

# **RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY MEETING**

Wednesday, 11 November 2015 at 17:30

Centenary Methodist Church Hall, Edward Street, Richmond Hill

## **Agenda & Notes**

- 1) Welcome – Kevin.**
- 2) Attendees – As per completed list.**
- 3) Apologies.**  
**Hanna Kotze, Liana and Arno Janse Van Vuuren, Chris Parkin.**
- 4) Confirmation of minutes for meeting of 14 October 2015.**

Minutes of the 14 October 2015 meeting was accepted. Proposed by Rory, seconded by Jackie

### **5) Crime Update**

#### SAPS – Capt Ackerman

- Aggravated robbery down 10%
- Business robbery down 50%
- Common robbery down 21%
- House robbery down 66%
- Business robbery up 13% (2 in RH Evatt Str and Westbourne Rd)
- Robbery homes down 16%
- Theft out of Motor vehicle down 30% (3 in RH)
- Drug related crime 36 cases increased
- Arrested a suspect walking with a bag filled with Tik, Heroin and Cat.
- Driving under influence: there was a big drive with Traffic Dept therefore an increase of 71%
- There was concern about robbery, but found that April to Oct 2015 the arrests for robbery with fire arm increased 300% (from 3 up to 13 arrests).
- Fraud at ATM's are picking up, a couple of syndicates. This crime has increased by 11%. Suspects are using different vehicles. Crimes in Westering were traced to the airport, where 5 robbers were seen swopping vehicles
- SAPS is getting ready for the festive season.

SRA – Megan Kelly

- Robbery fire arm 1
- Robbery with weapon not fire Arm 3
- Common Robbery 5
- House rob 2
- Carjacking 1
- Assault Common 8
- House breaking 7
- Break-in Business 3
- Theft from car 3
- Search : drugs found 17
- Illegal goods 1
- Arrests made 5

Black bags collected and disposed of 1477. Trips to the tip 39.

Kevin: Would like to meet with either Colin Gerber or Ebersoni.r.o calls to 10111 and the delays in response times.Example: A robbery at Milly'sShop tied our patrollers up with actual SAPS work.

The SRA should streamline work in order for the patrollers not getting involved in SAPS paper work and eventually having to dispatch the patroller to SAPS Humewood. Also, not to get tied up in court as witnesses. The SRA would like to involve the Sector vehicle and not always having to rely on the CPU team.

If SRA Patrol phones 10111 it is serious and we need a response from SAPS.

CaptAckerman:There are problems with 10111.

Kevin:The meeting note that a recent event at the Oval was illegal. The police were not informed, neither was their paramedics in assistance as required by law.

CaptAckerman: The municipality must have given permission because the gates were unlocked but the necessary protocols were not followed.

Kevin: Asking Morne to look into the matter

Morne: He did not get any notice at his office – in his opinion it was an illegal gathering. He will follow up.

## **6) Municipal Matters**

Morne Steyn:

- Events permissions should be applied for at the municipality, where inter alia, noise exempt certificates are issued.
- Westbourne Road pothole reported 3 weeks ago - has been repaired today.

Max Hoppe: The ramp at the church has been removed.

Morne Steyn:

- 91 MacKay Street: Illegal Crèche has stopped trading.
- 28 Raleigh Street was inspected by the authorities. Reported in writing that there is no evidence of a shop being operated from the premises.

Bruce: The tenants told him that they are operating a shop.

Morne: Will investigate whether additions have been approved.

- 10 Sherlock Street: municipality inspection day after SRA cleaned the property. Officials found no health issues. Elaine sent them photos of the property before cleanup.
- 5 St Phillips: Glass shop front has been installed. Has asked authorities if the changes to the facade have been approved. Awaiting response. Business rights still not approved by municipality but tenants are allowed to conduct despite being illegal.
- Another shop opening at 38 Campbell Street. Robert and Elaine found this to be inappropriate for a shop.

Jan: Suggest involving the Public Protector i.r.o. the municipality allowing illegal operations to continue.

Morne: We need by-law policing.

Kevin: We need to have ratification and follow the legal route, like having summonses issued.

