

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, FISH HOEK ON THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2006 AT 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**
2. **GUEST SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DEMETRI QUALLY**
Chairperson - South Peninsula Sub-Council
3. **MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25.05.2006**
The full minutes are available at Fish Hoek Library, Regal Cycles, Weavers, Wakefords and Pennylane (Valyland). A precis of the minutes (micro-minutes) is enclosed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
5. **COUNCILLORS' REPORT**
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
8. **GENERALfollowed by refreshments**

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NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2006

The way forward for the Far South Peninsula

What do the changes in the municipal administration mean for our area? To get some clarity, this Association's chairperson and the chairperson of the Far South Peninsula Community Forum (umbrella organisation of community organisations in our area) met with councillor Demetri Qually (chairperson - Subcouncil 19) and ward councillors Nicki Holderness and Felicity Purchase. Although the administration's intention is to delegate substantial powers to Subcouncils, what this means in practice will only be decided at the City of Cape Town Council meeting on 31 August. The intention also is that Subcouncils will be the instruments for public participation and that instead of ward committees, forums be established with common interest groups such as civic associations, business associations, etc. .

The councillors agreed on the importance of seeing results. Specified projects had to be targeted and completed. We requested that there be clarity in terms of who is responsible for what – and what areas – and noted the importance of getting job descriptions in place. There needed to be decisions on what the acceptable service levels are for our area and for activity reporting to be established to monitor the service delivery..

Cllr Demetri Qually will be the speaker at our quarterly general meeting and will address these issues.

Implementation of approved budgets and the new budget cycle

Each ward received a capital budget of R200 000 and an operating budget of R200 000 for ward expenditure in this financial year. It is the stated intention of our ward councillors that the targeted expenditure be expedited for completion by February 2007.

The new budget cycle for 2007/2008 starts with the Integrated Development Plan, on which we intend to make appropriate input under the aegis of the FSPCF. Although the IDP steers the City's budgets, the process of establishing the new budgets will run in parallel. In this regard it is critical that we make an early input and we request members to use the reply slip at the end of the newsletter to identify issues to us.

Development decisions without overall planning

There is no denying this area is going to develop, but it needs to develop within a framework of environmental sensitivity, which is the draw-card of the area, not only for its residents but also for tourism. This Association has long called for a holistic infrastructural study, which recognises this sensitivity, and for improvements to the infrastructure to cope with existing development before more developments are approved. This was one of the issues raised in the meeting referred to above. A structure plan for the Fish Hoek Valley, extensively workshopped with the public and interested parties and approved by Council in 1999 (although not yet approved by Province) is conveniently ignored. On the other hand, it appears that planning officials are using the flawed Greater Kommetjie/Sun Valley Bulk Infrastructure Study as a reference, despite the fact that it had no public participation and was intensely criticised by civic associations.

Retirement village proposed at Serina

The newest of the many housing developments being proposed for our area is a retirement village on the Serina site. The developer is proposing a total of 233 units comprising housing complexes and apartment blocks. In addition, single units, a healthcare facility and a club house are proposed.

This Association has registered as an interested and affected party for the environmental impact assessment being undertaken by an environmental consultant. Although we recognise the potential need for a retirement complex, we believe that any development should be conditional on the infrastructural study for the area being undertaken by the City to identify current capacity and to define a planning model for the future. We are also of the opinion that developers should contribute towards this study, provided it does not in any way compromise impartiality. We have requested that alternative proposals for this particular site be identified and evaluated, as required by legislation, so as to permit an enlightened decision.

New Council signs over the top

The City of Cape Town paid a communication company R5 million to put Council signs across the Unicity as part of a "branding" exercise. The signs, in three languages, are intended to identify municipal buildings and facilities with a common message of 'This City works for you'. However, the size and location of the signs do not comply with the City's own signage bylaws or national legislation and, in certain cases, conflict with road

safety and scenic drive prescriptions. Also, in many cases, the signs are obtrusive and have drawn the ire of residents as they detract from the environment in which they appear. This Association took up this matter with our Ward councillors and Ald Holderness has requested a review of this decision at the Planning Portfolio Committee.

Amenities on the go forward

Subscribing to the policy of reporting and accountability to the Subcouncil, the District Manager: Sports and Recreation (which includes the Far South Peninsula) presented a comprehensive report to the July meeting of the Subcouncil. In this report he identified, inter alia, the following planned works: rehabilitation of the Fish Hoek dunes, the demolition of various prefabricated and unsafe structures on the Fish Hoek/Clovelly beach front, the repair of the seawall along Jager Walk, the installation of safety railings along Jager Walk to comply with the Health and Safety Act, and the replacement of grassed areas at Fish Hoek beach. His department is willing to provide a more comprehensive management of the beach area by also taking over the cleansing functions. He has stressed the importance of a closer relationship with the community and this Association will endeavour to ensure this.

