

ZANDVLEI PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE IMPERIAL YACHT CLUB, MUIZENBERG ON 25th May 2016

Present:	Daiman Gibbs (DG) Gavin Lawson (GL) Anthony Roberts (AR) Bob Craske (BC) Mike Miller (MM) John Fowkes (JF) David Walker (DW) Joshua Gericke (JG) Carol Watts (CW) Nyanisa Tshaya (NT) Bernell Verster (BV) Dalton Gibbs (DG)	ZSC, Chair CBC CTEET MdGA PCC Westlake Wetlands Project Sea Cadets/CPUT Manager, Zandvlei Nature Reserve Minutes DEADP CCT Biodiversity Management
Apologies:	Dave D'Alton (DDA) Sandra Fowkes (SF) Boudje Giljam (BG)	
Invited:	Deena Pillay (DP)	UCT

Item		Action by	Date due
Meeting opened: 15h00			
1.	Welcome: Extended to all by Daiman Gibbs. He introduced Bernelle Verster, who gave some background on herself, and members of the committee then introduced themselves to her.	DG	
2.	Attendance Register: signed by all.		

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3	<p>Minutes of previous meetings: Proposed: Gavin Walker, seconded: John Fowkes; accepted as correct.</p>	GW, JF	
4.	<p>Matters Arising: none.</p>		
5.	<p>Presentation by Deena Pillay on Water Quality in Zandvlei, part of his 5-year research project on Water Management. There were three aspects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High resolution temporal world: the impact of opening and closing the mouth of the vlei. 2. To develop a rapid way of assessing stress using biochemical markers. 3. To work out thresholds of impairment. <p>He had a number of students working on various aspects, and hoped that they would do a presentation at the June meeting. Sampling in March had shown a variation in Oxygen content in Zandvlei, being lowest near the railway line bridge and the bridge further down. Sampling was undertaken in the main body of water, and not the canals. The proposed water monitoring project, listed in an addendum to the minutes, was discussed. It was felt that it would slot into this project. David Walker undertook to head it and give monthly feedback.</p>	DP DW	
6.	<p>Integrated Reserve Management Plan 2016 update. Sandra Fowkes is absent until the end of June, but there had been some progress. The subcommittee will be meeting again in early July, and it is anticipated that there will be progress at the July ZPAAC meeting. There were 3 sections that still needed to be reviewed. The finished document needs to be submitted by the end of November.</p>	SF	
7.	<p>Recreational Water use By-Law. There had been little feedback, mainly from the Marina da Gama Association and a few individuals. Minor changes had been proposed; these would be referred to CTC via the Portfolio Committee. A few points were clarified: much of it does not apply to Marina da Gama. It was suggested that Water Body Advisory Committees and sub-committees could make recommendations to CTC for their particular body of water as it became necessary. A proposal was put forward that a voluntary Safety Officer be appointed. This was discussed.</p>	GL	

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8.	<p>Coastal Management Feedback</p> <p>This was screened and read out by Nyanisa Tshaya. The Zandvlei updates is currently under review and the update is expected to be completed by the end of July this year. It covered the Overberg and Eden regions only; City of Cape Town (incl Zandvlei) was not included.</p> <p>Questions were fielded and a few points clarified.</p> <p>Damian Gibbs requested a copy of the presentation.</p> <p>A definition of the Coastal Setback line was given by Dalton Gibbs: that area above the coastline that was liable to flooding and where no building may be undertaken.</p> <p>Launch sites were discussed.</p> <p>Letitia would give further feedback at the next meeting.</p>	NT	
9.	<p>Membership Review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coniston Park Ratepayers Association had shown an interest. 2. Muizenberg and Lakeside Ratepayers Association wished to send a representative: Yvonne Bulgen. 	JG	
10.	General		
10.1	Bob Craske announced that Dave D'Alton was currently in a meeting re the financing of another weed harvester.	BC	
10.2	Mike Miller wished to know whether the yacht club was aware that there was a canoeing event scheduled for the weekend. It was affirmed, and he was advised that no sailing events had been scheduled.	MM	
10.3	Coral worm had been chopped out from under the Park Island Bridge. It was noted that it was growing and spreading rapidly.	JG	

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10.4	<p>Project list. Daiman had sent a provisional one out with the minutes. He asked for further suggestions and for volunteers to head them up. A revised table will be attached to these minutes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Management plan and vision 2. Coral worm 3. Dredging. Some has been done at the estuary mouth. Funds were needed. 4. Weed harvester. BC would provide feedback 5. Litter Traps. These were not being maintained due to insufficient funding. BC would provide feedback. ?Lakeside Management committee? 6. Mouth management to be defined. 7. S.A. Paddling championships. MM had this under control. 8. Water management. DW would handle this. 9. MdG Canals. The weed harvester was currently the best option available. for controlling weed growth. Bob Craske was investigating alternatives. 10. Accessibility for handicapped people was needed. Bob wished to speak about this at a future meeting. 11. Sandra Fowkes was appointed chair of ZCF. 12. Security around the Vlei. Quenic extended security company was mentioned. 13. Westlake wetlands. <p>Monthly report back on the various projects was required. BC and JG were advised to co-opt people to help them.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>MM BC</p> <p>BC</p> <p>DW</p> <p>BC</p> <p>BC</p> <p>SF</p> <p>JG</p>	
10.5	The Peninsula Paddle was scheduled for 5 th June 2016.		

Meeting closed: 16h30

Next Meeting: (to be confirmed)

Date: 22nd June

Time: 15h00

Venue: Imperial Yacht Club Zandvlei

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN