

ZANDVLEI CATCHMENT FORUM (ZCF)

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 3 October 2017

At 10h00 at SANPARKS CAPE RESEARCH CENTRE

SUMMARY OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

SG	Send international student presentation on the perception of riparian owners along the river.
All	Invite other participants to join in the ZCF.
SF	Write an official thanks to the Cape Research Centre for continuously hosting the forum.

1. WELCOME

SF welcomed all present to the meeting and presented the agenda. SF proposed that the focus of the meeting be around identifying what the value of the forum is and what is missing from the forum.

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

The following apologies were received: Candice Haskins, Dalton Gibbs, Erica Gilbert, Eugene Moll, Gavin Lawson, Gideon Topley, John Fowkes, Joanne Jackson, Jo-Ann Peterson, Ricardo Thompson.

Denisha Anand, the new Princess Vlei manager from CTEET, and Tuba Yesilyurt, a City of Cape Town intern from Aachen, were introduced to the forum.

Note: The list of participants is at the end of the minutes (pg4).

2. AMENDMENTS THEN APPROVAL – minutes 27th Feb 2017

No changes to the minutes were raised.

Minutes were approved, proposed by LB and seconded by AR on 03 October 2017.

3. REPORT BACK ON SOURCE TO SEA (S2C)

SG recapped that S2S is a project relating to a vision of restoring and upgrading river systems and the surrounding ecosystem services. The vision is for S2S to be a green stimulus package to ensure safety and inclusivity along river corridors. The project is in the process of bringing on additional capacity, which SG will report back on in the next meeting.

4.1 Source to Sea Projects

Two international students recently conducted research on the perceptions of green open spaces in relation to S2S. Laura Jonnard, a French student, conducted research on the perceptions of riparian residents and businesses and their relationships to the river. She found that perceptions were mostly positive but that lack of security what a threatening factor. Laura presented her findings of her research to Subcouncil 20. **SG will attach her presentation to the minutes.**

4.2 Green Infrastructure Plan (GIP)

As discussed at the previous ZCF, SG would report back on the City's Green Infrastructure Plan (GIP). SG explained that the City now has a mandate to complete and finance a GIP. GIP will involve three different components- a spatial, a policy and a project component. S2S falls within the project component.

In terms of the spatial component, a Green Infrastructure map is being created and valued through a matrix approach. AR questioned how this will sit within the City's Integrated Development Plan (IDP). SG explained that it is positioned within the Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF) as a specific layer that identifies 'green' areas. SG also noted that it will provide value as a 'development facilitation tool' by allowing development to occur in areas with less importance in terms of ecosystem service provision.

In terms of the policy component, a Green Infrastructure Bylaw is being drafted. This is a bylaw that would specifically focus on dealing with encroachments into Table Mountain National Park (TMNP). This is the initial intention for the bylaw but it will serve to deal with other environmental issues that have not been accounted for.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE VALUE OF THE ZCF

All attendees were asked to reflect on what value the forum has provided and what is missing in the ZCF. The following points were raised:

Value of the forum:

- Networking
- Promoting awareness, interaction and inclusivity
- Providing a platform to resolve issues with different stakeholders
- Identifying opportunities
- Contributing to fulfilling management plans
- Encouraging a more transdisciplinary approach

Missing from the forum:

- Action-orientated, collaborative projects
- Use of the forum for public comment and engaging civil society
- Core people and action groups driving the forum
- Teachings from other catchment forums

The ZCF participants appreciate the value of the forum but it was agreed that the vision for the forum needs to be readdressed and revitalized. There needs to be a stronger commitment to the forum and more key organisations need to be involved – such as SANParks and WESSA. **It was proposed that these organisations, and potentially some businesses along the river, be invited to the next forum meeting.**

SG suggested that a S2S event could be an opportunity for the catchment to collaborate. The event could market the S2S and increase awareness of the importance of rivers and the work of the ZCF. The Unogwaja Dare in December would be a viable option. SF, BV, KS, PE and PK agreed to be involved.

5. PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN OF FOCUS FOR ZCF

It was proposed that the forum commit to three meetings per year, each with different foci. These meetings should link with the management plan and be more structured. The following agenda was proposed for the 2018 meetings:

A. Specific project linkages in the catchment (Source to Sea)

- Date: February/March
- Chair: SG

B. Water quality and quantity

- Date: July
- Chair: BV

C. Partnerships and management plan

- Date: October
- Chair: SF and AP

6. **WAY FORWARD**

It was decided that SF would remain the key chair of the ZCF. The specific meeting ‘champion’ would be responsible for organising the meeting venue, date, agenda etc.

SF agreed to write an official thanks to the Cape Research Centre for continuously hosting the forum.

The meeting closed at 12.20.

PRESENT

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