

**MINUTES**

OF THE MEETING OF WARD COMMITTEE FOR WARD 15 OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN HELD IN THE STRAND MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COMMITTEE A ROOM, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, CNR FAGAN & MAIN ROADS, STRAND, ON TUESDAY, 06 AUGUST 2019 AT 18:00.

**PRESENT****WARD 15**

Cllr G Peck  
Cllr S Batala

Chairperson  
PR Cllr (arrived late)

**MEMBERS**

Hendrik Smit	Arts & Culture	Afrikanerbond Paardevlei
Anthony Van Minnen	DVG	Animal Welfare Society
Gail Sykes	DVG	Helderberg Hospice
Jo Swart	FBO	Life Church
Hugh Roe	Safety & Security	Helderberg Neighbourhood Crime Watches

**MEMBERS ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES**

Sarah Owen	CBO	Salvo Park/Firgrove Ratepayers Association
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**OFFICIAL PRESENT**

Chrystal Frantz	Sub-council 24
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**ACRONYMS USED IN THE MINUTES**

PR	Proportional Councillors
Cllr(s)	Councillor(s)
COCT	City of Cape Town
DVG	Designated Vulnerable Groups
FBO	Faith Based Organisation
CBO	Community Based Organisations
PCER	Progressive Capital Expenditure Report
EPWP	Expanded Public Works Programme
MAYCO	Mayoral Committee Member
SAPS	South African Police Services
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch
GIA	Grant-in-Aid
CCTV	Close Circuit Television

HCW	Helderberg Crime Watch
SAPS	South African Police Services
CPF	Community Policing Forum

**WC15 01/08/19      OPENING AND PRAYER /MOMENT OF SILENCE**  
(H/O 4/3/1/2)  
(Delegation 0)

The Chairperson, Cllr G Peck welcomed all present and a moment of silence was observed.

**WC15 02/08/19      APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE /APOLOGIES**  
(Delegation 0)

- Apologies received from Sarah Owen.
- Cllr Batala running late.

**RESOLVED**

That the apologies of the above member be noted.

**FOR INFORMATION: CHRYSTAL FRANTZ**

**WC15 03/08/19      OPENING ADDRESS BY WARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

*Welcome to the Ward Committee Meeting for August 2019. Over the past few weeks many people have lost their lives in the line of duty. 2 Officials from the COCT Water and Sanitation Department, a young police officer and 6 women murdered in the Phillippi area as well as all those that have been murdered due to the gang violence. I ask you to please stand for a moments silence. Thank you.*

*August is a special month in which we honour all women, mothers, sisters, aunts. The incidents of domestic violence, abuse of women and young girls must stop. Through highlighting our women. I hope that men will realise that the ladies in our homes are the backbone of the family, who need our love and respect.*

*The Law Enforcement Officer that will be placed in each ward in the metro is undergoing training and will be deployed into ward 15 in about October 2019. This officer coupled with our rent a cop will be able to assist to curb crime and will be able to implement the by-laws of our City.*

**Land Claims**

*I am finding it very difficult to get any meaningful progress on three land claims in Ward 15. The Land Claims Department very rarely reply to any correspondence and if they do it is vague with no indication of any commitment to any time lines. I have escalated*

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this to our COCT new Urban Management Department.

### **Firgrove Community Hall**

I am now awaiting a reply from the Provincial Department of Education on the possibility of using the Firgrove School hall. the offer is that Sitari would equip the kitchen in the hall and build two offices next to the hall for the Neighbourhood Watch and Ratepayers Association in return the community will be able to make use of the hall.

We have been able with the help of Somerset West Child welfare, churches, rate payers and community members to resolve and place all the street children that found themselves on the street when Mrs Steyn sold her house and left the area. The family whose shack was demolished on the Beestekamp sight have been relocated to Macassar. The owner of the land demolished the shack without giving the necessary notice to the family. Through the ratepayers, some community members and myself we secured a wendy house and new id documents paid for by the owner of Beestekamp. I must thank Cllr Victor Isaacs for arranging that the family could be housed in Macassar.

On the 21<sup>ST</sup> August the COCT will be holding a workshop and registration day at Garden Village Hall for job seekers under the EPWP Programme. Please let all your organisation know to spread the word so that people can get their names onto the COCT Job seekers data base.

