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Minutes of De Waterkant Civic Association AGM
held at Victoria Junction Hotel, Somerset Road, De Waterkant,
at 18h00 on 2nd June 2015

Attendees:

Management Committee

Ian McMahon, Chair
Francesco Uys Rootenberg, Secretary
Elda Storck
Heather Parker
Deon de Wet
Annalien Loots
Deon Redman

Apologies

Theodore Nortje, Treasurer
Garth Psaradelis

Attendees / invitees

Zak Schabort
Gustav Roberts, architect

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the internal meeting of the DWCA MC.

2. Approval of minutes

The Chair noted that no comments had been received regarding the minutes of the March Constituting Meeting of the MC that was distributed to members by mail. The minutes are duly considered to have been approved.

3. Plan for parking lot in Quarry

Background: five members of the MC elected not to endorse the Chair's proposal to endorse the plans to create a commercially operated parking lot in the Quarry. Four members voted in favour.

IMM noted that he was surprised by the reactions to his mail regarding his proposal to endorse the parking lot in the quarry, but respected the outcome of the democratic procedure.

IMM noted that Gert Coetzee has sent his comments noting that he would support the plan if it would be integrated with De Waterkant's parking plan for residents and businesses.

DDW indicated that he would highlight the possibility of linking the proposal to the DWCA parking plan, in his discussions with COCT.

AL noted as an aside that there may be a larger plan for the area which has not been clearly communicated yet, involving the Quarry as a whole.

HP, ES and FUR noted that proposed plan does not address root cause of traffic issues in city and indicates the lack of a coherent strategy. Noted that European examples indicate that making more parking available will only exacerbate traffic issues.

IMM proposed as further handling that DWCA request additional information from the COCT.

DWCA will not comment until further questions are answered.

4. Built Environment

a.) Plans for 21 Loader

Zak Schabort presented plans for development at 21 Loader that have already been submitted to Heritage.

MC members noted that plans for large window front as façade on second and third floors was likely to be rejected due to the ratio of aperture to brickwork, and requested that Zak provide sketches or pictures to show impact of the proposed development and its visual impact on the street.

b.) Waterkant St

ES noted that development included spiral staircase on Waterkant St side.

She has required developers to submit sketches and street views in order to better understand impact on street.

DWCA will not provide feedback until these have been submitted.

5. Steps Ribbon Cutting

De Smidt St steps will be officially opened at 10h30 on Thursday 11th June.

IMM noted that issues related to completion of steps highlighted the fact that DWCA does not have good relationship with key city officials and representatives.

MC agreed that steps need to be considered how to engage and build bridges with key city interfaces in order to improve service delivery and access in De Waterkant.

FUR suggests DWCA takes initiative to create a cross-community outreach and invite responsible officials and councillors to brief concerned community representatives in the area regarding the Quarry.

6. Any Other Business

IMM noted that there was a request for reimbursement of R1,200 from TN to clean park.

No objections were raised to this specific request.

As a matter of order and in terms of handling such requests in future, MC agreed that any requests for budget to support community initiatives must be approved by a majority of the MC beforehand.

However no funding will be provided to fund activities that should be executed by other responsible parties in the neighbourhood or city.

Role of DWCA is to ensure that responsible parties execute their given tasks appropriately rather than spending money on fixing issues that should be fixed.

Meeting closed at 19h30.