



WCID Board Meeting 23 March 2023 @ De Oude Restaurant 18h00

1. Meeting Protocol

Welcome and apologies.

Welcome by AM as WCID manager

In attendance - Francois Laurence (FL), Arndt Mittendorf (AM), Renaldo Lorio (RL), Louise Ferreira (LF), Sarah Green (SG), Hessel Turkstra (HT), Abie Fortuin (AF), Ronel Viljoen (RV), Hermann Nel, C Quantrill, P Loftus, S Taylor, G Steztorm, V Rocher, W Schutte, R Els

Apologies - Chris van Rooyen (CvR)

Declaration of Directors.

No decisions presented that require a declaration.

No conflict of interest declared.

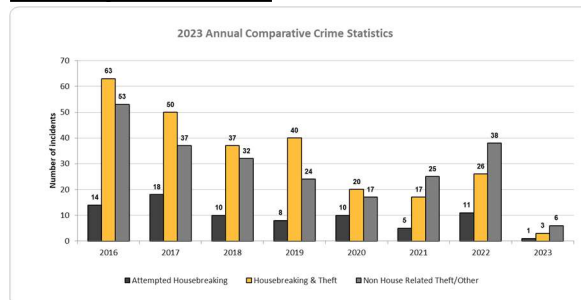
Approval of previous minutes and action points.

Minutes of the board meeting dated 26th January 2023 approved and signed.

Quorum required

Quorum reached for the board.

2. Security Focus 2023

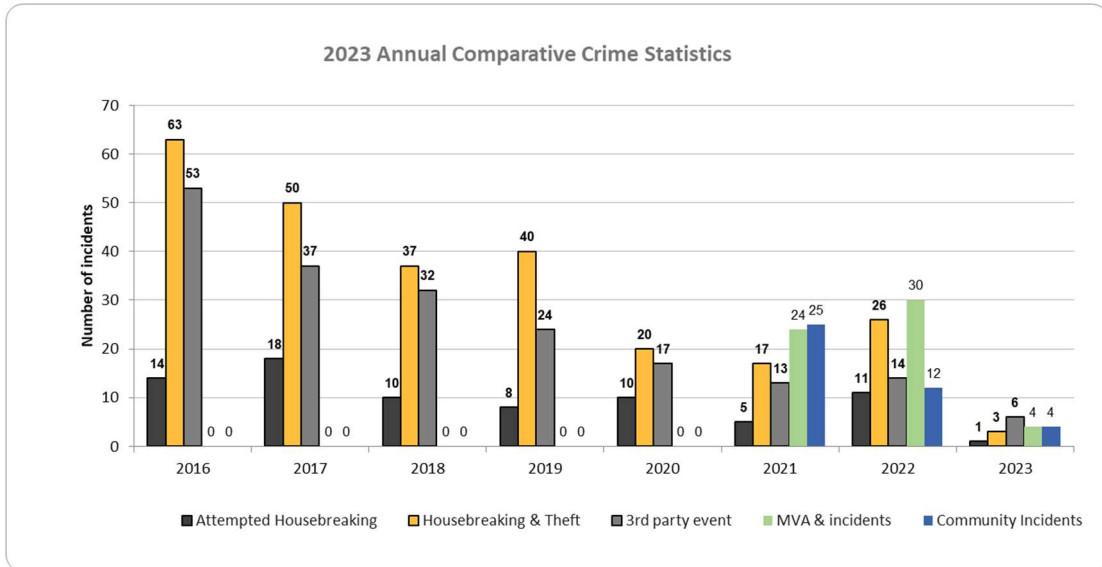


The stats show a very quiet start to the year and we hope for a further decrease with the installation of the fences. There have been no serious incidences reported.

RL – How do our stats compare to adjacent suburbs?

AM – There are significantly higher incidences in our neighbouring suburbs.

Unfortunately the Loevenstein/Hoheizen CID proposal did not get enough votes to proceed. We will support and assist them in whatever way we can with the next attempt to get the required support of 60+% from the residents. Safety & security concerns that affect WCID area are attended to as they arise even though they might be in Loevenstein / Hoheizen.



Going forward we want to provide clearer, more detailed stats with further categories for clarity.

- **Fencing Project**

The site camp application has been signed and the contractor will establish the camp site in the next week. The manufacturing of the material was delayed due to load shedding – confirmed now to be completed and ready for installation. There is a priority list for the installation of the fences (can be found on the website) Two teams will work on the project. Timeline for completion is 10 weeks, allowing for 14 weeks. There is an application in to change the double gates on Patriot St to a sliding gate with a motor to give neighbouring residents access into the area. All maintenance or repairs to the fence will be the responsibility of WCID.

- **Camera network**

The fence gates will be open during the day. The gates will be under surveillance from the control room. The cameras will be installed as soon as the fence is up. A new camera was installed in March covering the Jip de Jager culvert area with 1 camera moved for a better surveillance field of the road crossing and access way to the Welgemoed Primary school / tennis club and golf course / Fitbox entry gate. All the cameras have been serviced in the last month. The UPS system is working well and all cameras are operational during loadshedding. The current server infrastructure has enough capacity for the additional cameras for the gate surveillance planned.

- **Control Room**

With the increase in cameras over the last 2 years (for WCID & OWH, VRH) and the planned expansion of the surveillance points from the fencing project, the wall monitoring aspect requires upgrading to allow the controllers a better viewing function with recessed work stations for effective work stations. The project will be funded mostly from Welgemoed Safe resources but managed by WCID.



- **Public Safety Service**
The 3-year PSO service contract comes to an end 31 July 2023. The PSO requirement statement remains and the RFQ process with updated service parameters / equipment will need to be drafted.
Action Point - A separate discussion/brainstorm session is necessary to look into the control room and public safety service functions and how this fits in with private armed response functions – what is best for greater WCID area and residents. - RL
- **Blessie Walkway / Safe to School project**
Movement to motivate people/kids to walk to school by providing safe walkways through the golf course. Access through the gates is being investigated as the locked gates poses a problem. An awareness campaign will be driven through the school. To be clarified - Who will attend to gate keys / unlocking / locking functions / responsibility?
- **Sidewalk safety**
The construction of the tarred sidewalk is in progress from Jip de Jager to the pre-primary school.
- **School/forum parking**
Parking is now available at the Golf Club and parents/kids can walk across to the school.
- **Road Safety – speed awareness**
Action Point – Investigate options to raise road safety awareness via signage, moveable signs, traffic calming options etc - AF & HT
- **Traffic calming – speed bumps on Van der Merwe St, Rheede St. and various other locations have been proposed as ward projects. The locations will have to be considered by Traffic safety & capacity planning team. Trichardt St will have speed bumps installed in the next financial year (from July 2023).**
- **Golf Course security – Marius Cronje will be involved in the security issues on the golf course going forward.**

P Loftus – How important is house and street numbering for security?

AM – It is very important as all residents need to be able to pinpoint locations as incidents are observed and reported. The painting of street names & house numbers on the curb as well as possible replacement of street name signs on poles is being considered.

3. Community Drive Focus 2023 – all events will be advertised on the WhatsApp and social media platforms.

- Easter Fun Run and easter egg hunt (painted rocks hunt) – 6th April
- Easter Sunday walk up to Tygerberg mountain for a sunrise service on Tygerberg 6h30 - 9 Apr



- Sluysken Park fund raising concert in aid of the Sluysken park development project – 23 Apr (DHW, FvC, Emerger).
This is a free concert with limited space so “tickets” must be reserved on Quicket on a donation basis. All donations and funds raised from the sale of refreshments & foods go towards the upgrade of the park.
- WCID Golf Day, in collaboration with Tygerberg Nature Reserve and Friends of Tygerberg - 1 June 2023
Funds raised will go towards funding transport for school children to visit the nature reserve, plus the establishment of a renosterveld nursery on BGC.
- Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra on BGC 17 September.
The grant application to the City has been submitted by the CTPO. Once the application has been approved (i.e. funding confirmed) a decision will be made as to who’s the beneficiary of the funds raised.
- Welgemoed Straatwinkel in Imhoff Park – 11 November 2023
- Quarterly community braai & WOW shop & family fun day 12 May, 25 Aug, 17 Nov
- First Aid course June 2023 (Dates tbc)

AF – How do we get children involved in outdoor activities?

Many suggestions put forward to encourage kids outdoors, each of these events need individual champions therefore offering ample opportunities for people to get involved. WCID can offer support and resources to assist whoever champions an event.

4. Social Responsibility Focus 2023

- SOS Food parcels donation continues on a quarterly base.
- MES grow teams deployment and kitchen donations bi-weekly continue.
MES teams also used for ad hoc projects.
- Seniors Activity Club – rock painting & other plans ...
- Social outreach to seniors – communications group established with Social Worker (Living Networks)

5. Cleaning & Park Maintenance Focus 2023

- MES team deployment – PEP program allows for an extra day with extra workers attending to Welgemoed tasks. Latest project was the removal of the very aggressive invasive Lantana bushes from South America along Kommissaris str.
- Waste removal from littering & dumping actions continue – especially around bin days.
- Bins
Additional green bins have been requested for along our main routes. Awaiting feedback on collection routes.



- Doggy Bins
Installation has been delayed
- Tree management
The CCT tree pruning contract still has not been approved and all C3 logged service requests are still pending. WCID is attending to ad hoc problem areas within limited means.
- Water supply in POS
Water points are in place in Sluysken and Goewerneur Park, but not functional at present. Other parks still outstanding.
- Parks – mowing services by the CCT appointed contractor are in operation – the next mowing cycle to be confirmed.

