



Minutes of De Waterkant Civic Association Meeting
held at Victoria Junction Hotel, Somerset Road, De Waterkant,
at 18h00, Thursday 3rd July 2014

Attendees:

Management Committee

Ian McMahon, Chair
Theo Nortje, Treasurer
Francesco Uys Rootenberg, Secretary
Gert Coetzee
Heather Parker
Annalien Loots
Deon de Wet

Apologies

Elda Storck
Andrea Erwee

Members

Karen Muller
Krisjan Rossouw
Deon Redman
Allan Watt
Bruce Speirs

Marc Truss, CEO CID

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees and thanked Victoria Junction for accommodating the DWCA and its members.

2. Security Issues in De Waterkant - GPCID update

Requirement identified to discuss perception of increasing public order and crime issues in De Waterkant.

No update possible due to absence of CID - postponed to the next public meeting.

3. Sub Com updates

a.) Built Environment

GC informed the meeting that no new applications have been submitted in DWCA mandate area. Furthermore, no replies have been received from Council regarding ongoing matters.

AW noted that house on corner of Napier & Loader is being used as an office. Status and number of staff is unclear – requires clarification, specifically with regard to any impact on parking. GC to follow-up.

b.) Noise

FUR provided updated on noise complaints.

No formal complaints have been submitted since last meeting but communication with Manhattan is ongoing regarding the pro-active handling of noise complaints from neighbours.

GC noted that use of outside speakers on terrace could contravene city by-laws. FUR to follow up with Manhattan about use of these speakers on Waterkant St terrace.

4. Issues arising with regard to City of Cape Town (COCT) – Stadium & Somerset Hospital

IMM updated attendees on his meeting with COCT regarding use of Green Point stadium

COCT has R37M shortfall per year, therefore looking to commercialise gravel space along the side of the stadium, which could include a seven storey building.

IMM noted that attempt to manage commercial activities more effectively and overcome deficit will probably require some re-zoning.

Public Participation process to be kicked off.

IMM to keep De Waterkant members abreast of developments and alert them to opportunities for public participation.

GC noted that Somerset Hospital development will also require public participation and requires careful monitoring - – DWCA has formally been registered as and I&AP.

5. Requests for information & feedback from COCT

DWCA has received requests for Information from City of Cape Town regarding the following matters:

- a.) Informal trading plan – request to improve management of informal trading spots in the city by more formal infrastructure; closest informal trading area to De Waterkant would be pedestrian bridge on Buitengracht St.
- b.) Municipal Planning by-law
- c.) Electrification of Backyard Dwellings Policy
- d.) Volunteer Policy

No feedback was received from attendees on any of the issues raised.

6. Update on Ward Allocation Budget Proposal

No feedback yet from COCT regarding DWCA proposals that have been submitted for the Ward Allocation Budget (2015).

Councillor Bryant was requested to attend this public meeting in order to provide an update but failed to respond to the Chair's invitation.

Renewed requests for improved lighting have been received from residents; IMM noted that this was already part of the proposed improvements in the DWCA's request.

7. DWCA Communication Initiative

HP notified the meeting that a DWCA Newsletter was in preparation and would be distributed by mail. HP noted that De Waterkant WhatsApp group was having highs and lows in terms of use – reminder of group to be shared via newsletter.

HP furthermore notified meeting that DWCA “Warning Notes” will be made available to members in order to alert residents or visitors to their antisocial behaviour, specifically with regard to:

- Illegal or obstructive parking
- Illegal or obstructive placement of dustbins or rubbish

8. Any Other Business

a.) Noted that some recent film and photo shoots in De Waterkant have been particularly disturbing to residents and negatively impacted availability of parking.

IMM noted that last-minute notification of permission for shoots has made it impossible for the DWCA to follow-up as on previous occasions.

b.) Parking Issues

DDW notified that draft policy for COCT is ready. DWCA will arrange meeting after 2 July with Mr Lowry of COCT to review the proposals and assess feasibility of implementing DWCA recommendations within this framework.

Various attendees noted that illegal parking issues are exacerbating.

Particular concerns identified in Loader St and around Yoga Life studios.

DWCA to approach Yoga Life, as well as other businesses with similar concerns, with request to pro-actively alert their customers to the possibility of using Cape Quarter parking and the need for respectful use of available neighbourhood parking.

c.) AL noted that there were no pending issues of specific concern to De Waterkant currently being handled by the Sub-Council or Ward.

d.) GC noted that the elected ward and sub-council representatives had been prominent by their absence at DWCA meetings and by their failure to engage with the association. The Management Committee therefore requested that AL invite the new Chair of the Sub-Council to attend a forthcoming meeting and meet members of the DWCA in order to get a sense of issues of concerns in the neighbourhood.

15. Closure

The next public meeting will take place on Thursday 7th August.

Meeting closed at 18h45.