The contractors are on site and have started to excavate for the bases for the new bridge over the N2 at Gordon High School. progress at first will be slow as the excavation work will be mostly done by hand. The main water pipe line from Steenbras and major electrical cables are where the bases will be built. The water pipe will be incased in a large concrete block. the project will take about 18 months to complete.

The MURP (Mayoral Urban Regeneration Program) is to be undertaken in all the 24 Sub Councils. The proposals from ward 15 are re-blocking Donkerbos Informal Settlement once those that get a house in Lourencia Park have moved.

Roll out of additional CCTV cameras in crime hotspots establishing of a safe space in Ward 15. River cleaning and removal of alien vegetation support to early childhood development centres a community facility centre at Lourencia Park.

Lourencia Park Phase two has not yet started. At the last minute the developer decided not to use the precast method to build the houses and will now build with the standard brick method, this has

*meant that the building plans had to be redrawn and resubmitted. i am now told they should be on site in mid-August but I am not holding my breath.*

*I was very disturbed to find out that a contractor removing alien vegetation in Helderberg Estate forest cut down 30 young yellowwood trees that had been planted by the community. I have insisted that the contractor at its expense purchase 40 yellowwood trees and plant them in the forest.*

*The Somerset West Library has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest circulation in the Western Cape. 117832 Books were out on loan with a total of 60 284 people visiting the library from 1 Jan 2019 to 31 March 2019. The Smart Cape Internet Service had 2830 users with the following breakdown male 1673 female 707 by age 0 to 12 251 13 to 18 362 18 to 25 656 and 26+ 1111. Block loan of books are to the retirement homes of Huis Marie Louw, Helderberg Village, Robari and Somerset Oaks.*

*I held a public meeting with the residents of Lourencia Park last week and invited officials from the departments of water, finance and law enforcement as well as SAPS. The matters discussed were water management devices, how to manage use of water and electricity, indigent grants, crime and the Neighbourhood watch. Since then I have had 4 households come to apply for the indigent grant.*

*I would like to add one additional item to the agenda -2019/2020 ward allocation changes. A reminder 1) Ward 15 and 84 will have a Councillor Outreach Public Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> August in the Town Hall. A number of MAYCO Councillors and officials will attend 2) The Coastal by law is open for public comment.*

*Thank you*

**FOR INFORMATION: CLLR G PECK**

**WC15 04/08/19**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 04 JUNE 2019**

The minutes on pages 3 - 15 were taken as read with no amendments made to it.

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting dated 04 June 2019, be **CONFIRMED**.

**PROPOSER: Mr H Smit and SECONDED by Mr H Roe.**

**FOR INFORMATION: ALL**

**WC15 05/08/19      FEEDBACK ON MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO SUB-COUNCIL 24**

The Chairperson reported as follows:

**No. 2 Item 24SUB 17/03/17**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck to request an update of the progress on the land claim on the land between the railway line and the R102**

- Wrote a letter to Mr Smit asking for progress on the matter. Mr Smit responded that they went out to the community and sorted out the problems that were there. Will submit to the surveyor to do sub-division. Once they have the sub-division then it can be transferred over to the City of Cape Town. Progress is happening very slowly.

**Motion No. 21 Item 24SUB 13/06/18**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Recreation & Parks Department to investigate the establishing of a laterite path for runners, walkers and for the soccer field in the areas between Paardevlei, Helderzicht, Victoria Park and Lourencia Park**

- Had a meeting with Helderzicht Sports Club and this club has gone from three sporting codes to seven sporting codes i.e. netball, soccer, rugby, cricket to junior cricket and rugby. They have arranged to use the high school grounds to play soccer on and he will insist that the City provide more ground in order to have the juniors play on it.
- Mr Smit will write a letter to Cllr Peck indicating the lack of response of officials from Recreation & Parks Department on their slow pace of service delivery in the Ward.

**Motion No. 22 Item 24SUB 14/06/18**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Electrical Department to investigate installing highmast lights along the area between Paardevlei, Helderzicht, Victoria Park and Lourencia Park**

- This project has been included into the 19/20 financial year.

**Motion No. 23 Item 24SUB 49/08/18**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Recreation & Parks Department to establish and off leash area for dogs at Pointsettia Park.**

- The public participation process has started and it is out for residents to provide comment.

**Motion No. 24 Item 24SUB 56/08/18**

**Urgent Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Recreation & Parks Department for their approval to erect a Community Centre on erf 130, Firgrove**

- They want to see if they are able to secure the school and do upgrading to the existing hall. He gave a background explanation to this motion.

