and start the application for food trucks (this will not be ready for this year) so perhaps we limit the trucks to 2?
- 4) Trained first aid community members have already been booked
- 5) What are the thoughts on ablutions?

2022

All normal events remain with the addition of one or two new ones. Or the reinvigorating of existing events. Always open to hearing new ideas

PARKS AND MAINTENANCE – LISE CARSWELL

- The council vehicles have been out of order for several weeks, which has led to no collection of garden refuse. On Wednesday, Eugene made a mammoth effort to clear up all the outstanding refuse.
- All refuse that does not come from council property, i.e. refuse from private homes, must be taken to the dump by the residents. It is not acceptable to pile up your personal refuse on the verge.
- A plea has been put out to Park Island residents. We need people with a well point to take on the watering of the flower beds at the guard hut and the play park at T'Wagen. Please contact marinadagama@iafrica.com to volunteer.
- Thank you to the residents of Uitsig, Canon Island and Eastlake Island that are watering the flower beds in those areas.
- Thank you to the resident of Eastlake Drive in Park Island for taking the time and effort to make a beautiful bed and clear the area outside Park Island Quays.
- Most of the planting has been done through the winter months, to make the most of the rain. Now we concentrate on maintenance.
- New contractors have been employed to do the mowing in Marina da Gama. The handover was lacking and a number of spaces were missed. They did come back to finish the spaces pointed out to them, but if you spot an area that hasn't been mowed, please contact us.
- Park Island reserve has new opening times: 06.00-20.00. Dogs on leash at all times.

COMMUNICATIONS – PATRICK McKENNA

Our communication channels continue to perform well, with traffic levels rising steadily. Advertising revenues are also healthy. The production of our welcome booklet for new residents has been slightly delayed by work commitments. However, we hope to print our first copies before the end of this month – probably before. We have asked Janine Avery to start selling advertising space.

ARCHCOM – PAUL HIGGINS

Archcom meeting was held on 04 November 2021 attended by Gordon Hart and me.

Nine new plans were submitted, and six plans were approved. Three submissions need some clarification or minor changes before our consent will be given.

No objection to five departures was dealt with.

A site visit was needed before approval of the submitted drawing could be given. The city building inspectors need to verify that what is constructed is in accordance with the approved plans

WATERWAYS – NICK BODE

Some fantastic news for all residents is that the Kingfisher has been fixed and has started clearing algae and harvesting the pondweed.

At the last ZPAAC meeting it was revealed that two new weed harvesters are being bought by the city - one would be for Zandvlei's exclusive use. Due date is early 2022.

Thanks to all the residents who have been helping out by removing the algae from in front of their properties. It is very important that we keep doing this to remove as much of the excess nutrients out of the vlei as possible.

If anyone see any sewage leaks, they are to report it to the MDGA office asap as well as complete a service request form (C3)

<https://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Report/Municipal-services-and-maintenance/Submit-a-service-request>

The mouth will be closed till the next full moon.

After a very long wait, the new signage for the Zandvlei Estuary Nature Reserve parks has been erected.