

PAARDEN EILAND CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR 01 JULY 2017 – 30 JUNE 2018

It gives me pleasure to present the Chairman's 13th Annual Report of the Paarden Eiland City Improvement District for the period ending 30 June 2018.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- The Executive Board, agreed to at the 12th AGM, consisted of 5 (five) members, with the option of co-opting an additional two members.
- At the first Executive Board meeting, Les Holtzhausen was re-appointed Chairman, Eric Stephen remained as Public Officer and took on the mantle of Vice-Chair, Glen Brockhoven retained the portfolio of Environmental Maintenance, Laurence Gawronsky (Traffic) and Rob Tiffin (Company Secretary).
- Greg Goodall of the Goodall Property Group was co-opted to the Board as the sixth member, but the Board failed to second a seventh.
- The City Council representatives were Councillors Dave Bryant and Fabian Ah-Sing, while Councillor Errol Anstey represented both Councillor Bryant and Councillor Ah-Sing whether they attended meetings or not.
- Two budget and six executive meetings were held during PECID's fiscal year.
- The fantastic co-operation and excellent working relationship between PECID Management and the City's various line departments meant that 97 percent of complaints received by businesses were addressed timeously.

ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR - Measured against the goals set in our business and implementation plans.

E ENVIRONMENTAL GOAL E1.1 – E1.11

- During the year, we continued with our small environmental team (PET).
- With 50 kilometres of roadside to keep tidy the team worked solidly to do this each month.
- An extra brush cutter was purchased to help cut overgrown verges which the City neglected to do.
- Several meetings were held with Solid Waste Cleansing Department, where challenges and operational matters faced by PECID were discussed. As the City only cleaned the area on an ad hoc basis an agreement was made whereby Solid Waste would remove some of the collected litter on a weekly basis. This turned out to be a tremendous help in reducing the number of trips made to the Woodstock Waste Depot in Beach Road.
- Also emanating from constructive meetings with Solid Waste an Action Plan to deal with littering and dumping, homeless people and recycling facilities, was set up with the Informal Settlements, Water & Waste Services By-law Enforcement. A three-pronged operation was planned to begin in June, but due to inclement weather this was delayed to July.
- Another year elapsed with no further input from Business Areas Management Branch of the Economic Development Department apropos the Informal Trading Plan for Paarden Eiland. We therefore continued with our own informal plan which worked effectively for roving traders, but we had no control over stationary vendors, except to check their trading permits.
- As a member of the Protected Areas Advisory Committee PECID was represented at each quarterly meeting. The first three years of the PAAC came to an end and we applied to continue our membership for the next three years.

PROJECT E1.PP2

ASSIST TBNR ZOARVLEI SECTION IN CLEAN-UPS

- Although we expected this to be a "never-ending" project, particularly where illegal campers were concerned, the constant monitoring by the Zoarvlei Manager helped to vastly reduce the number of illegals frequenting the Zoarvlei.
- The assistance of the EPWP also meant PECID joined in fewer clean-up operations than the previous year.
- For those in which we did assist, we provided extra men by employing casual labour for the day.

PROJECT E1.PP3

CONSERVATOR PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY AND CTEET

- Funded by PECID and in partnership with the City of Cape Town and the Cape Town Environmental Education Trust, the introduction of Reward Nzuzi as a permanent Conservator for the Zoarvlei began to have an enormous impact on the protection of the wetlands.
- We assisted in regular operations with Zoarvlei Management, Law Enforcement DPU and Social Development to remove illegal structures and campers.
- Together with Killarney Depot, we also played an important role in erecting a barrier to prevent illegal parking on the edge of the wetlands in Gray Street. Heavy vehicles had knocked down trees and compacted the surface which had to be loosened and trucked away before closing off the section.

E.2. GREENING & ENHANCING

- We did what we could in respect of this goal, but the crippling drought and water restrictions made it virtually impossible to do more than the minimum.
- Once again, we found a number of youths damaging plants and trees. With the possible threat of charges for malicious damage to property, parents and/or school principals were contacted and asked to deal with the boys' unruly behaviour.

PROJECT E2.PP1

PROCURE MORE TREES

- The procurement of more trees was again put on hold due to drought conditions.

FURTHER RECLAMATION & GREENING OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE ERVEN 17458/64/65 (NAUTILUS STREET NEXT TO THE BRIDGE)

- At time of writing, the word is that the occupiers of this POS have been given notice and we look forward to going ahead with this particular project soon.

