

ZANDVLEI PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE IMPERIAL YACHT CLUB, MUIZENBERG ON NOVEMBER 9TH 2016

Present:	Damian Gibbs (DG) ZSC, Chair Gavin Lawson (GL) CBC Anthony Roberts (AR) CTEET Mike Miller (MM) PCC Sandra Fowkes (SF) ZVT John Fowkes (JF) Westlake Wetlands Project Kyle Maurer (KM) CPUT David Walker (DW) Sea Cadets/CPUT Joshua Gericke (JG) Manager, Zandvlei Nature Reserve Cherry Giljam (CG) Friends of Park Island Bernelle Verster(BV) Resident Nyanisa Tshaya (NT) DEADP Angus Hemp (AH) Marina da Gama Yvonne Bulgen (YB) MLRA Carol Watts (CW) Minutes
Apologies:	Dave Walker Aimee Kuhl Dalton Gibbs
Invited:	Andrew Bennett, Kyran Wright from Friends of the Liesbeek

Item		Action by	Date due
	Meeting opened: 15h30		
1.	Welcome: Extended to all by Damian Gibbs		
2.	Attendance Register: signed by all.		

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3	<p>Illustrated Presentation by Andrew Bennett and Kyran Wright: Friends of the Liesbeek.</p> <p>Andrew outlined the management, maintenance and rehabilitation of the Liesbeek River from its source in the mountains near Kirstenbosch to its mouth. There were 3 phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drawing up of a plan of the entire river and dividing it into sections. 2. Details of intervention actions and programmes worked out. 3. Education and involvement of residents and businesses along its course. Rustenberg school was one of those involved; talks and workshops were held. A workshop was upcoming at the Rosebank Theatre. <p>Kyran, the project manager, took over: he was responsible for establishing bio retention ponds: cleaning, clearing rubbish and alien vegetation, replacing it with indigenous, rehabilitating and generally maintaining and expanding them. There was a noticeable increase in bird life and water flow. The plants were filtering out the chemical pollution, which resulted in higher quality water and better flow.</p> <p>They then fielded questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palmiet was considered to be suitable although there was some doubt about it from paddlers as it impeded paddling. • The question of funding was discussed. Wealthier residents were more conservation conscious and supportive. • Litter: domestic (including hardware), chemical and temperature. • Water usage by businesses, e.g. breweries, Kirstenbosch. It is monitored as far as possible. • Sustainability of programme. They try to balance expansion with maintenance. 		
4.	<p>Business matters:</p> <p>4.1 Staff position: Josh. He relies largely on students; one died recently. Bubbles who is now i/c Seekoeivlei would not be replaced. Funding is a problem, although some moneys have come through. Josh now has a new phone: 021 444 1489</p> <p>4.2 Updates to the Management Plan were detailed.</p> <p>4.3 Discussion: PAACs. Sandy felt that there were constraints to what ZPAAC members could do to assist implementation of the IRMP due to lack of leeway to make alterations / enhancements to the IRMP.</p>		

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4.4 4.5 4.6	<p>Damian felt that they had to nag to get anything done at all. He suggested that memoranda be sent to councillors, presenting solutions to problems.</p> <p>Josh undertook to circulate the plan for comment and feedback.</p> <p>Nyanisa gave feedback from Province.</p> <p>The mouth of the vlei at Muizenberg was to be opened on Friday 11th. This would lower the water and facilitate a planned litter cleanup over the weekend.</p>	JG	
5.	Any Other Business: Nil		

Meeting closed: 17h15

Next Meeting:

Date: 18th January 2017

Time: 15h00

Venue: Imperial Yacht Club Zandvlei

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN.