

MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NPC
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 2016
at 16:00 at the All Saints Church Hall, Muizenberg

Present:

Name	Position	Abbrev
Steven Frankal	Chair	SF
Hugo Coetzee	Director	HC
George Hill	Director	GH
Aimee Kuhl	Ward Councilor	A
Chevone Petersen	Manager	CP
Kevin Rack	Director	KR
Lesley Schroeder	Director	LS
Kerime Sinclair	Director	KS
Marion Wagner	Director	MW
Peter Wright	Director	PW

Members Present:

- Claudia Braude

No	Agenda Item	Action (Who?)	When
1.	Welcome	SF welcomed everyone.	
2.	Community Issues/Matters for the Board's consideration	<p>Claudia Braude tabled her concerns regarding the homeless people living in Atlantic Road and the negative impact that this has on her property. Her suggestions, comments and questions were as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A physical barrier on the sidewalk that will make the homeless less visible in Atlantic Road. <p>SF commented that creating a barrier will only result in greater challenges as it will make it easier for the homeless to erect shelters in Atlantic Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MID to stop people from feeding the homeless in Atlantic Road. 	

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		<p>MW responded, and confirmed that MID engaged with various people (and organisations) who feed the homeless, but that there is no law preventing people from feeding and giving to the destitute in public space. The MID encourages everyone to give responsibly and support organisations who offer services to the homeless people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concerned that MID is encouraging the homeless to remain on the streets by providing storage for their belongings. <p>MW responded and confirmed that the MID stores the belongings of 12 long-term homeless people who participate in the weekend cleaning project. This group of 12 are the long term homeless, some of whom have been residents in Muizenberg for more than 20 years. MW further confirmed that the storage is a short term service ending on 30 September. Other options are being sought to prevent items being stored on Atlantic Road and to prevent their personal belongings from being stolen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Confirmed that Claudia will engage with religious institutions in the MID area to find out if they can feed the homeless on their church 		
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		<p>premises, and not in Atlantic Road.</p> <p>Claudia will also ask the religious institution if they will consider storing the 12 homeless people's belongings, and mentioned that she is willing to fund this.</p> <p>The MID board supported this initiative of Claudia and ask that she keeps the MID updated with the feedback she receives from the religious institutions.</p> <p>MW also confirmed that MID engaged with a number of religious institutions in the MID area with regard to this, and unfortunately have had very little success.</p> <p>SF thanked Claudia Braude for her input.</p>		
3.	Apologies	None.		
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	<p>The board approved the board meeting minutes of 16 August 2016, and the minutes of the Public Safety board meeting on 19 July 2016.</p> <p>Approved, proposed by GH and seconded by MW.</p>		
5.	Financial Report	<p>MW presented the financial report for August 2016. Approved, proposed by SF and seconded by MW.</p> <p>MW presented the 2017/18 proposed budget, and thanked CP for the significant work that went into this, and engagement with ISL.</p> <p>Approved, proposed by GH & SF.</p>		

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		LS requested that she have more time to read the 2017/18 Implementation Plan. SF requested that everyone provide their feedback on this by close of business on Tuesday, 27 September 2016, before CP submits to ISL on 29 September 2016.	ALL	27 Sept
6.	AGM Timeline	CP confirmed that the 2017/18 budget and implementation plan must be submitted to ISL by end of September. AGM date has been set for 15 November. Advertisements will be placed, and notification will go out once ISL provide draft documentation for this.	CP CP	30 Sept Oct
7.	Boundary Extension	LS confirmed that MID still needs 11/13 property owners to give consent in order for MID to reach the 60% required. MW offered to give it one last try. She will go around to properties in the area and deliver personalised letters and forms to garner more yes votes. CP mentioned that a significant effort has gone into this boundary extension, with very little results. Deadline for final feedback to the City is 30 September.		
8.	Public Safety Service Provider Contract	SF confirmed that a meeting was held on 16 September to review a draft contract that CP received via another SRA and amended accordingly. LS added the suggestions as per feedback at the meeting. KS volunteered to ask her daughter,		

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		<p>who is an attorney, to review the document before sign-off with GRIT on 23 September.</p> <p>The board thanked KS for this gesture.</p> <p>The board also approved the artwork for the branded vehicle and vests.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p>Review Support Structures for Manager & Directors</p>	<p>SF and LS raised concerns that MID Directors are overwhelmed by the workload as volunteers. LS mentioned that she easily spends 20 hours per month on MID related matters.</p> <p>SF asked CP what support structures is needed within the Manager’s role to assist with relieving Directors of their excessive workload.</p> <p>LS mentioned that the Implementation Plan is overwhelming considering that everyone volunteers, and it looks like a lot of work for someone who does not get paid.</p> <p>CP clarified that Portfolio roles are straight forward, and should align to the implementation plan. Suggested that Directors review their current activities in relation to the MID mandate and implementation plan, and see whether what they are involved in are necessities or nice-to-have’s/dos. It is important that volunteers review whether they are able to volunteer the time required to achieve the objectives as set out in the implementation plan.</p> <p>HC added that volunteering is about offering your time (skills and services), at no costs, to a cause</p>		

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		<p>that you support and are passionate about.</p> <p>CP furthermore commented that the Manager's role aligns with individual portfolios. The last few months have been extremely taxing on everyone when taking into account the Public Safety Tender Process, Boundary Extension Process, over and above the usual end of year and AGM preparations.</p> <p>CP suggested that the MID considers investing in a Public Safety Coordinator/Manager, like we are currently doing for Social Development (i.e. contracting with a Social Worker to assist). This will go a long way in strategic focus and will provide relief for both the Manager and Public Safety Portfolio.</p> <p>KS asked that the board rather meet on the 29th September to discuss the way forward regarding CP's suggestion.</p>		
10.	Surfers' Circle Sea Change Proposal	<p>SF referred to the Sea Change temporary exhibition that his wife is involved in and confirmed that the feedback he received from Surfers' Circle team has not been favorable.</p> <p>The MID board confirmed that it would support a Sea Change exhibition providing that it has the support from The Surfers' Circle Team and can highlight the significance of the Surfers' Circle as a monument to the evolution of Surfing in South Africa, and assist with fundraising efforts.</p>		
11.	General.	Board walk-about in the MID on 29 September, MW will send an email invite.	ALL	

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		<p>HC asked whether the City is currently reviewing all its by-laws. AK confirmed that she will follow up on this.</p> <p>AK confirmed that the office at the Clinic is allocated to the Ward Councilor, and is looking forward to sharing the space with MID.</p>	AK	Next Meeting
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Meeting Closed at: 18:15