



NAMING COMMITTEE

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CHAIRPERSONS REPORT OR ADDRESS

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The Chairperson of the Naming Committee, Ald E Andrews will address the Committee.

Dear Alderman, Cllrs and officials

May I ask we observe a moment of silence for the recent passing of our dearest colleagues, Frederick Venter, Martin VD Merwe, and Andre Jordaan.

It's a sense of excitement that I address you this morning at our inaugural Naming Committee during the current term of office. I look forward to working with all of you as we strategically utilize the opportunity we have as members of this committee to shape the narrative of Cape Town. This is a very important journey we will undertake as we will reflect and integrate Cape Town's story whilst processing applications received.

Just yesterday, we celebrated Africa Day. Africa Day is intended to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU now the AU) from its creation on May 25, 1963, in the fight against colonialism and apartheid, as well as the progress that Africa has made while reflecting upon the common challenges that the continent faces in a global environment. Cape Town also has its challenges it faces but as we all know in every crisis there are opportunities.

As we reflect on what should form the basis of strategic intent let us be mindful of the importance of names.

Names are important for a number of reasons. They:

- Identify us. Names are how we are known to others. They allow us to be distinguished from other people.
- Give us a sense of identity. Our names are a part of who we are. They can reflect our culture, our family, and our personal history.
- Help us connect with others. When we know someone's name, it helps us to feel more connected to them. It shows that we care about them enough to learn their name.

- Can be a source of pride. Some people take great pride in their names. They may feel that their name is a reflection of their positive qualities or their accomplishments.
- Can be a source of shame. In some cases, people may feel ashamed of their names. This may be because their name is associated with a negative stereotype or because they feel that their name is not unique or special.

As a Naming Committee, I would like us to consider these aspects when we deliberate on applications, chair participatory engagements or have casual conversations with colleagues and members of the public.

Colleagues, let us be mindful that the task before us would be both complex and stimulating. Complex because we would have to factor in South Africa's oppressive past and stimulating because we have an opportunity to use language to enhance our cultural and heritage diversity.

The levels of trust we hope to accrue can only be realized if we are consistent when we apply ourselves when processing naming requests. This can only be achieved if we have an agreed-upon metric, at our disposal to appropriately weight recommendations. I would request that Ald Nieuwoudt leads this work stream and invite committee members who would like to join her to indicate so in writing to her and include me in the correspondence.

Depending on the volume of applications, we will in all likelihood meet a minimum of [4] times a year. This excludes additional slots where we will have activity days and consider site visits related to the objectives of the committee. The PC meeting slots have already been sent to you. The activity day/site visit slot placeholders will be sent imminently.

Colleagues, at our inaugural meeting today, we will only adopt our committee Terms of Reference and our Process flow chart. The metric work stream, led by Ald Nieuwoudt will be the first item on our Matters Receiving Attention [MRA] list.

Additionally, as a second MRA, I would like to request a presentation from the City's Arts and Culture department to present at our next meeting confirming how they promote the role of culture as an important component of the City's development plans, and as a way to achieve social unity, sustainability and increase economic opportunities.

That concludes the chairman's report for our inaugural meeting.

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