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**Minutes of De Waterkant Civic Association Public Meeting
at Alforno Café & Bistro, 12 Jarvis Street, De Waterkant,
at 18h00 on 7 February 2017**

Attendees:

Management Committee

Ian McMahon, Chair
Francesco Uys Rootenberg, Secretary
Theodore Nortje, Treasurer
Heather Parker
Annalien Loots
Deon de Wet
Gary de Klerk

Apologies

Deon Redman
Garth Psaradelis

Attendees / invitees

Frank Kosi
Taswell Heubner
Mikael Hanan
Pieter Hartzler
Tobin Shackelford
Chris May
Allan Watt
Sue Joscelyne
Bernie Spiro
Raoul Fishman
Edward Whitehorn
Mike Knightley
Lorna Knightley
Jeremy Jonker
Karen Muller
Neil Viljoen
Rochelle Barnard (The Deck)

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked Alforno Café & Bistro for hosting the DWCA.

2. AGM

AGM will take place in second half of March. Date TBC.

3. Noise

FUR reported on noise complaints that have been received since last meeting in December and follow up of DR with Environmental Health regarding nuisance and liquor licences:

- a) Manhattan: 13 – follow up with Ops Manager pending
- b) The Deck, Cape Quarter (former Batstone): 7 – have been forbidden to have any further events; venue may also not sell liquor as license is not in order; DR and GdK are following up with Cape Quarter management to ensure compliance
- c) Piano Bar: 2 – have been provided with a cease order in terms of allowing live amplified music, the noise regulations have also been discussed in depth with the owners of the bar; they will no longer have any singers accompanying the piano and all speakers have been removed; the piano will only be played unplugged and measures to limit any outbreak will be undertaken
- d) Sky Bar at The Grey Hotel: 2 – noise control regulations have been explained and provided to owners; since there is virtually no means of soundproofing an open air venue a Health and Entertainment License cannot be issued and this has been communicated to the owners who have been instructed to ensure that there is no outside amplified noise the bar however continues to ignore these instructions; a meeting with owners is planned in February

Inquiry how to handle nuisance from neighbours. FUR and IMM explained complexity of dealing with private individuals guilty of noise pollution. Law Enforcement should be called and reference number obtained by complainants.

IMM and FUR also emphasized that despite issues with regular offenders many DW establishments were very collaborative and managed nuisance well, as well as adding to liveliness and safety of our area. Aim of DWCA remains to create win-win collaboration with venues that respect reasonable parameters that take the mixed use nature of DW into account.

Noted that any use of speakers require special event licenses from the city and that such licenses also involve consultation with direct stakeholders.

Frank Kosi organises parties from time to time at The Deck; he noted that no complaints were submitted regarding his parties. A last event has been organised for which tickets have been sold and which he would therefore still like to occur. Requested DWCA to support his request to allow this one event. MC agreed that if event permit is requested and DWCA can firmly establish that no complaints have been submitted on dates of his previous events, it will not oppose the request for a one-off license.

Built Environment

GdK provided an update on Built Environment matters:

- i) 15 Loader – approved by Council and aligned with DWCA recommendations
- ii) 157 Waterkant - Front steps, too big vs plans. New design approved by HWC and DWCA
- iii) 37 Loader – Internal improvements and windows on Napier approved
- iv) 51 Loader – block of 4 apartments – internal changes and veranda changes approved aligned with DWCA input

- v) 11-15 Loader – pending approval for change of façade. DWCA waiting for body corporate to submit plans.
- vi) 94 Loader – pending approval for second round of designs. No departures. DWCA deemed plans reasonable and fair.
- vii) 6 Bell View Terrace - to be presented in next meeting
- viii) House between Bell View Terrace and Waterkant Street - Temporary build steps, steps to disappear and then landscape area.

4. Parking

DDW informed meeting that there has been no progress with Council on parking issues since October. Next meeting planned in a month's time in Goodwood.

DDW noted that it is taking more than 5 months for delivery spaces to be properly regulated in line with Transport Management Plan.

HP suggested that pressure be put on Brett Heron, MayCo Member to progress further.

IMM noted that LE is not as proactive as ideal in terms of issuing tickets and that this requires follow-up.

AOB

a) Vermin on Loader

LK noted that there is a vermin problem in Loader Street.

IMM informed meeting that DWCA got Council to do de-verminisation 14 months ago.

LK noted that regular intervention would be required to master the issue

SJ noted that bins of V&L on corner of Loader and Dixon were source of contagion.

DWCA to request restaurants and residents to take measures to prevent attracting rats.

DWCA to liaise with Environmental Health to take action with regard to rats and cockroaches.

b) Upper Strand Fencing

IMM noted that palisade fencing has been finished along Upper Strand.

c) Appeal for MC Candidates

IMM appealed to attendees to consider standing as candidates for the MC in the next AGM.

Meeting closed at 19h15.