E.3. POLLUTION

- The main culprits here were companies allowing pollutants to enter the stormwater system.
- All complaints were satisfactorily addressed.

E.4. MAINTENANCE

- General maintenance continued on roadsides, drains, grassed verges, parks and gardens. When issues were beyond PET's capabilities they were handed over to the City, either by emailing or phoning through C3 notifications.
 - Drain covers 35 down by 14
 - Potholes 30 down by 32
 - Sinkholes 02 up by 1
 - Street lights 23 down by 11
 - Traffic lights 13 down by 8
 - Water leaks 44 down by 86
 - Dumping 1 down by 3
 - Miscellaneous 16
- A meeting with District Engineers, Roads Department, Ndabeni Roads Depot and Traffic Services was held to discuss the upgrade of Carlisle and Industry Streets and concerns at T-junction Section and Marine Service Roads.
 - Following two site visits, the entire Carlisle Street was resurfaced, which was acknowledged with much appreciation.
 - Traffic recommended a three way stop instead of our initial request, going back as far as 2010, for a traffic signal at the T-Junction. At date of this report nothing further has been done on this point.

PROJECTS

E.4.PP1

REPLACE BROKEN FENCING

- The project to replace the fence stretching almost 1,5 kilometres in length along the FW de Klerk Boulevard was completed in May.
- The process, however was fraught with frustration, including long delays by red tape with our banking institution to confirm suretyship, a necessity in case of damage to HV cables.
- Eventually, the suretyship, in the amount of R348 350,00 was paid direct to the City, refundable once the project was completed without incident. To date, despite lodging our refund application in June, no refund has been made to PECID by the City.
- Fifteen test holes were done by the HV department, which also meant extra cost, although still within our budget.

E4.PP4

PATHWAY BETWEEN CARLISLE AND IRT

- Unused funds from the concrete pathway project across Paarden Eiland Park, completed the previous year, were supplemented with a further five thousand Rand to enable a paved pathway to be built between Carlisle Street and the IRT.
- Instead of concrete, brick paving was chosen to match the pathway on the other side of the IRT lanes, which PECID built some years ago when we developed Nautilus Park.
- The job was completed in October and many pedestrians expressed their gratitude.

§ SAFETY & SECURITY GOAL

Maintain Crime at Current Low Level

- Our two PECID Patrol vehicles, with nine officers and our CCTV surveillance team with six operators, all working 12-hour shifts, as well as the re-introduction of the SAPS CPU, were all instrumental in keeping crime at a reasonable level.
- Some months we saw slight spikes, but overall the years stats were impressive. They are mentioned under SAPS Maitland in this report.

S1 & S2 CAMERA SURVEILLANCE & GROUND PATROL

- The synergy between the five teams once again proved invaluable in keeping our streets and open spaces safe.
- PECID was given recognition for several incidents involving suspicious vehicles, caught on camera, monitored by controllers and officers and passed on to the relevant authorities, with subsequent arrests.
- Where positive footage was captured it was given to the appropriate bodies for judicial or insurance claim purposes.
- The distribution of regular crime alerts and news created an intense expansion of networking as more and more businesses became extra eyes and ears and contacted us with their suspicions.
- Camera Controllers called out Fire Protection Services to deal with fifteen fires during the year; ten in the Zoarvlei and others at businesses in Dorsetshire, Carlisle, Hermes, Wessex and Lowestoft Streets.
- As part of the protection of those travelling through our CID area, PECID Officers continued to patrol the IRT lanes between Woodstock and Zoarvlei.
- Our appeals to Traffic Services were addressed as and when they arose and it goes without saying that PECID is indebted to them for sending their officers and video unit to deal with contraventions as regularly as possible.

PROJECTS

S1.PP1 Additional Cameras

- All old PTZ Dome cameras were replaced with new HIK Vision cameras purchased during the previous year.
- Quotes were sourced for camera maintenance and installation of static cameras.

- Several companies were happy to install new systems but reluctant to service a system already installed.
- John Millward, designer and installer of our current Camera Control set up was approached and agreed to quote on behalf of NTI Security.
- At date of this report we await further quotations.

