

## RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, 18 February 2016 at 19:00  
Centenary Methodist Church Hall, Edward Street, Richmond Hill

### Minutes

- 1) Welcome Retief Odendaal (Councillor), and the MBDA representative.
- 2) Attendance register to be completed by all present.
- 3) Apologies : Riaan Jonker, Chris Parkin, Trudie Wegner, Max and Sue Hoppe, Humewood SAPS, Rory, Morne (sick), Mariaane, Nell, Hanna, Jan De Klerk, Johann Cock

Directors have decided to schedule meetings around hall availability, bi-monthly and to have a management meeting immediately before the Community meeting.

- 4) Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 11 November 2015: Scott confirmed, Margie seconded the motion.

- 5) Crime Update

### SRA Figures

#### NOV, DEC and JAN

Code	Description	Jan	Dec	Nov
01	Robbery with Fire Arm	3	0	1
02	Robbery with Weapon, not Fire Arm	5	1	3
03	Robbery Common	2	7	3
04	House Robberies	1	1	3
05	Business Robberies	1	2	/
14	Assault Common	4	3	1
15	Housebreaking Residential	6	4	9
16	Housebreaking Business	2	5	2
17	Theft OF Motor Vehicle	5	8	0
18	Theft OUT of Motor Vehicle	4	6	4
19	Theft FROM Motor Vehicle	1	2	4
20	Illegal Possession of Fire Arm	0	1	0
21	Drugs	3	2	2
24	Search No Problem	94	69	70

25	Search Weapon Removed	7	12	13
26	Search Drugs Removed	7	9	21
27	Public Indecency	3	0	1
28	Illegal Goods Handed to SAPS	1	3	1
29	Vagrants Removed	18	5	5
30	Arrests Made	7	6	7
31	OTHER	107	119	118

#### 6) Municipal Matters

##### a) Retief Odendaal in absence of Morne:

- 5 St Phillips : Illegal shop operating without consent, the application is in the system
- 28 Raleigh Street: Confirmed shop operating illegally. No application submitted yet, deadline for this is 30 March.
- Corner Lutman and Lansdowne: Shop is illegal.
- 28 Campbell Street: Shop is legal
- 17 Glen Street : Illegal shop confirmed
- Two problems in metro identified:
  1. Financial problem and
  2. Number of artisans not sufficient to attend to calls. Urgency is prioritised.
- Street lights remain an ongoing problem
- Black tar was not out for tender. A number of trenches dug but cannot be repaired due to black tar shortage.

Jono: Ask whether alternative material can be used.

Scott: Paradise Beach residents are fixing potholes. Retief does not think it to be solution. We are paying rates and it should be done by the municipality. Retief recommends a letter from Kevin and Morne to the Municipality complain.

Retief: Service delivery a problem everywhere in metro. There is not enough manpower.

Margo: Shops, SRA been given mandate to look after RH. Should SRA not be consulted?

Kevin: SRA have very good relationships with a number of departments like treasury.

With regards to land usage – the SRA is mandated to maintain the historic value of the suburb and making sure that the correct zonings are adhered to.

Planning an exposé in the Weekend Post. Unless action from the municipality, pressure will be instilled on the Human Settlements Department. SRA demands reaction from this Department. They must enforce their own bylaws. Zonings are determined by Council and SRA has no mandate in this regard.

Retief : Human Settlements' legal department does not take any action.

Soon a new bylaw introduced by late Terry Herbs will come into effect. May have positive effect.

Mam : Can SARS be notified of illegal shops?

Kevin : SRA cannot be seen as police state run suburb.

Churches another issue. Noise from one in Sherlock Street every night except Wednesdays.

Noise is a 10111 issue. SRA cannot react to noise pollution.

#### 7) SRA

- Received a number of rubbish bags from Municipality.
- New director(s) soon to be appointed.
- Simon is working on getting Robert's Peace Officer's badge and fine book. Simon is doing a great job so far.
- SRA has done some cleaning of trees/branches over the last couple of months
- Park benches in at Clampett Park
- Quarry in Richmond Hill Road targeted to get a dump/recycling site up and running.
- A request to keep SRA criticism constructive.
- SRA is looking into supporting Love Story (a local NGO assisting the destitute, based at the Albany road Fire Station). The SRA is mandated with social upliftment in the area.
- Rest of the park equipment in Richmond Park will be removed soon as nothing is compliant with so-called standards.
- About 5 different safe and adequate locations for the soccer players in Richmond Hill Park were identified. The areas are in Baakens Valley and airport area. Posts will be put up budget constraints allow.
- Car guards remain a problem. The restaurants must take ownership. Only way to remove these is to replace them with organised labour by someone such as the Walmer Park car guards.
- Tulla Street ruins: SAPS should be approached to clear that area.

a) Finances : Janine

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>1. Employee Related</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>36 403,22</b>
Salary Office Manager		
U.I.F.		590,00
SARS Income Tax		1 593,53
<b>2. Core Business</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>17 219,89</b>
Cleansing Services & Environment Upgrade		228,00
Petrol		7 579,08
Vehicle Maintenance		8 875,01
Baytrac Vehicle Tracking		537,80
<b>7. General Expenditure</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>6 912,60</b>
Office Rental		1 500,00
Air Time for Cellphone		800,00
Administration and management		2 493,73
Bank charges		309,05
Computer expenses		200,00
Insurance		1 270,90
Petty Cash		338,92
<b>9. Bad Debt Provision % of Levies</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3 500,00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>64 035,71</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>		<b>32 417,17</b>
	Per Month	
<b>1. Revenue - SRA Levy</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>78 379,63</b>
<b>2. Donations / Other</b>		<b>500,00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>111 296,80</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward - Current Acc</b>		<b>47 261,09</b>

<b>Market Link: Carried Forward</b>	<b>331 283,32</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>1 186,11</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward - Market Link</b>	<b>332 469,43</b>

**Combined Financial Assets** **379 730,52**

- Kevin :

Do we appoint a full time cleaning supervisor?

Do we get a bigger bakkie?

Should we do more or less pruning/municipal work?

Do we leave it for council and nothing gets done or do we tackle it?

Trevor: asked Robert about trimming the tree opposite his house. Nothing has been done.

Kevin: Happy to ramp up and get more done, no point in waiting for the municipality, it's the property owners' money.

Bridgette: Can we not rather spend money on cameras?

Liana: There are a lot of legal issues in getting that done. It will cost a lot of money if we want to get anything halfway decent that can recognize number plates/faces etc.

Kevin: Who will monitor the footage? The investment is in excess of R100 000.00.

#### 8) Matters arising

- Mariska Spoomaker: Wild Park: Planted many trees etc. Vision is to have a dog walk friendly park. It will be the first suburb to introduce this. What is the possibility of the SRA taking a 99 yr lease?

Kevin: Agrees with proposal.

- Attendees would like to meet with Pierre
- Bridgette: Would like SRA to meet with school management with regards to grounds management.  
Kevin: It's about self-respect.  
Scott: Looking at maybe starting a Scout's Hall and a Homework After Care Centre at the school.  
Kevin asking if MBDA can get someone renowned to come and talk to school kids and motivate them. Perhaps Athol Trollip or Luke Watson.
- Music festival: The organisers will include SRA in planning of the event. To be addressed: toilets, security etc.

- Man from Suffolk Street is worried that school children can be run over in Sherlock street, they walk in the street. SRA is thinking of a hump on that corner and a circle in MacKay street by Ginzies.

9) Date of next meeting

- 14 April 2016

10) Meeting Closes 20h07