

# SEA POINT FRESNAYE BANTRY BAY RATEPAYERS and RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



**MINUTES** for the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held at 5:30pm on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 at The President Hotel, 4 Alexander Road, Bantry Bay.

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The notice of the meeting having been circulated and a quorum being present, SFB AGM Chairman Tim Holmes declared the meeting duly constituted and thanked all present. He welcomed the invited guests and recorded apologies.

**Guests:** Cllr Shayne Ramsay, Ian MacLeod-Smith, Nicole McCain, Derek Salter, Matthew Hirsch, Alderman JP Smith, Sgt Gail Dyssel, Cpt Van der Walt, Cst Pretorius, Sgt Bailie, Retief Krige, Neil Zive, Rod Stevens, Hugh Tyrrell, Hannes van der Merwe, Jantjie Booyesen, Toni van Eyssen, Juanita Levetan, Chris Diedericks, Jane Meyer

**Attendees:** Marco van Embden (Chair), David Polovin (Vice-Chair), Suzanne Kempen (Treasurer), Jacques van Embden (Secretary), Marc Sher, Janey Ball, Aris Vayanos, Paul Berman, Richard Gradner, Tim Holmes (Guest AGM Chair), Lizaan Loedolff (Coordinator)  
32 Members as represented in person or by proxy as per the attendance register.

**Apologies:** Vina MacGillivray, Rob van Beest, Archie Pick, Grace Pick, Micheal Wolffe, Noline Brits, Ben Rabinowitz, Heather Tager, Benjamin Nabinanz,

## 2. CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of AGM (13th April 2016)

The Minutes were accepted.

Proposer: Marco van Embden

Seconder: Ari Vayanos

## 3. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT

- Thank you extended to volunteers, stakeholders, sponsors, ratepayers, service suppliers (Jantjie Booyesen, Straatwerk and PPA Talon) and participants of the Safety & Cleaning Initiative (managing agents, blocks, businesses & hotels/restaurants).
- Special mention to Cllr Jacques Weber, outgoing Cllr for his outstanding contribution during time served as Cllr of Ward 54. Welcome to Cllr Shayne Ramsay, wishing her the best in her new position as Ward 54 Cllr.
- Thank you to the SFB Planning Committee for their tireless efforts, under the leadership of Chair Rod Stevens. The committee has earned the respect of City Officials and Planning professionals.
- The Executive Committee was thanked for their commitment and hard work as they are all volunteers.
- Significant progress made over the last year i.r.t the Safety & Cleaning Initiative.
- Encouraged (8 600) ratepayers to join as annual members and to sign up with their email addresses in order to receive our newsletters & security alerts.



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- “Lastly, I am mindful that we all have responsibilities, some choose to serve, some choose to complain and some choose to do nothing. It has been my pleasure to have worked with those who choose to serve and together we have dealt with many challenges, as well as a number of opportunities to good effect”  
(Annexure I)

#### 4. SAFETY & CLEANING INITIATIVE (SCI) REPORT

- Presented by Dr Marc Sher (SCI Chair)
- Initiative name change, from ‘Crime & Grime Initiative’ to ‘Safety & Cleaning Initiative’, the committee will continue to make Sea Point, Fresnaye & Bantry Bay a cleaner & safer neighbourhood.
- Juanita Levetan welcomed to the team. She will handle marketing, communication & new memberships.
- We entered into Phase 2 of the Safety & Cleaning Initiative, an increase of number of apartments participating from 25 to 33.
- **Sponsorship:** Increase in sponsorships. Thank you to REBOSA and support sponsors: Century 21, Lew Geffen Sotherby’s, Remax, Seeff, Durr Estates, Knight Frank, Jawitz Properties, Tyson Properties as well as our corporate sponsors Pam Golding Properties and Dogon Group Properties
- **Safety:** Change of security supplier. ProExec was thanked for their contribution to the SCI and hard work. After a tender process, PPA Talon was appointed with effect from 1 March 2017. A warm welcome was extended to them. PPA Talon patrols Beach Road 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as well as tributary roads Hall, London, Marais, Milton, Worcester, Oliver, Arthurs, Church, Clarens, Cassel, Surf, Solomans, Quantock and Alexander.
- **Cleaning:** Beach Road is being cleaned 7 days per week, with all tributary roads between Beach and Main Road, from Glengariff to Saunders Rocks, 3 days per week (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday). A significant increase from 2 days a week only on Beach Road this time last year.
- **Upliftment Programme:** Under the Palm Tree – Straatwerk has successfully employed 55 homeless people
- **Fieldworker:** Our dedicated fieldworker successfully relocated 15 homeless people into shelters, helped 4 people get EPWP work and assisted 5 with receiving their ID’s via The Haven who also helps the criminal element amongst the homeless.

(Annexure II)

#### 5. TREASURER REPORT

- Presented by Suzanne Kempen
- Total income for 2016/2017 was R1 245 891, substantial improvement from income for 2015/2016, a total of R414 536.
- Increase of total expenses to R943 511, mainly due to 24-hour security service as well as more cleaning shifts. A fieldworker has also been appointed to service SFB Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- 2 new Ninebots (more economical than Segways) were purchased at R89 087, amount due on 31 December 2016: R47 507
- Funds available on 31 December 2016: R25 755
- Way forward for 2017: Monthly revenue increased to R141 996 per month, and SFB was able to cover all their expenses and show a profit of R46 008 as on 31 March 2017.
- SFBRRRA has managed its affairs professionally and effectively during the past year

(Annexure III)

#### 6. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Annual Financial report as at 31 December 2016

Proposer: Dr Marc Sher

Seconder: Derek Salter

(Annexure IV)



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## 7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2017

We will continue to use Audprop, no changes.

