



Public Board Meeting 23rd June 2022

1. Meeting Protocol

Welcome and apologies.

Welcome by Arndt Mittendorf

In attendance - Arndt Mittendorf (AM), Louise Ferreira (LF), Sarah Green (SG), Ronel Viljoen (RV), Renaldo Lorio (RL), Johan Gerber (JG), Pat Loftus (PL), Jaco Loubser (JL), Eugene Benade (EB), Lood la Grange (LG), Cheryl Quantrill (CQ), Gasant Gamiet (GG)

Apologies – Francois Lawrence (FL), Sanett Uys (SU), Liezel Smit (LS), Chris van Rooyen (CvR), Hermann Nel (HN)

2. Chairmans feedback & Managers Report

Apologies from the Chairman were given, operational feedback and reporting was handed over to the WCID Manager.

Safety and Security

There has been a marked increase in break ins over the last quarter, within the WCID area and also neighbouring areas. WCID is working closely with SAPS to establish a pattern and react accordingly, the aim is to proactively react rather than reactively. All houses hit within Welgemoed have been unoccupied. Proactive security awareness of residents within WCID needs to be fostered. If in doubt or if something seems out of place, contact the control room for assistance.

JG – How does the camera system assist in identifying the culprits?

AM –Relevant footage is reviewed and vehicles / persons are identified but this is a post incident review. Human detection cameras prompt the control room officers to movements in related areas that allows them to send mobile units to specific areas. There are 96 cameras (LPR, human detections and normal overview cameras) connected to the control room - the majority are monitored by alerts, only the main surveillance areas as physically monitored.

PL – What is the progress on the fencing project?

AM – The project has been approved and will soon go out on tender; we are aiming for phase 1 to be completed by the annual AGM in November. This included human



detection cameras on all the active gate accesses. Phase 2 is the fencing along a portion of Jip de Jager which will only be completed after the duel carriageway is finished.

Cleaning

For the first half of the year we have had additional MES teams allocated to WCID, at no extra cost to us, this comes to an end this month. The EPWP city cleaning teams have also been much more active within our area, this will continue going forward. MES has been divided into two teams with one team focusing on working in the parks, weeding and pruning. The cleaning the golf course is an ongoing project and will remain so. Transnet grounds, outside of our area but adjacent to us, have a lot of Port Jackson trees creating a fire risk. Transnet owners are not clearing the grounds and WCID are looking into what we can do.

CQ – Can the MES teams go in and clear the grounds?

AM – The MES teams are not trained to use chain saws and it would be irresponsible to allow them to.

JG – Can we organise a community driven clear up?

Meeting attendants suggested organizing a community clean up, similar to the one held to clean up the golf course.

Greening

Work has started on Gouverneur and Chavonne Park, other areas within WCID have been cleaned and woodchipped. The Chavonne Park questionnaire has gone out as the next step in the implementation plan. Some feedback has been received but we need to push the questionnaire on the sector groups to encourage public participation.

We need to keep increasing residents' awareness of what plants we have here in our area. Currently there is a botanist propagating plants for us at cost price. Planting has started in Gouverneur Park along the road verges. LF has created a database of plants, this database can be made accessible to those interested.

The Welcome Garden has been approved by the City, installation of the hard structures will start in July.

JL- What is the committee's policy in respect to contra interventions of the parks by-laws. If a resident is contravening one of the by-laws is there a policy by which this is addressed?

LF – When we started looking at developing the parks in Welgemoed we became aware of numerous lease agreements set up between the City and the property owner. A record was made of areas identified as leased areas and a query went to



the City about the duration of the leases. This triggered a response by the City to send out notices to property owners who have no lease agreement or the lease agreement has lapsed.

JL – How many contra interventions are being investigated?

LF – We know of one definite one.

JL – What is the involvement of WCID in these infringements?

LF – We don't have any involvement.

AM – We have no policy to deal with these infringements, our response is context driven depending on how we see the use of the land. We will comment on newly submitted lease applications.

JL – Where the 104 trees planted in Imhoff Park planted lawfully?

LF – No, they were planted unlawfully and no permission was granted.

AM – When we've identified areas we can relocate them too we will do so, if possible, at the correct time to give the tree the best chance of survival.

JL – Has the City served the tree planter with any notice of contra intervention?

LF – Unsure, the tree planter has left the country.

JG – Why is it at our cost to now correct the mess?

AM – We will take it up with the Parks and Gardens Department.

JG – Whose responsibility is it to cut overhanging trees that are blocking roads and causing safety issues.

AM – C3's have been raised with good results.

JG – Why do we have to complain about overhanging trees before something is done?

RV – Logging a C3 is the responsibility of each resident, the City doesn't have the resources to drive around areas to see what work needs to be done.

RL – It's important to log C3's because they get put into a system which can be analysed and a true reflection of the area can be achieved.

GG – Have you contacted UWC in connection with the planting list? They have amazing resources and experts in indigenous plants.

LF – Would love the details.

Social Upliftment

We are looking for a new portfolio head to drive social upliftment projects.

The SOS project and the Soup Kitchen partnership is ongoing.

Our next project is to subsidise a 1st Aid Course for 25 people within our community, this is aimed at youth, domestics or any other interested residents.

CQ – What about uplifting project for the domestics living in the area.

AM – We would love to but we need someone to drive the project.

JG – Contact Living Network, they cover WCID area and are in touch with people within our area who are in need.



AM – We will contact them.

Social/Community Drive

The first event we are planning is a Street Market in September. The application is with the City and is in the planning stage.

The Full Moon Run and Boerewors Rolls events happen each month and will continue to be promoted in the community.

Administration

We are working well with our money and have resources available to allocate to the fencing, parks and the continual upgrading of the security equipment.

The CID is a community drive and if everyone gets involved we will all get the benefit.

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