



**Minutes of the Community Meeting of the Richmond Hill Special Rates Area held on Thursday 10 August 2023 at 18:30 at The Anchor of Hope Church, corner of Edward and Campbell Street**

**1 A minute's silence for Marolien Schmidt.**

**2 Welcome**

The Chairman, Ed Richardson, welcomed all present.

**3 Present (Apologies to any incorrect Name or Surname as some attendees names are not very clearly written. You are welcome to send a whatsapp to the office number (061427 6431) for any changes.**

Anthony Adams	T. Adams	Liezl Bashford	Ryan Olshea
Danny Pietsen	Robert Falkner	E. Bezuidenhout	F. Bezuidenhout
Sonya Immelman	Mathilda Hornsveld	Linda Byron	Megan Bradfield
B Jay Piercy	Deborah Kingderhall	J. Botha	Mariska Spoomaker
E. Janse van Rensburg	Sean Brice	A. Ockers-Wackie	S. Ockers Wackie
J. Hugo	A. Malherbe	S. Malherbe	Nick Gxoyiya
Heidi Botha	R. Blaauw	S.Nadbambi	Z. Ndzone
P. Ntshibe	D. Mos	H. Cousins	E. Parkin
C. Parkin	Y. Nicholson	T. Wegner	D. Maart
Paul Hammett	S. Tsiu	G. Foster	L. van der Westhuizen
Armand Amtha	V. Matthews	Sebastian Geel	Amelic Geel
Paddy Brunner	Danie Roos	Marcus Matthews	Mike du Preez
Claire Warneke	Andrew Warneke	Karl Schoemaker	M. Schoemaker
H. Hillmer	C. Cull	S. Garai	Ally Shone
P. Thomas	Y. Ferreira	J. Ferreira	J. Jordaan
L Hallowes-Welman	M. Heynes	M. Terblanche	Y. Coltman
P. Botha	Nick Botha	Terry Eddy	M. S January
M. Winnie	Megan Kelly	G. Liddane	R. O'Neil
C. Kickhofel	S. Casalin	N. Nicholls	D. Whinney
M. Mesatyca	X. Mesatyca	M. Backland	M. Marais
M. Lowies	M. Costa	E. North	A. West
A. Botha	P. Bullbring	R. Bryce	M. Mc Cormack
B. Murray	M. Randeree	S. Friedemann	S. Barber
N. O'Brian	Steve de Beer	A. de Beer	Liz de Doncker
D. Walters	S. Terblanche	S. D. Opsahl	T. Terblanche
C. Bezuidenhout	L Mareli	W. Tyekela	C. Afrikander
R. Afrikander	H. Naidoo	N. Morkel	A. Le Grange
M. Williams	L. Tamsley	T. Tamsley	R. Corsano
Nathan	C. Meyer	S, Ntshibs	L. de Vryl

J. Bryce

N. West

C. West

Terri Stander (Ward Councillor)  
 Clinton Swartz (HRG Security)  
 Colonel Frank (SAPS Humewood)  
 Bev van Eck (Alliance)  
 Gilian Liddane (Alliance)  
 Michael Eddy (Director)  
 Malcolm MacLean (Director)  
 Bernadette Nel-Naude (ADT)

Khanyiso Popo (HRG Security)  
 Sergeant Njokweni (SAPS Humewood)  
 Shawn van Eck (Alliance)  
 Rochelle Jordaan (Director)  
 Rory Norton (Director)

Chris (ADT)

Brandon (Magnum Alarms)

### Apologies

Hanna Kotze, Shawn Lyon, Elize Mercer, Johathan Mercer, Scott Rollo, Debbie Soper

## 4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Changes were made to the previous Minutes as per Shawn Lyon to add more participants on the 1 ARH Group.

Proposed by Chris Parkin and seconded by Claerwen Hart.

## 5 Reports

### 6.1 SAPS Colonel Frank

Theft in Richmond Hill is mostly copper pipes, and anything that the criminals can reach in a car or yard. Theft from motor vehicles remains a major problem.

Robberies of individuals tend to be people walking alone and who are distracted by their cell phones. Students are prime targets as they walk with headphones and text.

A breakthrough was made in the case of murder thanks to community involvement.

The suspect was found 'close to the railway'.

Colonel Frank thanked everyone for their assistance and commitment.

### 6.2 HRG Security Clinton Swart and Patroller Popo

Before the murder the incidence of crime in the area has been under control. The incident was a case of a robbery gone wrong.

#### Crime report past 2 months (June and July 2023)

- Vagrants: We remove/move approximately 14 vagrants per day
- Stop and search: Average of 30 per month
- Client/Resident Assists: Average of 80 per month
- Drug related incidents: Average of 30 per month
- Arrests: Average of 12 per month
- Water meters and copper pipes stolen: 14 in past month
- Monitored suspicious vehicles regularly
- Assisted to extinguish fires
- Reported numerous water leaks

- Confiscated numerous trolleys
- Are still encountering numerous doors/gates left open daily
- Visible property left inside vehicles
- Vehicles left unlocked and/or windows open
- Huge problems with vagrants/trespassers returning due to being fed or given unwanted goods

### 6.3 Metro Police

No member attended.

