

SUMMARY MINUTE: MURP WYNBERG ACT (AREA CO-ORDINATING TEAM) MEETING HELD AT SUBCOUNCIL 20, NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CONSTANTIA, ON 27 AUGUST 2019 AT 10:20

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT:

Councillor Iversen	Ward 59 (Chairperson)
Councillor Brunette	Ward 62

PRESENT:

OFFICIALS:

Mr Denver Stevens	Cleansing
Mr Deon McDillon	Cleansing
Mr Wayne Petersen	Law Enforcement
Mr Randall Skrikker	Transport
Mr Brian Ford	Social Development
Mr Ivan Anthony	MURP
Mr R White	Subcouncil 20: Manager
Mr J Okkers	Subcouncil 20: Clerk
Mr Ebrahim Friddle	Transport
Mr Fugd Petersen	Transport
Mrs Janice Adams	Area Economic Development
Mr Sisa Ngondo	Area Economic Development
M Gavin Heugh	City Health
Mr Gerrard Langenhoven	Fire Services
Mr Alfredo Roman	Law Enforcement: Solid Waste Management Cleansing

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Mr Roger King	Wynberg Improvement District
Ms Nancy Krisch	CP Sub Forum Chair; Wynberg Sector

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mrs Alesia Bosman	Director; Urban Management Area South
Mr Brendon Fortuin	Transport
Mr Kier Hennessy	Spatial Planning and Urban Design
Mrs Melanie Ohlson	Transport
Mr Rupert Groenewald	Facilities Management

The meeting started at 10:20.

Discussion:

The Manager of Subcouncil 20, Mr Richard White mentioned that this meeting is a follow up from the Inaugural Wynberg Act Meeting(MURP).

Discussions ensued as follows:

Boundaries:

Cllr Brunette gave a broad overview of the boundaries that MURP will be focussing on. The Wetton and Riverstone Road to the north, the railway line to the east, Constantia Main Road to the south and Wynberg Village to the west.

In terms of issues the cemetery is a major problem as there is no security and is seen as a haven for street people. This causes anti-social behaviour.

Carr Hill Street into Waterloo Street does not pose much of an issue. Lonsdale Road comes down into Durban Road and follows into Wellington Avenue. This is important because there are many vacant City owned properties, vacant land and houses that belongs to the City.

Between the Railway line and Main Road there are mainly businesses with two blocks of flats. There are many issues in Leicester Road and Ebor Road. Mainly Ebor Road as there is a problem building owned by Mr Uli Heighdt.

Mr Ivan Anthony reported that the north western side is very important due to the overwhelming number of vagrants.

Maynardville Park also falls within this area and also has many vagrants in the park.

Wellington Avenue will need to be assessed by Property Management as soon as possible to establish what needs to be done with the vacant City owned housing stock.

The problem buildings in Ebor Road has had various interventions as mentioned, Mr Heighdt has been taken to Court and building inspections have taken place.

PTI

Mr Ebrahim Friddie from Transport reported that there is a Precinct Plan for the PTI. The plan needs to be renewed and then it can be presented to the Area Coordinating Team. The TOD and MyCiti Bus Route will also need to be incorporated into this plan. A consultant needs to be appointed and once this takes place the Precinct Plan will be renewed.

Mr Anthony stated that MURP has a panel of professional consultants that can immediately assist with design work for the precinct.

It is important that the Wynberg Improvement District also has a business plan and that it is shared with the Area Coordinating Team as they will be part of the process for the next five years. This will help with the cooperative design stemming from the different sectors involved, whether it be PRASA, the City and private organisations.

There are also short term interventions that can take place to improve the surroundings of the area. There is funding available to tackle the issues of crime, anti-social behaviour, street lighting issue, the maintenance of CCTV cameras and the closing off of problem roads such as Broad Road towards the western side.

These following five interventions will take place within the next few months to enforce the City's short term action plan for Wynberg. The bigger vision is to create better infrastructure with in that specific space with a catalyst PTI for future projects.

Mr Fuad Petersen reminded Councillor Brunette that the Area Coordinating team needs to focus its energy on the precinct to accommodate all major forms of transport, so that there is no confusion.

Cllr Brunette reported that there was a Business Precinct Management Plan ready to be implemented before the restructuring City (ODTP) and this plan can be used going forward as it will guide the Area Economic Development Department when working with the informal traders. There should be a market manager that will oversee all informal trading happening

and the strategic areas where traders will be allocated. At the moment there are traders scattered everywhere and most of them are not registered with the City.

Experienced Law Enforcement Officials need to be deployed at the PTI to work two shifts as there are taxis operating from 05:00 until 20:00. This needs to be part of the short term interventions that needs to take place.

Mr Sisa Ngondo reported that the City's Informal Trading Unit is very understaffed. There are only 16 officials that work for this unit that need to serve from Atlantis to the Cape Point Nature Reserve. Funding needs to be provided to add a larger staff compliment to this unit. Wynberg only has 15 legal informal traders. The rest of the informal traders are not permitted to be there. This is causing sidewalks to be congested, litter is constantly created and the anti-social activity happens as well in and around the non-permitted traders.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

1. It is recommended that experienced Law Enforcement Officers be based at the Wynberg PTI.
2. It is recommended that the current street lights at the Wynberg PTI be upgraded as well as the CCTV Cameras be maintained and monitored on a regular basis.
3. It is requested that an area Precinct Plan for the Wynberg PTI be renewed.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 11:54