**Motion No. 29 Item 24SUB 13/10/1**

**Motion received from Cllr Gregory Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Transport Development Authority Department to investigate the development of 4 rows of parking bays on the area known as the Rose Garden, Somerset West.**

- To turn a portion of it into parking bays for cars to park as they were parking randomly. They fixed up a part of the area for cars to park. They are still trying to find out if it is a heritage site and who gave the piece of ground.

**Motion No. 31 Item 24SUB 18/11/18**

**Motion received from Ald S Pringle Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the City of Cape Town provide a report to Subcouncil 24 on the process of establishing a safe space in Somerset West for people living on the streets**

- The new committee that has been formed of the Homeless Agency of the City of Cape Town are pursuing to get the Eagle Bar as a safe space but more to have it has a night shelter for the homeless. R10 million has been budgeted to fix the building. What they trying to do once they do the re-blocking of Donkerbos Informal Settlement to use a portion of it and turn into a safe space as the one in Culemborg, Cape Town.

**Motion No. 38 Item 24SUB 15/02/19**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Public Participation Department to investigate for the erection of signboards in the Somerset West are to inform the community of public meetings**

- Facilities Management is sourcing quotations for the erection of signboards.

**Motion No. 39 Item 24SUB 16/02/19**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Safety & Security Department to investigate the relocation of the City of Cape Town Neighbourhood Watch radio to a control room that is manned 24/7 to allow neighbourhood watches to have access to the radio system**

- The Law Enforcement building in Dummer Road must still be fixed before the area coordinator can move in.

**Motion No. 40 Item 24SUB 18/02/19**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Electricity Department to repair the lights and spot lights at Salvo Park, Firgrove**

- The Recreation & Parks Department installed the gates. Will approach Electricity Department if they will fix the glass covering the globe.

**Motion No. 41 Item 24SUB 17/02/19**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Electricity Department to erect spot lights at Salvo Park, Firgrove**

- Has been included in the 19/20 financial year.

**Motion No. 42 Item 24SUB 20/02/19**

**Motion received from Cllr G Peck that the Subcouncil approach the Transport Department investigate the possibility of completing the curbstones between Old Stellenbosch Road and Scholtz Road and to close off the dirt road leading to Hospice and move the stop street higher up towards Old Stellenbosch Road**

- Had a site meeting with Roauwhen Thomas of Transport Department and wrote to him asking for progress on the matter since their last meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

**FOR INFORMATION: ALL MEMBERS**

**WC15 06/08/19      WARD ALLOCATION PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR 20/21 FINANCIAL YEAR**

- Received an additional R150 000 for the 19/20 financial year and the proposals is as follows:
- R10 000 for NHW equipment;
- R50 000 will be allocated to GIA

The following project proposals for 20/21 financial year is as follows:

• Rent-a-cop	R280 000
• NHW Equipment	R 10 000
• Helderzicht-General Use	R 50 000
• CCTV	R200 000
• Park Maintenance	R 50 000
• Canal cleaning	R 50 000
• GIA	R100 000
• Speed calming	R 80 000
• Dianthus Park	R 30 000
• Riesling Park	R 40 000
• Paardevlei park	R 50 000
• Pointsettia park	R 30 000
• Renostervoel	<u>R 30 000</u>
• <b>Total</b>	<b>R100 000 000</b>

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the project proposals be submitted to the Subcouncil office.
- b) That the report be noted.

**FOR ACTION: CHRYSTAL FRANTZ**

**WC15 07/08/19      PORTFOLIO REPORT BACKS**

**Safety & Security**

**Hugh Roe of Helderberg Crime Watches** reported on the following:

- Over the last year, the population in the greater Somerset West area has increased by 16½%.
- Property related crime sitting at the same period as last year are down by 32%.
- At a nursery school, two teachers were almost accosted where they walked two kids out and stop themselves from being accosted but they managed to get back in the school and close

the gate. This is becoming a serious safety risk and everybody needs to be aware of it.

