

# FAR SOUTH PENINSULA COMMUNITY FORUM

## QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES

**Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 17h30, Fish Hoek Civic Centre Council Chambers**

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

##### PRESENT

Marti Wedderpohl	Chairperson, Scarborough
Patrick Dowling	Kommetjie RRA
Hennie v d Merwe	Fish Hoek CID and Fish Hoek CPF (pp A Blom)
Bruce Campbell-Smith	Kommetjie RRA
Kim Kruyshaar	Fish Hoek Valley RRA
Matthew Gray	Fish Hoek Valley RRA
Allen Rose-Innes	Fish Hoek Valley RRA
James Mc Daid	FSPCF: Consultant
Cilla Bromley	GEESE
Marike Colyn	Noordhoek Ratepayers Association
Lynn Brown	Noordhoek RA
Merle Evertse	Simon Town Civic Association
Eileen Haywood	GEESE
Rory Sales	Noordhoek Environmental AG
Matthew Gray	FSPCF Specialist
Lesley Shackleton	Simon'sTown BA
Andre Blom	Fish Hoek CPF
Trish Wood	Sunnydale RA
Johann Kikillus	FSPCF: Specialist
Andre Greyling	Scarborough RRA (pp G Noble)
Lutz van Dijk	Presentation on Masiphumelele
Steve Perret	Presentation on Masiphumelele
Rob Erasmus	Enviro Wildfire (part of the time)

##### APOLOGIES

Nicki Holderness, Lorraine Holloway, Graham Noble, Debbie Ellis, Andre Blom, Simon Liell-Cock, Felicity Purchase, Siphon Malutzani

#### 2. WELCOME

Marti Welcomed all present and asked if the presentations could be made before addressing the rest of the Agenda.

#### 3. MASIPHUMELELE

Lutz van Dijk tabled a document outlining an approach towards sustainable disaster prevention in Masi. He felt that Masi was at a critical cross-roads and that sensible action was needed urgently. In speaking

to the document he expanded on three suggestions: (1) All disaster areas must be changed into human settlements with basic services and access roads in a safe, hygienic environment; (2) The establishment of a separate, professional, elected, paid-for and accountable council authority in Masi; (3) The targeted development of a Masi middle class. Steve Perret tabled a second document providing detailed facts and figures to back up these points. There was a general feeling that the current approach being taken by the City was not adequate or appropriate. Things were currently very tense in Masi and there was an urgent need to take action that would transform Masi into a community rather than a township. It was agreed that a separate FSPCF follow-up meeting to discuss the way forward take place on 5 April 2016, 17h30, FH Sub Council. Prior to this Marti will schedule a meeting to obtain and share more information to a working group comprising Kim, Lynn, Trish, James, Matthew, Steve, Lutz, Marike (and possibly others). Marti will also try to get a copy of the Masi Development Framework circulated to the working group prior to its meeting.

**MARTI**

#### **4. SOCIAL CONCERNS AND SECURITY PROGRESS.**

Johan Kikillus outlined the dismal state of seven key areas in Ocean View: Education, Health, Social Development; Safety and Security; Justice; Law Enforcement; Housing. He called for the FSPCF to move forward positively taking the past into account, particularly with respect to Ocean View's apartheid history which he felt had been completely neglected by all the different authorities over the years. It was suggested that an essential starting point was improving the circumstances and education of young children. Johan called for a positive vision. Lutz cautioned that there should not be competition between Ocean View and Masi, rather the communities should work together. It was noted that a key factor in developing a stable middle class in both Masi and Ocean View was home ownership. Patrick suggested that one of the FS meetings should be held in Ocean View as a mark of solidarity if the local leadership agreed.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF QGM 17 NOVEMBER 2015**

The minutes were approved. Patrick was thanked for providing such comprehensive minutes.

#### **6. FORUM OPERATING PRINCIPLES**

Patrick spoke briefly to the Forum Operating Principles that he had been working on over the past years and which had been previously circulated. These were unanimously approved. Steve Perret's suggested point about officials needing to accept responsibility rather than palm it off to others, was added to the list.

#### **7. SEA AND OVERLAY ZONE**

Several FSPCF members had attended the recent presentation by City Officials to the Sub Council on the Far South SEA. It was clear that the City did not consider the SEA as a formal policy, merely a report which could provide input to policies. The SEA highlighted a number of key issues in the FS, including the need to develop integrated public and non-motorised transport; the need for an updated Transport study in the area; use of overlay zones for fire risk areas, scenic routes and environmentally sensitive areas; greener housing; the need for an official monitoring and evaluation mechanism to measure the effectiveness of bulk service delivery; closer collaboration with SANParks in managing buffer zone areas; and the need for gap-housing. Felicity and Simon had presented some of the FSPCF's questions to the Officials but answers merely reinforced the non-legal nature of the SEA report which still had to be presented to Mayco before elements of it could be considered for inclusion in an amended SDP.

