

ZANDVLEI PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE IMPERIAL YACHT CLUB, MUIZENBERG ON 20th April 2016

Present:	Daiman Gibbs (DG) Gavin Lawson (GL) Anthony Roberts (AR) Sandra Fowkes (SF) John Fowkes (JF) Boudje Giljam (BG) David Walker (DW) Dave D'Alton (D'DA) Joshua Gericke (JG) Carol Watts (CW) Nyanisa Tshaya	ZSC, Chair CBC CTEET ZVT Westlake Wetlands Project MdGA Sea Cadets/CPUT CT Councilor Manager, Zandvlei Nature Reserve Minutes Dept Environmental Affaire
Apologies:	Dalton Gibbs	
Invited:	None	

Item		Action by	Date due
Meeting opened: 14h00			
1.	Welcome: Extended to all by Damian Gibbs. He apologised for the deferment of the meeting, which had been scheduled for April 6 th .	DG	
2.	Attendance Register: signed by all.		
3	Minutes of previous meetings: Proposed by Dave D'Alton, seconded by David Walker. Alteration: under Invited: 'Capricorn Park' to read 'Coniston Park.' They were then accepted as correct.	CW	
3.1	Matters Arising: nil		

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4.	<p>Report back on The Estuary Management Forum organised by W Cape DEA&DP, held in March at Noordhoek.</p> <p>It had only been received that morning and was still to be distributed. Damian gave a résumé and would circulate it.</p> <p>Further discussion could take place at the next meeting.</p>	DG	
5.	<p>Discussion and work-through of the Integrated Reserve Management Plan.</p> <p>It had been previously circulated. There had been no comments from members; Joshua screened and enlarged on it, and proposed a change of wording in several places. These were discussed and approved. It would need to be periodically updated; maps to be added as necessary, and sewage spills discussed.</p> <p>Due to time constraints he stopped at the end of Section 2: Socio-Economic Content, and would continue at Section 3: Purpose, Vision/Mission and Significance, at the next meeting.</p> <p>It needed to be finished by the end of the year; someone was needed to drive it. Weekly/monthly input/review was needed. A sub-committee, to meet weekly, was suggested. Sandra Fowkes, Gavin Lawson and Anthony Roberts agreed to work with Joshua Gericke. Feedback and progress to be supplied at next meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting be held in a month's time, 25 May 2016.</p>	JG	
6.	Membership Review.	DG	
6.1	Bernelle Verster. Lives locally. A scientist and Bioprocess engineer. Works with water treatment in the wetlands. It was agreed to invite her to join as an expert.		
6.2	Joshua Cox. A social entrepreneur, co-ordinates artisans from the townships who cannot advertise for themselves. It was agreed to invite him as a guest to a meeting.		
6.3	Deena Pillay would like to present our findings to interested parties. Some 3 rd year students were also keen to participate. It was agreed to invite them to a meeting to give a short talk.		
7.	General		
7.1	It had been agreed that CTEET fund the minutes for this meeting.		
7.2	Damian said that he was under a lot of work pressure and that a vice-chair was needed. Mike Miller had been elected as Vice-chair; Joshua undertook to contact him.	JG	
7.3	Joshua requested that every second meeting be held later: from 4pm to 6pm. Resolved to have meetings 3-5pm as 6pm might interfere with club members use of the hall for evening training.	JG	

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7.4	It was necessary that there be projects to tackle, eg, updating the Reserve Management Plan. Dredging, weed harvesting, rubbish traps, the weir, water monitoring, education, office work. They need to be identified, allocated and have regular report-backs. It was important not to duplicate the work of, eg, Zandvlei Trust, but to be catalysed and not necessarily acted upon by members. Project summary attached at the end of the minutes.	JG	
8.	Any Other Business:	JG	
8.1	Josh showed a photo of two porcupines going through a hole in the Psoralea Park/Capricorn business park fence. Other species had been sighted there.		
8.2	Zeekoevlei lost 29 tons of carp due to an outbreak of the Koi Herpes Virus; There was a similar outbreak in the Westlake Pond area at Zandvlei in the last quarter, but only 350 were lost.		
8.3	Zandvlei Nature Reserve student accommodation had been procured at a City-owned house on the Main Road north of the Westlake river bridge.		
8.4	Electricity had been restored at ZENR offices after 5 weeks.		
8.5	An Observer Status course, 5-6 people at a time, was being initiated with an internal qualification. Species targeted were water birds, freshwater and estuarine fish, amphibians, etc. Anyone living on or near the reserve could become involved. A sighting would be entered on the data base.		
8.6	There was an upswing in vagrancy reported near the railway line.		
8.7	Port Jackson growth in the northern area east of the railway line was reported. It would be investigated for possible removal.		

Meeting closed: 16h10

Next Meeting: Date: May 25th Time: 15h00 – 17h00

Venue: Imperial Yacht Club Zandvlei

Acceptance of minutes

Proposer

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SIGNED: CHAIR.

Project List

Project Name	Owner	Sub Com	Status	Notes
Management Plan Revision	SF	JG, GL, AR	Ongoing	Sub com formed, meet regularly to update 2011 plan to 2016. Feedback at next committee meeting.
Dredging				Consideration for plan to dredge portions of the vlei over a long term period. Motivation, costing, needed.
Weedharvester			Ongoing	Case to be made for upgrade or new harvester to cope with demands.
Litter traps	AP			AP send report back email.
Mouth management				Canal walls are collapsing, main sewage
SA Paddling Champs	MM			Water level and weed management planning and execution. Event date June 2016
Water monitoring				Collate historical and ongoing data into accessible format and published. Dr Deena Pillay (UCT) and Dr David Walker (CPUT) both have research students working on projects.
Marina da Gama canals				Circulation of water in dead end canals. Proposals needed and evaluated, e.g. Inwater low power and low speed props using sustainable energy
Accessibility	BC			Originally raised by BC. Accessibility to the park for physically challenged
Zandvlei Catchment Links				Form a close link with organisations managing catchment areas to Zandvlei.