



Minutes of the Community Meeting of the Richmond Hill Special Rates Area held on Thursday 13 October 2022 at 18:00 in Anchor of Hope Church, Edward Street, Richmond Hill

1 Welcome

The acting Chairman, Ed Richardson, welcomed all present.

2 Present

Arvind Amtha, Andra Barber, Momoti Bongiew, John Bryce, Renee Corsano, Enrico de Beer, Eveleen de Beer, Kosie de Klerk, Louis de Vrye, Mike du Preez, Sharon Friedmann, Jean Gerber, Petro Hall, Jacques Hugo, Rochelle Jordaan, Malcolm MaClean, Jonathan Mercer, Yve Nicholson, Rory Norton, Chris Parkin, Elaine Parkin, Danny Pietersen, Matt Reid, Ed Richardson, Frances Richardson, Danie Roos, Elizabeth Silli, Marianne Terblanche, Clint Wild, T Wild

Terri Stander (Ward 5 Councillor), Sgt Njokweni (Humewood SAPS), Clinton Swartz (HRG Security), Magqwaba Lennox (HRG Security), Konrad Faltein (Waste Department).

3 Apologies

Megan Bradfield, Kobus du Plessis, Liz Haines, Claerwen Hart, Andrew Hart, Jacques Jordaan, Margaret Matthews, Elize Mercer, Scott Rollo, Mark Rid, Mariska Spoomaker, Elma Thomas, Peter Thomas, Trudie Wegner.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2022, were accepted as a true record of the proceedings. This was proposed by Rochelle Jordaan and seconded by Ed Richardson.

5 Reports

5.1 SAPS

Sergeant Njokweni apologised on behalf of Colonel Frank not attending the meeting. He mentioned that he was not authorised to address the meeting. He agreed to send the Crime Statistics to the SRA Office.

5.2 Metro SAPS

No member of Metro SAPS Metro attended the meeting.

5.3 HRG Security – Clinton Swartz

Mentioned that he may sound repetitive by repeating himself. Do not leave valuables in the vehicle. Mentioned that car jamming is on the increase although no incidents have been reported in our area.

Requested that the community not feed the vagrants. By feeding them they will return for more. If they do not get, they will find a way to get. Rather give to the Welfare Organizations so they can distribute in the right way.

John raised a point of keeping track of incidents in the area.

Stats will be provided by HRG.

The control room tablet number for HRG is : 067 376 2418.

Kosie de Klerk enquired about an incident that took place at 11 Bain Street. SRA Office will take it up with SAPS.

5.4 Ward Councillor – Terri Stander

Terri suggested to create a WhatsApp group only where SRA Admin can post - for example all broadcasts. Mentioned that one of the helpful things that she finds from the SAPS's reports are the times, for example, Theft out of motor vehicle - normally on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 6pm and 10pm. That kind of information is helpful.

Terri mentioned that the repairs of street lights, potholes, etc in the Ward 5 are taking place. Hoping to have all street lights repaired by the end of October. Cable faults are also a problem in the area. Drain covers still out of stock.

Question was raised in the closing off of St Patrick's steps. A new petition must be handed in. The person who was dealing with this has been replaced at the NMBM.

Question was raised what the procedure would be to apply for a speed bump.

Councillor mentioned that the residents must hand in a signed petition.

Chris Parkin mentioned light not working in the Wild Park. Terri to follow up.

Jonathan Mercer suggested that Terri liaise with Dries van der Westhuizen for assistance so that he can communicate with the Infrastructure Department to follow the correct procedures in the repairing of potholes.

Petition for student accommodation has not been done yet. Terri suggested that the residents do a petition for student accommodations.

6 RHSRA Matters

6.1 Financial Situation

Ed showed a comparison of figures of Income and Expenses for :

January to June 2021 and January to June 2022. All expenses have increased, eg, cellphone, office rental, etc. We implemented a Project Team which has been a huge improvement for our area.

The NMBM pays the SRA what they receive from the Rate Payers. Finances will improve from end of November. One security night shift security vehicle has been taken away and replaced by 2 patrollers on 1 night shift vehicle during the weekends.



6.2 Appointment of patrolling company

SRA received 4 tenders for the security services, namely, Atlas, City Wide, ADT and HRG. It was decided that we stay with HRG as they were markedly cheaper than the other companies.

6.3 Recycling

Packa Ching recycling project doing very well. Every Wednesday at the PTC Grounds.

6.4 Wild Park

This is an ongoing Project. Project Team keeping it clean.

6.5 Block Watch – John Bryce

There are 5 cameras up and running. An interest has been shown by residents to put in new cameras or to add existing cameras onto the system. The pilot project is going forward but at a slow rate. With existing cameras, it has established some who identified some persons of interest and also some points of weakness in the security of certain residents and those people that have been informed are making it safe where they 'thought' it was safe.

They now see via the footage that they were incorrect. It is being investigated into how to make it more proactive where we can pick up before the incident when they come into the area.

There are some ideas that have been bounced around. John mentioned that they have been talking to some companies and still need to talk to some more companies. Feedback will be given at the next meeting. John mentioned that his number can be obtained from the SRA Office.

Ed mentioned that Tony Bastos is also looking into the setting up on cameras.

Mr Amtha suggested that the property owners become more pro-active in protecting their properties.

6.6 Homeless - MES - Malcolm MacLean

The MES (Mold, Empower, Serve) Korsten facility are doing a great job. The setting up of more premises are in the pipe line. Meal vouchers can be obtained from the SRA Office.

6.7 AGM Preparation

The chairperson put out to the property owners, that if any person would like to become a board member, that they must come forward.

August 2022 : 2507 bags taken to the tip - plus boxes, branches and other kilometres travelled – 1911 trips to the tips – 48

September 2022: 2418 bags taken to the tip – plus boxes, branches and other kilometres travelled – 1818 trips to the tips – 42

7 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM Meeting to be held on Thursday, 08 December 2022 at 18:00 at the Anchor of Hope Church.

8 Close

The Chairman thanked all present for attending. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 18:50.

Approval of Minutes

 Chairman

 Secretary

 Date