

**Note from
Richmond Hill Community Gathering
held at Methodist Church Hall, Edward Street, Richmond Hill, Wednesday 4th March 2015**

AGENDA ITEM	NOTE	ACTION								
1. Welcome and Notice of Meeting	Kevin welcomes all to the meeting.	Kevin Slattery								
2. Attendees	34 people in attendance									
3. Matters Arising	<p>No matters arising.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Donna Fromont Charmaine Frew Norah Beukes Robin Dunstan Sylvia Dunstan Gavin Dunstan Arno Janse van Vuuren Mandy Watts Morne Steyn Sue Hoppe Ed Richardson</p>									
4. Confirmation of minutes held 4 February 2015	<p>Proposed: Rory Norton Seconded: Jan de Kerk</p> <p>The following changes were made and approved by those at the meeting before the minutes were confirmed:</p> <p>11. General: Jan de Kerk <i>Lindi Clark informed the meeting that Edward Street between no 30 and 39 is not being cleaned by the municipal street cleaners.</i></p> <p>Regarding the Richmond Hill Facebook pages (last point under General), it was agreed that as the full details of the discussion could not be minuted the point should be summarised as follows: <i>The 3 Richmond Hill Facebook pages were discussed. No decision regarding this matter was reached</i></p>									
5. Finance	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Balance b/fwd from January 2015</td> <td style="text-align: right;">R 3 190</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income for February 2015</td> <td style="text-align: right;">R 3 025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>-R 4 688</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance c/fwd to March</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>R 1 527</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Jackie informed the meeting that Rory is still owed R8 000 for this month and last month's expenses. Kevin informed the meeting that he has spoken with lawyer Ed Murray regarding using SRA funds to cover some of the Richmond Hill Residents Association debts .</p>	Balance b/fwd from January 2015	R 3 190	Income for February 2015	R 3 025	Expenses	<u>-R 4 688</u>	Balance c/fwd to March	<u>R 1 527</u>	Jackie Maritz
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	<p>A call was made for ongoing donations to keep the Richmond Hill patrols going until the SRA Company can start operating.</p> <p>Jackie thanked all those who made donations.</p>	
6. Crime reports	<p>4.1 SAPS Representative – Captain Stander reported:</p> <p>35 cases were reported to the police for the month of February all over Richmond Hill. (No specific hotspot areas)</p> <p>Hotspot days (days most crimes were committed) were Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.</p> <p>15 Arrests made. Captain Stander thanked Robert for all his assistance in many of the arrests.</p> <p>Crimes for which arrests have been made include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Robberies Aggravated Robberies Attempted Murder Assault (Common) Assault with intent to cause Grievous Bodily Harm <p>Members of the meeting reported the following criminal activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Car windows have been smashed 2 times in Sherlock street in the last 2 weeks. The last incident took place at around 3am on 26 February. This was reported to the Crime line. One of the problems with the area in which the crime took place is that there are no street lights. The car was also followed by suspicious vehicles after the incident - Street lights not working in the Sherlock street area make it difficult to find the criminals - Graffiti of Houses at Night including obscenities - Neglected empty property in 10 Sherlock Street – the property is full of trash and used by many as a toilet. This property was previously cleaned by the RHSCF many years ago. The property owner is not interested in keeping the property clean. This problem has been ongoing since 2008. Criminals also hide behind the wall of this derelict property. Robert suggested that he could help follow up on this matter when he has received his peace officer's documentation. Currently this RHSCF does not have the funds to clean the property. The SRA will be able to help with this matter when the SRA funds are received. This matter will be followed up with Morne Steyn. - The criminals often flee down the footpath/steps to Govan Mbeki street 	Captain Stander

	<p>4.2 Kevin Slattery reported the following crimes attended to by Robert and the rest of the patrol team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Theft from Motor Vehicle • 14 House Breaking • 5 Theft out of Motor Vehicles • 1 Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle • 7 Robbery from Person • 2 Theft Common • 2 Malicious Damage to Property • 1 Business Robbery • 2 Robbery with Fire Arm <p><u>Success</u></p> <p>Recovered stolen goods in St Patrick Street including: boxes of Electrical Inverters, Boxes of light bulbs, boxes of FM stereo radios, house amplifier, USB radios and various other goods.</p> <p>15 Arrests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Corner of Stanley & Edward – Stolen Goods • 3 Evatt Street – Robbery from Person • 1 Evatt Street – Possession of Dagga • 1 Bain Street – Theft out of Motor Vehicle • 1 Dagbreek Street – Robbery from Person • 2 Landsdowne Street – Possession of stolen good & housebreaking implements • 5 St Patricks street – Possession of Stolen Goods • 1 Somerset Street - Housebreaking <p>Thanks were given to Mandy Connor Watts who did control duties. She will be leaving Monday (9 March) again for work reasons.</p> <p>Thanks were also given to Humewood SAPS, Captain Ackerman and Captain Stander and Colonel Ehberson as well as Atlas Security.</p> <p>* This report does not reflect the statistics of the police. It will differ as there are crimes that have been reported to Robert and the RHSCF team by residents.*</p> <p>Jan de Klerk requested that extra patrols should be done by the police between 23:00 – 03:00 as there is a lot of people moving through the street during that time.</p> <p>He also pointed out that many crimes are not reported due to apathy.</p> <p>Kevin pointed out that many crimes are crime opportunity.</p> <p>Illegal shop at 5 St Phillip Street</p> <p>Christina Engela expressed her concern about the shop right next door to her house.</p> <p>The shop is situated right next door to her garage and operates till late. The shops patrons cause damage to her</p>	<p>Kevin Slattery</p>
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	<p>property, cause damage to her car, look into her property and litter in the street. The noise caused by the shop is also constant.</p> <p>What will be the next step to deal with the shop as they are not complying with the writ send to them by the municipality and no one is following up with the matter? The health department should also be informed of the shop as they serve hot food and are trading without any licensing.</p> <p>Kevin pointed out that they law has to take it's course. He did however suggest that the community take action against the shop by picketing and discouraging patrons. He has agreed to follow up with Morne regarding the matter regarding what can be done to shut the business down.</p> <p>It was asked that residents also refrain from putting out refuse bags on days other that the official refuse removal days.</p> <p>Illegal Shop in Campbell Street Another resident reported that there is a illegal shop that opened in Campbell Street.</p> <p>Danie pointed out that Robert has doing a very good job but he has very little petrol and airtime to do his patrols. Jackie pointed out that due to very little donations coming in it is impossible to provide more airtime and fuel. She also pointed out that Rory had to pay Robert's salary out of his own pocket last month.</p> <p>Robert gets phoned for unneeded incidents and with current limited funds for fuel it aggravates the current financial situation.</p> <p>Residents should refrain from phoning Robert's private phone line directly. Please phone the crime line if you need Robert's help.</p> <p>Kevin pointed out that the RHSCF/SRA is not a replacement for 10111. The SAPS should be phoned to report any criminal activity</p>	
7. Municipal Matters	<p>Robert reported the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still awaiting for invoice/documentation for Peace Officer's course - The street cleaners were contacted regarding cleaning Edward street - Vagrants at 22 Edward Street is a continuous problem. The police and Altas security have also remove vagrant from the property. - Vagrants where removed from the PTC Aviation Centre in Stanley Street. - Friday (27 February) night a together with the traffic department a blitz was done - Illegal Mechanic in Hunt street a warning was issued. As he has not stopped working on the cars in the street a fine 	<p>Robert Brewers</p> <p>Morne Steyn</p>

