

MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NPC
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2015
at 16:00 at the Alive Café, Muizenberg

Present:

Name	Position	Abbrev
Tony Smith	Director (Chair)	TS
Steven Frankal	Director	SF
George Hill	Director	GH
Marion Wagner	Director	MW
Peter Wright	Director	PW
Lesley Schroeder	Director	LS
Dave D'Alton	Ward Councilor	DD
Chevone Petersen	Office Manager	CP

Community Members Present:

- Sandy Crossley
- Danny Keogh
- Jenn Hahn
- Robby Hahn

No	Agenda Item	Action (Who?)	When
1.	Welcome	TS opened the meeting.	
2.	Community Issues/Matters for the Board's consideration	<p>TS welcomed the community members present and thanked them for taking the time to present their concerns to the board.</p> <p>Danny Keogh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concerned about the appalling state of pavements in the Village and the lack of service delivery since he walked through the Village with Councilor Dave D'Alton (DD). ➤ The Village in general seems to not be getting the attention it received a few years ago with regard to cleansing and maintenance. 	

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	<p>MID Response: Infrastructure and maintenance concerned have been reported to the City via MID and DD.</p> <p>Robby Hahn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Is concerned about street lights not working in Killarney Road since November. ➤ The general state of Church Street is a concern and seems to be going back to what it was 5 years ago. The refuse build up at the house-shop is of particular concern. ➤ Referred to an incident where a Grit Patroller were seen watching tv at the shop in Church Street. ➤ Concerned about the waste that are being dumped on vacant property at the c/o Alexander and Church Road. <p>MID Response: All infrastructure and maintenance concerns have been reported to the City.</p> <p>The complaints with regard to Grit Patrollers have been taken up with the management of Grit.</p> <p>Problem buildings/property has been reported to various City departments. TS will talk to GWC with regard to the vacant property – secure it with a fence or assist with keeping it clean.</p> <p>MW will do a clean-up with the homeless cleaning team in Church Road on Saturday and invited members present at the meeting to join.</p>		
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		<p>Jen Hahn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Concerned about security and thanked CP for response received via email with regard to a CCTV camera. <p>Sandy Crossley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Security is the biggest concern. Grit patrollers not assertive or attentive enough.➤ Referred to an incident where she was threatened by a known vagrant in the Village.➤ Asked if more patrollers can be appointed, especially with the recent increase in criminal activity.➤ Concerned that nothing is being achieved with regard to the derelict buildings in Muizenberg. Requested that the Board consider co-opting individuals to take this portfolio on. Asked the MID to consider naming and shame derelict building property owners. <p>MID Board Response.</p> <p>The security contract is up for review and MID will be going out to tender before the new five year business plan comes into effect. This has been discussed with the current service provider who will also have an opportunity to tender.</p> <p>All crimes must be reported to SAPS. Patrollers are now patrolling individually and this has aided in them coming across more assertive and alert. It was also noted that Patrollers do not have legal authority.</p>		
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		<p>MID has appointed a new Director (Aloy Gowne) for the Safety and Security Portfolio and he has spent a significant amount of time on reviewing current strategies, membership and public concerns.</p> <p>Bad buildings are receiving significant attention from MID. The City takes swift action, like in the past, when there are people residing in a bad building. The issue of empty derelict buildings unfortunately does not place as significant a risk as those with residents in them.</p> <p>GH updated the members about the St. Ledger, which has been a problem building for a long time. This specific property was referred to MID at the end of 2013. Continued focus, emails, meetings and residential support resulted in the building being closed down due to the significant risk the lack of maintenance and fire safety posed to the elderly residents. This was achieved in a period of approximately 15 months.</p>		
3.	Apologies	Aloy Gowne.		
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	The minutes of 20 January were approved. Accepted by MW and seconded by GH.		
5.	Financial Reports.	The board approved the financial report for January. Accepted by GH and seconded by MW.		
6.	Traffic Circle Upgrade.	PW reports that the project is finally taking shape. A new supplier is being sought for the paving and this is being done in conjunction with Peter Feasey from the City's Roads Department. SF offered his support where needed.		

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7.	MID Communications.	<p>LS and CP met with Amanda Booyens, Cape Town Tourism Information Centre Supervisor. She confirmed that the Muizenberg office is closing down and the organization's Service Centre Manager position is still vacant.</p> <p>LS will liaise directly with the Executive Manager once information is received from Amanda. MID also committed to assisting with the necessary permits for the days when Thando (mobile information centre) can be station at the beachfront near Sufers' Circle.</p> <p>LS will also research accredited tourism models and current tourism needs in Muizenberg.</p>	LS	On-going
8.	Community Collaboration.	<p>TS informed the board of the nominations made to the FBTBA for new committee members. He encouraged all members to attend the FBTBA AGM.</p>		
9.	Strategic Planning/Review.	<p>TS referred to the portfolio reports that were sent out. The following additional feedback were given.</p> <p>Beachfront:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SF making progress on approved parking management on the beachfront in partnership with the City and the Coastal Management Team. <p>The next step is a meeting with sub-council Chairperson, Felicity Purchase. SF asked DD to please motivate for this meeting to be scheduled asap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase 4 of the Faircape Development should commence at the end of 2015. 	<p>SF</p> <p>DD</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>ASAP</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SF waiting on Paul Booth to confirm when construction will commence on the Sidmouth Road upgrade. <p>Park & Bad Buildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The St. Ledger building is currently being painted, but remains closed. ➤ The park is in a dismal state, vagrants have again moved in. Parks and Forest and DPU committed to taking action within the next week. ➤ TS suggested that GH meet with Tessa Moore and DD to discuss a strategy for the park and look at possible long term solutions. ➤ LS also suggested information boards, educating the public to about responsible giving and general safety and security. <p>Security:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CP updated the board on the security software proposal received for Incident Desk. The board agreed that we should ask the developer to do a presentation at a board meeting and then to consider implementing this as a tool for the new five year business term. <p>Social Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Somerset West Shelter has a social worker looking after Annie on the streets. The four 	<p style="text-align: center;">GH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LS & AG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AG & CP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">On-going</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On-going</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April Meeting</p>
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		<p>homeless people referred to them are still at the Shelter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Some of the homeless men have been assisting Martin and East on-site. ➤ MW and CP is scheduling a meeting with Law Enforcement to discuss a strategy regarding the long term homeless people. ➤ Lizzie remains one of the biggest challenges – not making use of the facilities available to store all her belongings. ➤ One of the homeless people asked for assistance to start up a recycling programme. 	<p>MW & CP</p> <p>MW & CP</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>
12.	General.	TS thanked the board for their attendance and input.		

Meeting Closed at: 18:30.