Simon made an impassioned plea asking how the FS, with its tourism and recreation economic driver, could be legally protected from overdevelopment. Response from the City had suggested that it would not be possible to have a Far South overlay zone, but rather that the SEA findings, and other relevant information needed to go into an updated Local Area Plan for the Far South.

#### **8. FAR SOUTH TRAFFIC PETITION 'GATVOL'**

The updated petition was accepted, and all agreed to circulate it as widely as possible. Lesley would email an electronic version to all FSPCF members with details of how to put it into action. FSPCF members in different areas should identify drop off points for signed petitions and collect them from there. The deadline is 31 March 2016. Thereafter the FSPCF would liaise with the press to get as much publicity as possible. Marike undertook to put the petition onto Avaaz. **LESLEY, MARIKE, ALL**

#### **9. TRANSPORT POLICY AND ENGAGEMENT**

James briefly highlighted the many aspects of this that he was working on. He expressed deep concern about the fact that upgrades on Ou Kaapse Weg (in the Valley), the Main Road and Kommetjie Road would all be taking place at the same time. He reported that the Transport for Cape Town Study for the Far South was on the Council agenda for budget approval. Bruce asked if James could get a copy of the terms of reference for the Transport study. **JAMES**

Marti asked James to investigate better coordination of bus routes. **JAMES**

James asked that the FSPCF find a mechanism to put questions to the Mayor and get responses.

James expressed deep concern about all the proposed developments in the area and their traffic consequences. He would be having a meeting with planning officials during the coming week.

#### **10. MUNICIPAL PLANNING BY-LAW, TRIBUNAL, APPEALS**

Extreme concern was expressed about how the City had managed the appeal process related to the Riverside Extension. Bruce pointed out that this could form a precedent with a potential 7000 additional dwelling units in the offing. A key point that had been ignored is the mandatory provision that the traffic requirements be provided for prior to approval of additional developments.

Bruce had previously circulated Megan Adderley's recommendations concerning the right of appeal of objectors to the Riverside Extension development application. The development had been rejected by SPELUM but this decision had been overturned by the Mayor. Megan suggested that the FSPCF get a legal opinion from Senior Council (she recommended Sean Rosenberg) on the merits of challenging the approval. Bruce offered to underwrite the initial cost. It was agreed Bruce go ahead with Megan, and that once the cost of Senior Council was known, an appeal go out to FSPCF members to contribute towards costs. **BRUCE**

#### **11. IDP MEETING REPORT BACK**

Kim reported that the key thing to emerge from the meeting with officials in December was that the FSPCF must make strong input on the new 5-year IDP process which would start in the middle of the year (2016). Kim will attempt to find out more about the IDP process and timelines. **KIM**

#### **12. PUBLIC MEETINGS re TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND EDUCATION**

Marti reported that she had not been successful in getting an invitation to the Mayor, and that, despite considerable pressure on Mark Wiley, she had not yet managed to get meetings with the MECs. She will continue the pressure. **MARTI**

**13. REMUNERATION PACKAGES OF POLITICIANS AND OFFICIALS**

This item had been put on the agenda by Nicki and it was agreed to discuss it when she was able to be present.

**14. INVITATION TO SCHOOLS TO ATTEND FSPCF MEETINGS**

Patrick was liaising with school life orientation teachers prior to issuing invitations.

**15. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Noted and approved.

**16. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Noordhoek 2030 Vision Process:** Lynn reported back briefly on the success of this well-attended process. More discussion on the conclusions will be provided at the next FSPCF meeting. **LYNN**

**Recent Fires:** Unfortunately Rob Erasmus had to leave before he could give a report. Marti provided a brief report. Positive action that was being taken included: PRASA reducing the time it takes to switch off electricity; setting up Fire Wise Communities in cooperation with neighbourhood watches; and the mock disaster management exercise held in Simon’s Town. Marti confirmed that arson, some intentional, some accidental was the cause of most of the recent fires, however it was extremely difficult to determine and prove responsibility.

**12. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 20h00. The next Quarterly General Meeting would be on Tuesday 3 May 2016. A special meeting to address issues in Masi and Ocean View will take place on Tuesday 5 April 2016

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Minutes Approved:

Date:

Chair:

Secretary: