

**RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY MEETING**  
Thursday, 14 April 2016 at 19h00  
Centenary Methodist Church Hall, Edward Street, Richmond Hill

**MINUTES**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Attendees:  
Per attendance register.
- 3) Apologies:  
Ed Richardson, Chris Parkin, Trudie Wegner, Johnathan and Elize Mercer, Scott Rollo, Debbie Soper, Edward and Rachel Nell, Michael Hutchinson
- 4) Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 11 November 2015.  
Proposed by Chris Westran, seconded by Jan de Klerk.
- 5) Alliance Française : Charlotte on the Music Festival. To be held on Sat 25th of June 2016.  
Alliance and SRA working together for better co-operation.  
Better security will be provided. They will have the necessary permissions from disaster management and the SAPS. Proposing the closure of the following streets: Mackay to Stanley to Raleigh to Somerset and partially Edward. Access control with a tag system for the residents is considered.  
An entrance fee may be introduced. More toilets will be provided.  
Richmond Hill has the character for this kind of event. It is an opportunity for the SRA to showcase Richmond Hill.  
Charlotte is negotiating with promoters to bring a French character to the event.  
The event will enable better interaction with Love Story as part of the SRA's social responsibility programme and also with the Khumbulani School who may be convinced to provide parking and raise some extra revenue.  
Alliance would like to ensure that the suburb is cleaned the same night, and that fun will be had by all.  
Liana - Roads closed off once all parking is taken?  
Rory - if the school parking comes into play it will take pressure off.  
Sue - Volunteers at corners to check the parking and turn people away before they get stuck in the traffic.  
Kevin – Calls on residents to get involved in project.
- 6) Crime Update
  - a) SAPS Captain Stander–  
Year on year crime statistics March 2015 - April 2016
    - Theft of motor vehicle up 14%
    - Aggravated robberies down 11%
    - Robbery with firearm down 10%
    - Robbery with other weapon down 13%
    - Robbery Business down 45%
    - Robbery Residential down 36%
    - We have had 28 drug related seizures. In St Patricks Street R52, 000.00 worth of tik was found. Drugs remains big problem.

Overall Richmond Hill is doing very well. The increase in theft out of motor vehicle is due to Govan Mbeki Avenue is included in the statistics.

Kevin – Complainants not pressing charges due to fear/intimidation remains.

Capt Stander – Complainants should attend the crime scene until police arrive to submit statement for charges to be formalised.

Kevin – Expensive cars and known businessmen are visiting the suburb for their drug deals.

b) SRA – Megan crime statistics for past month

	Feb	March
Robbery with fire arm	2	3
Robbery Not Fire Arm	6	8
Common Robbery	3	2
Carjacking	0	1
Rape	0	1
Common assault	0	2
House breaking business	2	0
Theft of Motor vehicle	2	2
Theft out of Motor Vehicle	2	2
Illegal fire arm	1	0
Search weapons removed	5	12
Arrests made	3	3
Other	118	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>223</b>
Top-up service:		
Black Bags	1726	1682
LOADS	46	42

Question from floor : What is happening to the people that are removed from the renovated buildings in Central. Capt Stander replies that they occupy other buildings but not in Richmond Hill because this suburb do not have abandoned buildings. .

Rory - SRA patrol persuade vagrants to move on.

7) Municipal Matters

- a) Morne Steyn- He's leaving the Ward. Dycker Hadden is the new candidate for the Ward. Serious problems with roads and pavements. Municipality still does not have a hot tar contract yet. He has received a comprehensive list for reinstatements where roads needs to be fixed and that all should be done by 19 or 20 April. Rubbish dumping is not much of a problem in the suburb. Illegal shops is a huge problem, compliance notices have been issued to most of them. Interdicts need to be effected but NMBM do not have the capacity in the Legal Department. Matters tend to stall in that department. Applications for rezoning or special consent are allowed to be abused by the municipality - until the application is submitted which can be years. Kevin - The timing is now for an expose of how inept the municipality in this regard is. The SRA has excellent relations with other departments Human Settlements. Question from floor: Why are businesses not charged for the extra traffic they bring to the area. Morne - they are charged business rates once they have been zoned as businesses. Kevin – Concerns are expressed in the media that the SRA is doing the municipality's work. The SRA levy does not allow for all municipality work, and currently it is preferable to clean the suburb than living in a dirty environment. Rory – SRA runs on R80 000 / month everything has to be within that budget. Trevor –Concerned that the SRA is collecting rubbish from people not complying to the by-laws. Khulmbulani school – the dirty school grounds and delinquent kids remain a problem which needs to be addressed. A dedicated Cleaning Supervisor / Community Liaison will be appointed soon.

Kevin – The SRA needs to find out if it's allowed to do road markings and build speed bumps.

RH SRA have more challenges than most proposed areas. Walmer Heights have a budget to accommodate a Dedicate Patrol Service, they don't have the vagrant problem, the druggies from Walmer Heights come to buy their supplies in our area.

From the floor: Suggestion that SRA hands out notice when rubbish is disposed of on wrong days and times.

Kevin- When rubbish is placed outside collection periods, phone SRA office for action.

- 8) SRA Matters  
 a) Finances - Liana  
 b)

**THE RICHMOND HILL SRA NPC**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>Employee Related</b>	<b>36 403</b>	<b>29 748</b>
<b>Core Business</b>	<b>17 220</b>	<b>18 911</b>
Cleansing services & Enviroment Upgrade	228	8 578
Petrol	7 579	6 849
Vehicle Maintenance	8 875	2 947
Baytrack Vehicle Tracking	538	538
<b>General Expenditure</b>	<b>6 574</b>	<b>7 363</b>
Office Rental	1 500	1 500
Administration & management	2 494	2 558
Bank charges	309	61
Telephone and fax	800	900
Computer exp (incl website)	200	200
Insurance	1 271	-
Motor vehicle exp & Insurance	-	945
Uniforms & Equipment	-	1 200
<b>Savings &amp; Petty Cash</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>24 036</b>
<i>Petty Cash Balance change</i>	339	-964
<i>Money Market Account</i>	-	25 000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>60 536</b>	<b>80 058</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Income from add rates (less 5%)	74 880	74 880
Donations	500	500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>75 380</b>	<b>75 380</b>

<b>CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENT</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>
Current Account Balance	<b>47 261</b>	<b>42 583</b>
Petty Cash Balance	<b>2 884</b>	<b>1 920</b>
Market Link Account Opening Balance	331 283	332 469
Transfers made to Market Link	-	25 000
Interest on Market Link	1 186	1 294
Market Link account Balance	<b>332 469</b>	<b>358 764</b>
	<b>382 615</b>	<b>403 267</b>

9) Matters arising

- a) Rory - SRA patrol number and website address. The relevant SRA telephone numbers and website address will be painted on the blue dustbins in the area. The SRA will also obtain permission for billboards in the area with these details. Preferably supplied by NMBM.
- b) Rory - Please clean up after your dog – he explains a kiddies drawing "concept" whereby the artwork of children are used to inspire the cleaning of dog faeces.
- c) Kevin - Social responsibility to Love Story : The SRA will be supplying vegetables.
- d) Mr Windton – Reports noise by churches in students Sherlock Street area. Advised to call the police and obtain an Incident Report number.
- e) Votes cast for decision on monthly on bi-monthly meeting. Bimonthly meeting 16 votes, Monthly meeting 4 votes.

10) Date of next meeting

- 09 June 2016

11) Meeting Closes at 20h15