	<p>will be issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tula Street illegal business also given a warning - Loud music out of vehicles has also been an issue - A garage sale out of a residential property is illegal but if such sales happen regularly it is a business and is illegal without proper licensing in place. - Neglected property (at Sherlock Street) - a fine will be issued. <p>Jan de Klerk suggested that the leasing agent for this 22 Edward Street be contacted to help with the problem as he has had success in the past contacting her directly.</p> <p><u>Beer Yard</u></p> <p>Las Palmas Chairman, Rod Carradice, informed the meeting of noise disturbance from the Beer Yard. Loud Music is played until 3 am in the morning.</p> <p>The matter was taken up with the management of the Beer Yard but they are unwilling to do anything about the matter.</p> <p>It was suggested by other member of the meeting that we look into whether the establishment has a liquor licence. Robert suggested that when reporting a noise complaint through 10111 that a IR number be obtained so that the matter can be followed up on.</p> <p><u>Moffat street speeding</u></p> <p>Residents requested that speed humps be considered for Moffat Street as there are many car speed through the street and it is very unsafe</p>	
<p>10. SRA Update</p>	<p>Kevin gave the following feedback on the SRA (Special Rates Area)</p> <p>The following steps have already been taken to form Richmond Hill SRA Company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Company was formed (en registered with CIPC) • Bank Account was opened • Financial Agreement was signed with the municipality <p>The Municipality has informed us that the following must still be done before the SRA funds will be paid over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register on the Municipality's Vendor Registration • Raise invoices for the money owed by the Municipality <p>The Vendor registration includes obtaining the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBEEE Certificate • SARS Tax Clearance Certificate • Billing Clearance Certificate <p>It looks like it will be quite a paper war and will take about 2 weeks.</p>	<p>Kevin Slattery</p>

	<p>Various members of the meeting questioned whether registration on the Municipality Vendor is needed as the SRA will not be delivering serves to the Municipality.</p> <p>Liana informed the meeting that she had the same through that this should not be needed. She contacted one of the SRA's in Cape Town who confirmed that this is indeed needed.</p> <p>Kevin also informed the meeting that after the money is received from the Municipality the following must be done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up a office (we are looking into renting a office at Chocolate in Moffat Street) - Outsource the advertisement of employees <p>Questions were raised as to why the MBDA could not help to speed up the process.</p> <p>Kevin informed the meeting that the MBDA, just like the Municipality did not know what the process would be to set up the SRA.</p> <p>Kevin informed the meeting that the SRA will still need volunteers to help with various matters and will need community input to determine what the SRA's future will look like including input as to what special projects to take on.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that George Beckley sold his home and has moved out of Richmond Hill. He will however stay on as Director until the SRA is up and running and a replacement for him can be found.</p> <p>Thanks were given to all those who helped with the SRA process so far.</p> <p>George Beckley told the meeting: It has been 16 months since the SRA Business Plan & Budget was submitted to the Municipality. We need a municipal interfacier at the Municipality.</p>	
<p>11. General</p>	<p>Kevin invited anyone who is interested to join the SCF (Sector Crime Forum)</p> <p>The SCF will stay on as a part of the SRA as a important interface with the SAP</p> <p>We will also still need volunteers to man the patroller phone. Especially now and also to a lesser extent when the SRA is operational.</p> <p>The matter of the Crime Forum Pages was again discussed. It was agreed that one central crime page is needed on Facebook. It was also agreed that this page will be important to keep the residents informed on crime in the area.</p> <p>The SRA will also have a official website for that will have information on the SRA and downloadable documents.</p>	

	<p>Kevin also informed the meeting that the Humewood SAPS expects all SCF and other volunteers Neighbourhood patrollers to be registered with them. This includes a criminal clearance. This is to help police in identifying patrollers and not see that as lurking criminals.</p> <p>Working with the police will also involve working with sensitive information, some which must be kept secret.</p>	
<p>The meeting was closed at 18:40.</p>		