### 6.4 Ward Councillor Terri Stander

Councillor thanked all for attending the meeting. Said it was the largest turnout and would like to see it again at the next Community Meeting.

She described what happened to Marolien as “an absolute tragedy. It is devastating and absolutely pointless”.

Terri mentioned that as much as we might feel more unsafe now, we are not more or less safe than we were the previous day. Nothing has changed. Mentioned that she has posted an infographic on the Ward 5 page, some things that urge residents to protect themselves and their property.

It may be forking out a little bit of money.

It is very simple things that you have to do.

Like having an alarm and employing the services of a security company.

The mandate of HRG is not to respond to individual calls for assistance.

Even if you cannot afford an alarm subscription, you can buy the self-installation kits, anything that makes a noise, magnets that you can clip on your windows doors, but ultimately keep them closed.

Problem of streets lights not working was raised.

Councillor mentioned that this is an ongoing problem and will inform the residents the date of a ‘march’ to take place and hand over a list of street lights ‘not working’ to the Mayor.

## 6 RHSRA Matters :

### 6.1 Problem Buildings/Properties

Colonel Frank said the issue of problem buildings had been discussed with the councillor as well as the municipality, which owns some of the buildings.

A different approach is taken when the building is privately owned.

Councillor mentioned that she will not rest until they have sorted out the ANC Problem Building.

There are +- 100 problem buildings in the Ward 5 area.

These are not only buildings that have been hi-jacked by illegal occupants. The point mentioned is that she will not rest until the first house or building has gone through the legal process of being demolished or expropriate without compensation according to the problem building bylaws Metro has.

Resident raised problem properties 34 and 36 Irvine Street. Ed mentioned that the owners are overseas. There is no mandate for a managing agent as yet. They will be appointed once the alternations have been done.

### 6.2 Illegal construction

The Chairperson mentioned that 103 Objections were submitted against the Liquor Licence for 44 Mackay Street. The License was not granted.

The property is currently up for rental.

### 6.3 Student Accommodation

Retha and Sebastian sent an apology for not being able to attend the meeting.

### 6.4 Cameras and blockwatch

John Bryce reported that a lot of research has been done with various security companies with regards to a proactive solution involving monitoring. A solution offered by Magnum Alarms seems to be the most promising and achievable.

Brendon from Magnum Alarms said they had the resources and systems in place and that various options are available. A camera can be installed on your property that gives you access and alerts and is also monitored using artificial intelligence, live monitoring and alerts being sent to HRG Security between 22:00 to 06:00. This allows you to keep your current Armed Security Response.

Options 1 : CCTV and Alarm Link - (When CCTV is linked to Alarm and Wif-Fi, you as a client of Magnum Alarms would then act as a beam and trip the alarm.

Option 2 : CCTV for own benefit/security

Option 3 : SRA Patrol for the street.

A wi-fi router is essential.

John and Taahira can be contacted on the following contact numbers:

John - 084 250 4478

Taahira – 041 451 3867 x Press 2 (Magnum)

Claerwen requested that if there are any volunteers who want to assist in setting up a neighbourhood watch, they are welcome to complete the form that is with Sharon.

Nathan mentioned that he invited other security companies to the Community Meeting.

Has enquired with City Wide, that if he can get 1000 residents in the neighbourhood to join their Security Company, what would they invest out into our community?

Nathan raised the problem of closing off the access points.

The chairperson mentioned that the community get together, buy the materials needed and close off the areas.

Nathan mentioned that he would like to join the SRA.

### 6.5 Alliance Music Festival

Shawn van Eck and Guillaume

Music Festival to take place on the 2 September 2023 between 10:00 and 22:00.

Will have more security than last year.

Have been provided with an extra sponsorship for this year's festival.

Bev may be contacted for the map for the area for the Festival.

This will have a positive result on the businesses in Stanley Street.

It is well advertised by using billboards and social media.

## 9. Matters arising :

### 9.1 Finances – payment of rates and levies

Chairperson

Chairperson mentioned that there has only been a collection of 63% for Rates in the area. The income in SRA rates have been reduced by up to 40%.

Claerwen mentioned that SRA did have a meeting with the NMBM who could not provide the SRA with a list of non-payers due to the Popi Act.

## 9.2 General

Rochelle mentioned that you are allowed to contact HRG for any suspicious vehicles parked in the area. Not all are Uber drivers.

Rochelle has given credit to HRG Services for their prompt services.

Richmond Hill is the Heart and Soul of the Bay.

We have been brought here under crucial circumstances but we need to stand together.

The SRA, Community and HRG Security are here to help.

Thanked all for attending the meeting.

## 10. Conservation stats:

June and July 2023: Bags taken to the tip 3883- plus boxes, branches and junk  
 Kilometres travelled – 3467  
 Trip to the tips – 73

## 11. Date and place of next meeting

The next Community Meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## 12. Close

The Chairman thanked all present for attending. The meeting adjourned at 19:15.

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### Approval of Minutes

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 Chairman

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 Secretary

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