Kevin from Algoa FM: Is concerned about the SRA having to spend money on legal expenses whilst the perpetrators get legal advice for free.

Further, requesting the protocol for reporting crime anonymously when in fear of reprisal.

CaptAckerman: Encourages to report these to him personally.

Morne leaves the meeting.

## 7) SRA Matters

Kevin: Thanks Elaine for forging good relationships with various municipal departments (waste, parks etc)

The following SRA activities are recorded:

- Tullastreet was cleared with a grader with help from Clinton Plaaitjies of the Waste Dept.
- Park upgrade: Gerrit met with Clinton for park benches.
- 2000 rubbish bags received from municipality
- Pavement weed should be sprayed shortly. SRA look into buying own spraying equipment but found it not a feasible prospect.
- Rob and team clean 10 Sherlock Street
- The SRA will soon buy a second weedeater – instead of the proposed lawnmower.

## General Update

Kevin

- Website: Thanks to Jan, Chris, Max and Sue.  
Input with regards to the website contact Elaine or Jan.  
[www.rhsra.co.za](http://www.rhsra.co.za)

## 8) SRA Finances

Janine :

### RICHMOND HILL SRA - NPC

#### BUDGET FOR JUL 2014 TO OCT 2015

	Oct
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>1. Employee Related</b>	<b>34 149,73</b>
<b>2. Core Business</b>	<b>15 451,48</b>
Cleansing Services & Environment Upgrade	1 578,47
Petrol	8 858,49
Vehicle Maintenance	4 476,72

Baytrac Vehicle Tracking	537,80
<b>3. Depreciation</b>	
<b>7. General Expenditure</b>	<b>11 618,41</b>
Office Rental	1 500,00
Air Time for Cellphone	950,00
Administration and management	700,75
Auditor's remuneration	6 840,00
Bank charges	293,50
Computer expenses	200,00
Printing and stationery	71,59
Security Uniforms and Equipment	385,32
Petty Cash	677,25
<b>9. Bad Debt Provision % of Levies</b>	<b>3 500,00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>64 719,62</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>30100,71</b>
	Per Month
<b>1. Revenue - SRA Levy</b>	<b>78 379,63</b>
<b>2. Donations / Other</b>	<b>500,00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>108 980,34</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward - Current Acc</b>	<b>44 260,72</b>
<b>Market Link: Carried Forward</b>	<b>301 920,30</b>
<b>Transfer to Market Link</b>	<b>45 000,00</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>945,00</b>
<b>Transfer from Market Link</b>	<b>45 000,00</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward - Market Link</b>	<b>302 865,30</b>
<b>Combined Financial Assets</b>	<b>347 126,02</b>

## **9) Matters arising**

### Kevin

- Is still negotiating for the tip at Richmond Hill drive.
- The SRA is in talks with Gerrit to get extra bins for the neighbourhood. These will be branded if possible. Problem of cleaning it will be addressed.
- Margie wants to do Carol Service.
- SRA hoping for arbour day – was promised 20 - 25 trees by NMBM Parks. Will only be able to schedule for February.
- Gerrit was consulted about the furniture in parks. It's not compliant and will be removed, however NMBM does not have a document with the requirements.

### Max

SRA must request the standards. Richmond Park, Clampett Park are where the kids come and play Richmond Hill gardens are not big, Kids need to run. The SRA must put pressure on the NMBM to do attend to the matter – even attending these meetings.

Max and Donovan to address the issues with those in authority.

### Kevin

Thanking John Burger from Flava for the Christmas meal for SRA team.

### Mr Butlion:

Reading a letter of criticism that he wrote to the meeting.

Letter to be submitted at SRA office for inspection and comment.

His finding is that the SRA will only be debating society if matters are not addressed.

### Max :

Do not agree with the debating society analogy. Stresses the role of the NMBM and its current non-delivery policy.

### Bruce:

Agrees with Mr Butlion to extent. SRA should not be doing the work of the NMBM .

## **10) Date of next meeting**

10 February 2016

## **11) Meeting Adjourns**

18h42