

ZANDVLEI PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE IMPERIAL YACHT CLUB, MUIZENBERG ON 4 AUGUST 2016

Present:	Damian Gibbs (DG) Anthony Roberts (AR) Mike Miller (MM) Sandra Fowkes (SF) John Fowkes (JF) Boudje Giljam (BG) David Walker (DW) Joshua Gericke (JG) Carol Watts (CW) Bernelle Verster S. Adams S. Khan Angus Hemp Yvonne Bulgens Dalton Gibbs	ZSC, Chair CTEET PCC ZVT Westlake Wetlands Project MdGA Sea Cadets/CPUT Manager, Zandvlei Nature Reserve Minutes DEAOP Biodiversity + coastal management CCT MDGA Lakeside Ratepayers Assn Councillor, CTCC
Apologies:	Gavin Lawson (GL) Bob Craske (BC) Abdulla Parker (AP)	CBC MdGA TCT
Invited:		

Item		Action by	Date due
Meeting opened: 15h00.			
Attendance Register: signed by all.			
1.	Welcome: Extended to all by Damian Gibbs. Welcome to Angus Hemp (Marina da Gama, Waterways) and Saa-rah Adams (Sub-Directorate: Coastal Management, Directorate: Biodiversity and Coastal Management, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning), and welcomed Sandra Folkes back from her travels.		
2.	Minutes of previous meetings: Proposed by Mike Miller, seconded by Anthony Roberts.		
2.1	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point 7 was clarified by Dalton Gibbs • Bye-Laws: Boudje was due to meet with Dave D'Alton to formalise a code of practice for current usage by MDGA. 		

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3.	Project list feedback:		
3.1	Coral worm: Josh reported: all clear outs at Milnerton had resulted in total regrowth. There would need to be ongoing clearance approximately every six months under the bridges. There was a shortage of manpower to tackle the problem; at least 20 people would be needed just for the bridges. The main vlei needed clearing out as well, which would be a major project. A decrease of nutrients in the water was reported to help, and it would be best done when the vlei was low.		
3.2	Dredging: Mike reported: it had been suggested that sand be pumped out over the weir, and the weir lowered. Various side-effects needed to be considered. The whole vlei needed to be dredged, possibly every 50 -100 years. The needs of the vlei needed to be balanced against the needs of the Urbanised False Bay coastline. Mike, Bernelle and Yvonne were asked to devise a strategy plan.	MM, BV, YB	
3.3	Litter Traps: were still not working; in the absence of Bob and Abdullah there was no further feedback.		
3.4	Litter Clean-up day: Muizenberg and Lakeside Ratepayers Association. Suggestions for implementing it were discussed: the Sea Scouts; hired help from Vrygrond (as was done by MDGA). It used to be done by Council, but the budget was no longer available.		
3.5	Paddling Event: it went well and there was good feedback. Bernelle Verster offered to draw up a calendar of forthcoming events.	BV	
3.6	Water Monitoring: research was ongoing, and a presentation by Deena Pillay at the next meeting was expected.		
3.7	Marina da Gama: Bob Craske was to have spoken on water circulation, accessibility, etc. Deferred to the next meeting.	BC	
3.8	ZCL: Sandra deferred to the next meeting	SF	
3.9	Security: Joshua: Vagrancy was reported to be on the increase (33 vagrants in the last quarter) especially in the Westlake and Slainkiebos mouth areas. Shacks were being erected and pulled down. A recycling centre at Slainkebos was a total mess, and steps had been initiated to have it removed. It went to court but was postponed. Quennic? had reduced security due to budget reduction. Illegal fishing was reported. 33 snares had been found on the fence line in Capricorn Park. Coniston Park/Sherwood Park Neighbourhood Watches had increased their patrols and been instrumental in catching miscreants.		
3.10	Westlake Wetlands: Kariba weed had been flushed out in the recent storm. Mexican water hyacinth was a threat, and was difficult to remove. The source of nutrients needed to be identified; a study was in the pipeline.		

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4	<p>Estuary Management Plan: updating continues, and should be completed by the end of November. Sandra, Joshua and Mike to meet and present a report by the end of August. Minutes to be circulated in mid September; a meeting to be held in mid-October and the plan adopted.</p>		
5.	<p>Mallards: they are invasive, are most prolific in the Marina, and are dispersing from there. Impacting RAMSAR and False Bay Nature Reserve. According to the National Mallard Strategy they may be kept only with a permit and if confined. The Government regulation is that all others must be eliminated. A strategy needs to be formulated. They interbreed with the local ducks; it was noted that yellow-billed hybrids tend to stay with yellow-billed ducks.</p> <p>Egyptian Geese: they are indigenous, but becoming more prolific. The problem is not yet urgent; March – July would be the best time to cull them.</p> <p>Contact details: mfundo.tafeni@capetown.gov.za deals with invasive fauna. He would be asked to speak at the September meeting meeting find out time lines, preparation, etc.</p>	DG	
6.	<p>Weed Eater: in the absence of Bob Craske Joshua reported that it is currently not functioning as the blades are being modified; it should be functional in about 2 weeks' time. Approximately 100 tons of Kariba weed had washed down from the Westlake river during the recent storm; an estimated 90% had been removed. There had been a misunderstanding over the new harvester; a dump truck with grabber had been delivered instead. A new harvester was not on the budget. The weed eater at little Princess Vlei was in an even worse state and was out of action most of the time.</p> <p>It was queried whether some means of circulating water through the Marina Canals was possible. Water salinity was higher due to the drought; seals had been seen in the vlei.</p>		
7.	<p>Membership Review: Coniston Park/Sherwood Park: 1 representative.</p>		
8.	<p>Any Other Business: Nil</p>		
<p>Meeting closed: 16h50 Next Meeting: Date: 7th September Time: 15h00 – 17h00 Venue: Imperial Yacht Club Zandvlei</p> <p>SIGNED: CHAIRMAN.</p>			