Cellphone masts on residential property

There is a proposal for a cellphone communication base station to be installed on a residential property in Peak Road and the Association has registered as an interested and affected party for the environmental impact assessment being undertaken. Measures are proposed to mitigate the visual impact of the antennae, but as the health effects of the masts are unclear, Exco member Jan Kriel has been tasked to undertake research of literature and legal precedents. Any member with relevant information should please contact Jan on 785 7141. As a precautionary principle we are opposed to the installation of cellphone stations on residential properties in residential areas and school grounds.

Crime monitoring cameras working well

The CCTV cameras in the Fish Hoek CBD are working well and some arrests have already been made. The recordings are kept for reference and the information is fed into screens, which are manned by security staff and also used by the police. A donation from the Association has joined donations from residents and private businesses and monies raised by Fish Hoek Chamber of Commerce, False Bay Business Network and Rotary. The extra money will add about seven cameras to the three that are already there. The placement of the cameras will depend on police and security intelligence and the cameras will be moved as this intelligence dictates. The hope is that the surveillance will eventually include Vallyland and link up with the cameras around the Galley restaurant. There is also a move to raise funds for cameras along Jager Walk. Contributions should be made to the Fish Hoek Community Police Forum's account #62029572345, FNB, Fish Hoek, marked CCTV Cameras.

Gambling machines licence request for Tattersalls

The Fish Hoek Tattersalls in First Avenue have requested a limited gambling machine premises licence which would allow a maximum of five "limited gambling machines". Comments and objections should be sent by Friday 18 August to The Chief Executive Officer, Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, PO Box 8175, Roggebaai 8012 or faxed to 422 2603. The Exco of this Association is not opposed to this particular application.

Fish Hoek Valley Museum needs your assistance

At the last QGM concern was expressed about the future of the museum and Exco has investigated this further. All assets are held in the name of the Fish Hoek Valley Museum Trust and the running of the museum depends on the voluntary work of the curator and her assistants. The museum is housed in a property leased from the municipality. It is in dire need of external maintenance. Further maintenance needs are improved lighting and internal painting. As regards equipment the museum urgently needs a slide projector (with a spare bulb) to replace its present projector, which is almost a museum piece! Although the museum has applied for a council grant-in-aid for 2006/2007, it relies on donations and this Association has decided to make a donation of R500.

In addition to catering to casual visitors, the museum makes presentations to school and tour groups and responds to many research queries on the history of the Fish Hoek valley. The museum needs retired people who are willing to learn some local history and provide assistance on a roster basis. Any help that our members can offer will be highly appreciated. Please contact the curator, Joy Cobern, on 782 1752 or e-mail her at fhvmuseum@kingsley.co.za.

TELEPHONE LIST FOR MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS & OTHER CRITICAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT (Location)	CONTACT PERSON (where applicable)	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Amenities (Muizenberg)	Jan Fourie	788 7881
Beach Management/Caravan Park		782 5503
Call Centre (general) - City wide		086 076 5423
Cleansing/Refuse Removal (Simon's Town)		786 3660
Electricity Call Centre - City wide		086 012 5002
Electricity (Muizenberg)	Ashley Warelane	788 8961 ext 208
Emergency - General Line		782 2222
Fire Services	Neville Amber	784 2032
Fire Station (Fish Hoek)		782 2222
Housing (Ottery)	Hans Smith	704 1206
Law Enforcement (Fish Hoek)	Leon McDuling	784 2033
Parks and Recreation (Noordhoek)		789 1154
Plumstead Offices - General		710 8000
Roads (Fish Hoek)	Chris Mayhew	785 5467
Sewerage (Fish Hoek)	Chris Mayhew	785 5467
Squatter Control (Ottery)		704 1950
Subcouncil (19) - General Office (Fish Hoek)		784 2002
Subcouncil (19) - Area Manager (Fish Hoek)	Andre Jacobs	784 2010
Traffic Services (Hillstar - Ottery)		799 5100
Water - all areas (Constantia)		712 9364
Water (Fish Hoek)		785 2370
Emergency Control Centre (Fish Hoek)		782 0333/4
False Bay Hospital (Fish Hoek)		782 1121
Police (Fish Hoek)		782 6333

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Post-scriptum - Missing identification

Will the member holding receipt #61 issued by Regal Cycles on 16 or 17 February please contact us as the carbon was not inserted in the receipt book and we are not able to identify the member.