## 8. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Marco van Embden emphasised that the SFB association depends on the annual membership fees. He also clarified that the Safety & Cleaning Initiative monthly membership is separate from the SFB annual membership which is R70 per person per annum.

Q: Lucy Graham: What the monthly SCI amount include?

R: Marc Sher: Offered to do present to her and interested parties from her block to explain the Safety & Cleaning Initiative and Upliftment Programme in detail.

## 9. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nine nomination forms were received timeously and elected as members, according to the constitution:

Marco van Embden

Jacques van Embden

Suzanne Kempen

Ari Vayanos

Juanita Levetan

Ori Saban

Janey Ball

Marc Sher

Paul Berman

## 10. COUNCILLOR REPORT BACK

- Since being elected in August 2016 Cllr Ramsay facilitated the opening of a new branch of the Post Office, new showers at Milton Beach (it closed down soon after due to the drought), extended the dog free-running area on the Promenade and secured a working space for SFB fieldworker, Jantjie Booysen, at Rocklands in order to better aid the homeless.
- Module in the works to open a safe space at Culemburg for homeless to have a safe place to sleep, store their goods and have access to cooking and washing facilities and clinic staff.
- Five-year plan for the ward:
  - Make walking the Atlantic seaboard a bucket list item.
  - Assist in reducing the number of homeless people living in the ward.
  - Creating employment by keeping all the public toilets in the ward open 24 hours.
  - Negotiate with the SABC and City officials in an attempt to reopen the Rocklands Villas (or an alternative building) as a homeless shelter/safe space.
  - Increase Law Enforcement in the ward, and the use of LPR cameras to reduce taxi and other violations of road rules. Also increase Metro police presence and the amount of patrols on the streets and CCTV to reduce crime.
- Lawlessness of taxi drivers a community concern. She is working with traffic services and at the last blitz impounded 9 taxis.

Q: Richard Harris: Queried the numerous developments in the area.

R: The city has a policy of densification to provide more housing. Ratepayers has an opportunity to object to departures. Cllr invited ratepayers to contact her directly if they have any issues/queries re the process.

Q: Ms Mcgreggor: She has contacted Cllr Ramsay & SFB PlanComm about top of Upper Rhine rd. Many houses being demolished and developments going up. Part of her concern is heritage. She felt like she received an insufficient response.

R: Cllr Ramsay will investigate.



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Q: Jeff Wittels: Commented on the cyclist speeding on the promenade

R: Promenade is open to all.

Q: Riaan Brits: Spoke on the bulking factors of the developments, commends Planning Committee and understand density factor. He has personally lodge numerous complaints and it is being ignored. He feels that a system need to be but in place to give concerned residents a voice.

R: Cllr Ramsay invited him to email her directly with specific queries.

#### **11. GUEST SPEAKER (ALDERMAN JP SMITH) Topic: Community Policing**

Compared to Cape Town, that has some of the highest crime rates in the country, the crime rate in Sea Point is negligible. With homelessness a problem, the City is working on winter readiness programs and launching to open a Safe Space. He highly commends the SFB for their hard work and dedication and mentioned that modules started here (such as the graffiti removal program), has now become the norm with other ratepayer associations. Sea Point has come a long way and he urges the association to continue their efforts.

#### **12. GENERAL**

Q: Rodney Bishop: What is the SFB Planning Committee process when the members have a conflict of interest in the applications?

R: MvE: All members of the Planning Committee are professionals in their field. When there is a matter of conflicting interested, the member recuses themselves from the discussion and this is noted in the minutes.

Q: Paul Jacobson: Why is the SFBRRRA not enforcing by-laws?

R: MvE: SFB is not a policing agency and the by-laws do not prohibit much of street people behaviour.

Q: Roger Levetan: What are our rights as citizens regarding the homeless, to enforce the by-law since someone was sleeping in his garage?

R: Derek Salter: If someone is on your property, it is trespassing. Get in touch with SAPS. Support your neighbourhood watch. Contact your sector police.

Q: Allan Tavakoli to JP Smith: Would like to know what the city is doing about drugs and drug dealers on the streets?

R: Ald JP Smith: Drug dealing will happen everywhere. If you see drug activity, call 0800 355 748. The City has a good system that tracks complaints, use it! He can also use the anonymous tip function on the metro website (<http://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Report/Report-abuse/Report-drug-abuse>) If we did not have people in the area supporting the purchase of drugs, we would not have the dealers.

Q: Lucy Graham: Would like to know who is on the SFB Executive Committee and how many of them are involved in property development?

R: MvE: Invited all Exco Members to stand and names will be posted on the website. He welcomed an opportunity to present to her block re SFB and SCI.

Q: Lucy Graham to Ald JP Smith: She queried JP Smith and the Cities consultative process on forming the by-laws

R: Ald JP Smith: Some of her previous public statements was factually incorrect. All by-laws have been rationalised. Many inappropriate by-laws have been removed. A sensitive and liberal approach has been taken, especially to homelessness. There were multiple engagement opportunities and public participation. The City was very consultative in this process.



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Q: Paul Jacobson: He spoke on his frustration regarding the homeless and would like SAPS/Law enforcement to be held accountable for enforcing the by-laws. He is aware that the City will try a softer approach and encouraged attendees to not feed the homeless but rather support the shelters. He would like to know why the SFB is not enforcing the by-laws?

R: MvE: We are the SFB, not police, that is why the SFB hired Straatwerk and fieldworker Jantjie Booysen. The SFB know that there are problems out there but can't be the iron fist. The SFB has no power to enforce by-laws. If there were more support from the community, the SFB can do more.

### 13. CLOSE

Chairman: 'Some choose to do good, some choose to do nothing at all. If anyone is angry or has a gripe, feel free to send us an email. We encourage and invite them to engage with the SFB and make a positive difference'.



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