S3. SAPS MAITLAND

- Despite the lack of police members, crime stats were visibly down in three out of the four categories reported below.
- The re-introduction of SAPS CPU seemed to have a positive effect.
 - Burglary Business: 44 down by 8
 - Theft of motor vehicle: 9 up by 4
 - Theft from & out of motor vehicle: 36 down by 28
 - Armed/Business Robbery: 4 down by 2
- Regarding burglaries a definite pattern emerged of alarm systems not alerting the relevant service providers, either by fault or non-activation by key holders.
- The decrease in theft from & out of motor vehicles is indicative of our surveillance teams and high visibility of our Patrol Officers. Once a suspicious vehicle is spotted, our vehicles are deployed to be visible at almost every turn. Eventually the suspects leave Paarden Eiland to, no doubt, try their luck elsewhere.
- Two of the four robberies took place at a government storage facility and the others in Auckland and Section Streets.
- It may be well to mention that common robbery, a stat which we do not include in the four priority crimes, became a huge concern, particularly affecting pedestrians walking to and from work, the station bridge in Paarden Eiland Road, or early morning /late night from the IRT bus stations. General alerts for pedestrians to walk in groups had little effect.
- **ARRESTS 43 (FROM SAPS ANNUAL STATS)**
 - Burglary Business: 6
 - Theft out of motor vehicle: 3
 - Robbery with other weapon: 4
 - Theft: 15
 - Assault, malicious damage to property & fraud: 15

SR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GOAL

SR1 DISPLACED PEOPLE

- Several operations were held whereby the DPU arm of Law Enforcement warned illegal dwellers to move, failing which their structures would be demolished. That appears to be the new strategy of Law Enforcement; give fair warning before returning to action their threat.
- The wife of the elderly couple living under the palm tree just outside our border at last accepted being taken to a Government old age home by Social Development.

SR2 JOB SEEKERS

- PECID continued to employ casual labour at least once a month.
- This not only helped PET with their workload, but, for some, also put bread on the table for a day.

In addition to displaced people and job seekers, we again took responsibility for nature's creatures as well. SANCCOB helped us out on more than one occasion and as an appreciative gesture we sponsored twenty bricks at R50,00 per brick toward the building of their new sea bird hospital.

Although not financially, we supported the Cat Action Team volunteers when and where we could. CAT takes care of the feral cat communities in Paarden Eiland and depends largely on donations from local business.

M MARKETING GOAL

- Paarden Eiland is in the fortunate position of having so many things going for it, besides location, location, location.
 - **Where else** would you find an industrial area boasting so many green public open spaces, three parks, a canalized waterway and protected wetland area which is a section of the Table Bay Nature Reserve?
 - **Where else** would you find such close proximity to the harbour, the City, the seaside and the major arterial routes?
 - **Where else** would you find an area already confirmed as being safe and clean?
 - **Where else** would you find property owners holding on to their assets in trying times?
 - **Where else** would you find keen investors with a futuristic view of a potentially up-market residential area putting their money where their mouths are?
- The answer is, of course, Paarden Eiland.
- Believe me, it is not by chance that the above is true. It is because we, as a City Improvement District, have handed the vision to investors on a silver platter.
 - **Develop here** using the residential re-zoning to your advantage and enjoy the already existing greenness.
 - **Develop here** and rest assured that the area is safe and clean.
 - **Develop here** and be able to offer the amazing IRT bus routes to all major tourist destinations in and around the City.
 - **Develop here** and become part of the City's vision for bringing areas closer to the hub.
 - **Develop here** and find that your investment is a "finger extension" of Cape Town with its enormous tourist gravitational pull and all that the inner City offers.
 - **Develop here** and revel in the appreciation of your investment.
 - **Develop here** and be able to say to non-investors "I told you so"!
- Marketing Paarden Eiland?...Please!... Easy Peasy!
- The PECID Board of Directors are committed in every way to ensure that the area, in which your properties are situated, is protected... and there is no better way of saying it than by our slogan:
"Your investment Our concern"

THANKS

PECID's sincere thanks and appreciation go to:

- All City line departments, for their constant co-operation, which makes our operation so much simpler.
- CIDs Area Based Service Delivery, (Eddie, Joepie, Runan, Bonita & Nomnikelo) for their assistance, advice and tolerance.
- Maitland SAPS for their persistent endeavours to contain crime in trying times with reduced numbers.
- PECID's service providers who keep the wheels of public safety and security turning.
- Councillor Anstey for being the liaison between PECID and the City.
- My fellow Board members for always being available to step in with good advice or constructive input when needed. I also wish to thank Eric Stephen and Ros our book keeper for putting our financials and budgets together so well.
- Last but not least, to Patricia and Brynie who manage the day to day affairs of your CID with so much dedication and efficiency.


LES HOLTZHAUSEN
30 JUNE 2018