6. Greening

- Why conservation of public open spaces is important:
 - Preventing habitat fragmentation
 - Supporting urban pollinators
 - Enhancing property values
 - Improving mental and physical wellbeing of the community
 - Improving safety and security
 - Improving community relationships
- Strategies for managing our open spaces and verges in a conservation friendly manner:
 - Reducing mowing frequency
 - Weed and invasive alien species programme
 - Re-introduction of endemic species
- WCID as a trailblazer
 - City has invited WCID to collaborate with senior management to test environmental management strategies of POS and road verges, as little research has been done on urban biodiversity strategies;
 - WCID, in partnership with City, will formulate a management plan, clarifying which of these tasks should form part of the City's minimum core services, and which tasks should be considered "top-up" by CIDs or community organisations.
 - Recreation & Park's department Operational Plans are limited to mowing and weeding (herbicide treatment) and are no longer fit for purpose in light of City's 2030 biodiversity targets;
 - WCID "test case" will ultimately be used to inform future tender specifications and allow WCID to perform certain site-specific management roles in terms of a tender process (i.e. to the extent City cannot perform services which are considered "core services" WCID will perform the services as service provider and be reimbursed by the City. That is, WCID's budget will be reserved for top-up services;



- WCID green to identify biodiversity targets in our area and pledge targets on the United Nations Biodiversity Convention's Action Platform which forms part of the COP process.
- WCID Board approval of funds for greening strategy

WCID Board approved the funds allocation for professional consulting services by botanist, Rupert Koopman, over a 12 months period. Rupert Koopman will assist the WCID Green director to implement the rehabilitation project; advise on park upgrades, formulate and implement a conservation-friendly management plan, create a curriculum for "outdoor classrooms" to be held in our parks, which link up with natural sciences' curriculum of primary school grades (starting with Welgemoed Primary School), assist in hosting flower walks and propagation workshops, etc. All of this ground breaking work (i.e. plant lists, rehabilitation methodologies etc.) will be shared with other community organisations in Ward 70 and beyond who want to improve their biodiversity and "rewild" their public spaces (including rehabilitation of our river corridors).

7. Ward and surrounding areas

- Ward project proposals for 2024/2025 budget year – sourced from the community.
 - Numerous traffic calming measures.
 - Jip de Jager Centre Island Garden rejuvenation
 - New fence around TNR on Trichardt / Plettenberg / Hofmeyr street
 - Sidewalk development on Trichardt street around TNT
 - Beautification / making safe the cul du sacs at Eybers, Batavia & Poussion street ends
 - Paved walkway to gates at 1, 34 and 44 Gazania road to open area towards Elsieskraal river
 - Fencing / addressing access at 27 & 28 Grey street to manage vagrant throughfare.
 - Streetlamps in the parks (Lincoln, Chavonne & Goewerneur Park)
 - Pandoer embankment garden – trees to be planted
 - Water fountains (water supply) in the parks

The board needs to look at the above list and decide which need to be submitted to the ward councillor - further discussion will take place via Directors Whatsapp group.

- Operational issues in Ward 70 – WCID areas. Our ward councillor is actively involved in all issues brought to her attention with positive resolution to most. Current / ongoing issues noted:
 - Water supply management – phase 3 pipe replacement plans still not advised on. Ongoing water supply interruptions lead to significant water loss & extended lack of water supply periods.



- Road maintenance – Potholes in WCID are well managed, the road reinstatements are attended to in part – some very overdue repairs still pending.
- Road names on curb & posts – council input sought.
- Traffic law enforcement – in-person law enforcement
- Jip de Jager project – program update required – AM to liaise
- CCT Tree pruning still pending
- Electricity box safeguarding Grey boxes not locked – to be inquired with Electrical service department as to reason.
- Kommissaris sidewalk project in progress.

8. Communication Focus 2023

- Newsletters planned Bi-monthly – next newsletter in April

9. Financial Spending 2023

- **Financial – Cost report YTD to February**

Year to date costs all in hand with pending project costs for last quarter accounting for the major YTD under expenditure.

- **Adjustment Budget 2022/2023**

- Adjustment Budget 2022/2023 for approval - realignment of current year costs & forecast plans as per CCT budget process. Forecast spend is within the approved budget with internal reallocations – all business plans mandate are still fulfilled with the adjusted budget.

Adjustment Budget approved by the board.

10. Administration – Year Meeting Plan

- 25 May – Public Board Meeting
- Membership approval – 2 new members

Meeting was closed at 20h25.



Minutes sign off.

Date

Francois Laurence

WCID Chairman