

ZANDVLEI CATCHMENT FORUM (ZCF)

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 20 March 2018

At 10h00 at SANPARKS CAPE RESEARCH CENTRE

SUMMARY OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

All	Provide feedback to JJ on the GIP presentation and do not distribute outside of the forum.
All	Offer to lead a monthly Source to Sea walk within the catchment.
JR & SF	Organise the first Source to Sea walk along the Pagasvlei and Spaanschemat.
All	Continue to send through any activities within the catchment that can support and brand the S2S vision.
TC	Follow up with Councillors to confirm availability on 7 August before sending out the meeting request.
TC	Send relevant contact details to BV for next meeting.
SF & SG	Provide tea, coffee and savoury snack for the next meeting.

1. WELCOME

SF welcomed all attendees to the meeting and presented the agenda. Introductions were done to gauge the representation at the forum meeting. SF noted the importance of again highlighting the consideration of what value the meeting has or does not have, as discussed in the previous meeting.

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

The following apologies were received: Abdulla Parker, Anthony Roberts, Bryan Radcliffe, Candice Haskins, Conrad Frehse, Dalton Gibbs, Erica Gilbert, Erica Hobbs, Eugene Moll, Jenny Clover, Jess Kavonic, John Fowkes, Liz Brunette, and Penny East.

It was noted that the ZCF was not well represented due to the postponement of the meeting.

Note: The list of participants is at the end of the minutes (pg5).

2. AMENDMENTS THEN APPROVAL – minutes 3rd October 2017

Minutes were recapped during the meeting and no changes to the minutes were raised.

3. MATTERS ARISING

SG asked that attendees please add or subtract names from the attendance register during the meeting. TC will be compiling the database and the forum needs to keep track of individuals that are no longer involved or other stakeholders that should be involved.

In terms of the action points from the previous minutes:

- SG still needs to distribute the relevant presentation from the international interns.
- SF still needs to write thanks to SANParks and the Cape Research Centre.

4. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN (Joanne Jackson)

JJ presented on the City of Cape Town's Green Infrastructure Plan (GIP), which is linked to the Environmental Strategy and Climate Change Policy for Cape Town. JJ explained that the City is developing this plan in order to protect and enhance existing natural environmental assets whilst working with development, and integrating with the planning process, in order to underpin the sustainability of Cape Town and improve its resilience to the effects of climate change. GI has multiple definitions however, there is common thread of connectivity and the involvement of nature to solve problems in urban areas. The 'green' does not only refer to ecologically rich areas, such as in the Biodiversity Network, but all areas that provide a suite of ecological services.

In terms of the GIP for Cape Town, there are three key components:

- A 'spatial' component – mapping 'green' spaces and attributing values based on supply and demand of ecosystem services using a matrix approach.
- A 'policy and strategy' component - comprising guidelines, strategies, action plans etc.
- A 'project' component, whereby specific projects are identified and undertaken to enhance and improve ecological service provision and community benefit, such as the Source to Sea.

BV noted the significance of the different meaning attached to the use of the word 'space' versus 'place' and how this might influence the receptiveness of the GIP.

SF commented on the importance of understanding that GI is a nexus where different aspects come together. She identified that there will be a challenge in trying to frame GI as being beneficial to different work streams, not just the environmental. Monitoring and evaluation of this project will also be difficult but key to its success.

JJ would provide the presentation but asked that it not be redistributed outside of the forum. She noted that this is work in progress and would like feedback on the initial ideas.

5. SOURCE TO SEA: BACKGROUND AND UPDATE (Joanne Jackson and Stephen Granger)

JJ explained that Source to Sea (S2S) is a project that falls within the GIP. S2S has had a long history of planning but has lacked the capacity and resources for implementation. Currently, the Environmental Management Department is looking to revive the project through various avenues.

Some ideas include:

- A. Space activation through monthly walks or reactional use

- **SG asked that people offer to lead the monthly walks through their areas of the Source to Sea.** This would be a way of engaging the ZCF further and exploring versatile areas along the river.
- **JR agreed to lead a walk through the Spaanschemat and Pagasvlei. SF agreed to assist with planning and providing the date.**

B. Adopt a River Reach education program

- The City would like to start implementing this program in the next financial year. This program aims to associate schools with a portion of a river in order to connect them with nature and promote them as stewards of the river. This could take the form of integrating river fieldwork through the school curriculum or through an afterschool ‘eco club’.

C. Branding and culminating existing activities

- The Source to Sea website was created as a platform to connect projects and events. It has not been used for a number of years and needs to be revived.
- During the meeting, JJ laid maps of the S2S out and asked participants to identify projects within the catchment on the map. This is an initial attempt to link projects together under one banner by visually representing activities. **JJ asked participants to please continue to send through any activities within the catchment that support and could brand the S2S vision.**

D. Wetland restoration and space improvement projects

- The City would like to begin implementing projects along the rivers using a ‘pearl necklace approach’. JJ noted that they have done a scoping exercise along the river to identify potential projects. Some of these project include:
 - Roscommon Road Wetland Restoration
 - Keysers River, Melomed Hospital site
 - Princessvlei

JR noted the importance of focusing on pockets of improvement and then rolling it out further. He understood that communities are more likely to get involved once they see some aspects of positive change. BV highlighted the importance of not only focusing action on the richer, ‘safer’ areas. She emphasized the need to challenge ideologies of green spaces and whom they might belong to, which is not only the affluent communities.

E. Working for Safety

- SG explained that the City has been engaging with the Department of Environmental Affairs around creating an EPWP-linked programme to combat the issue of safety in green open spaces. The discussions began as a way of securing catchments, such as the Zandvlei and Disa River, but could be rolled out to the wider Table Mountain National

Park. Individuals will essentially be trained to manage safety but will also be given skills to assist with alien invasive clearing and fire management.

KP highlighted the significance of EPWP projects and recommended that Councillors be more involved as implementing agents for such projects.

BV queried the value of the S2S project for civil society and asked how they may benefit from being involved. KP also noted that the S2S is a great project but little is being done. NN asked what issues the project has faced and how might one tackle those differently going forward. SG responded that the City is unable to do this project alone and needs civil society to be driving this project. The City now has certain targets that need to be implemented and stronger mandate to do so than before. The project needs more sustainable elements and a key person to lead the process.

6. GENERAL

SF asked attendees to give feedback on what value the meeting did or did not provide.

In terms of positive responses, attendees appreciated the value of highlighting success stories and focusing on key lessons learned. Attendees valued the variety of participants at the meeting but would like to see the partnerships within the ZCF revived with new stakeholders and community groups. Church groups and neighbourhood watch groups were identified as possible stakeholders. In terms of negative responses, it was felt that the content of this meeting was not particularly valuable to some.

7. NEXT MEETING

7.1 Date and coordination

BV will be coordinating the next meeting, which is based around the theme of *water quality and water quantity*. BV has tentatively set the date of the next meeting to **Tuesday 7 August**, or alternatively Tuesday 14 August. **TC will follow up with Councillors to confirm their availability before sending out the meeting request.**

She will be coordinating the meeting, with input from Candice Haskins and Conrad Frehse from the City of Cape Town. She would also like input on the Peninsula Paddle from individuals associated to Kevin Winter. It was suggested that Suretha Dorse also be involved and feedback on her work on Biomonitoring.

TC to send relevant contact details to BV.

7.2 Tea and snacks

SG will provide tea and coffee, and SF will provide the savoury snacks for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.10.

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