- NHW, street watches, block watches and the whole community in blue, will be under the domain of SAPS through the CPF and once they have registered themselves their organisation are assisting them with training. There are three levels and have started with level 1.
- Compliment COCT regarding non-working street lights calls that were reported from their control room were done within 24 hours. Were impressed with the quick response from the City.
- Facing serious problems on the N2 and this need to be addressed and the relevant authorities are putting blinkers on and ignoring it. He has asked the Cllr to intervene and to speak to the relevant officials.
- The newly formed security alliance in the Helderberg that HCW has now ADT, Veto Scola and Aimed Security responding for them and also to respond to open public spaces went off amazingly well and has made an impact on addressing crime. Only one body or group that does not want to cooperate with them.
- The Cape Town Emergency telephone no. is 021 480 7700 when you call from a cell phone and a land line it is 107.

### **Arts & Culture**

**Mr Hendrik Smit of Afrikanerbond Paardevlei** reported on the following.

- He wanted to know for fireworks discharge if they can't apply for Strand.
- The Chairperson responded that he will speak to Carl Punt, the Ward Cllr for the Strand.
- He wanted to know when the District Spatial Framework closes.
- The Chairperson was not sure and stated that it never closes as they are forever doing changes but that he would find out.
- The community say thank you for the street lights and security and it has improved.
- Attended a meeting regarding GIA.

- Sir Lowry's Pass Station was rented out by the trustee community for the past 20 years and they are not the owners and now it has been referred to the Government and will only hear from this in the next ten years.
- Queried his electricity account of R143 and whether Cape Town is allowed to do it.
- The Chairperson explained the tariff rates.

### **Community Based Organisations**

**Hennie Patience of Helderzicht/Paardevlei Ratepayers & Tenants Association** reported on the following:

- There were C3's reported but it was not fixed.
- The C3 reported on the flooding at 29 Monte Vista Crescent was also not done.
- The Chairperson responded that they need to report back to him if the complaints has not been attended to as he did report the matter.
- Wanted to know whether the Chairperson received the letter regarding the closure of the pathways.
- The Chairperson stated that he wrote a letter to them and that they should put in an application.
- Enquired about the 4-way stop at Unity Drive & Monte Vista.
- The Chairperson responded that a request can be done and will process it.
- City owned ervens for middle class housing and people earning less than R3500 gets houses and those earning more struggle to get property, yet there are many city-owned erven in Helderzicht/Paardevlei. He has gone on City maps and have all the details and will assist if needs be.
- The Chairperson responded that a lot of City owned property will be sold in the Helderzicht and the Helderberg area and this is being done on a public tender. He also explained the process on how it works.
- Enquired about the incomplete chevron boards and speedhumps waiting on it for months.
- The Chairperson wrote a letter to Denver Faroo of Roads &

Stormwater to fix the chevron boards

- The spotlight at Monte Vista park.
- The Chairperson will sort out the spotlight.
- Enquired about the green litter bins.
- The Chairperson will request from Peter Jagers of Solid Waste Management for these green bins.

**Sarah Owen of Salvo Park/Firgrove Ratepayers Association** was not present to report back:

### **Designated Vulnerable Groups**

**Gail Sykes of Helderberg Hospice** reported on the following:

#### **Vulnerable Groups contacts**

- *Helderberg Disability Network - I was able to attend the meeting at Helderberg hospice on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 24<sup>th</sup> July meeting was, unfortunately cancelled.*
- *I have arranged a meeting between Mark Worley, Russell, Sharma, Greg Peck and I for 14.00 on 7<sup>th</sup> August to discuss a possible project with advisors on accessibility to shops, restaurants etc.*

#### **Applications**

*A large number of applications for various events and licenses have been received and addressed. I have a concern in that questions raised regarding these applications are not answered and would like to Minute the fact that I will not approve these applications without full knowledge.*

#### **Load shedding**

*We have, fortunately had no load-shedding since the last meeting.*

#### **Winter rainfall**

*The winter rains have been very welcome and we are gratified to see the dams filling and grass greening-up around the area.*

#### **Open Day**

*We held our annual Open Day on 11<sup>th</sup> April to encourage members of the community to visit our premises and find out about what we do.*

### **Community Garden**

*I attended a mini garden day at the Community Garden in Somerset West and think all should be encouraged to visit this project which provides work as well as sustenance to the area.*

### **Cycling for Life**

*We held our annual Cycling for Life event on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at De Hoop Primary School, kindly sponsored by Hyundai Somerset West and supported by Tygerberg Radio in the form of ample air-time as well as an outside broadcast. This resulted in an income in excess of our budgeted R160 000.00. Grateful thanks to Greg Peck and the DA team for supporting us in this event.*

### **Mandela Day**

- *On Mandela Day our staff delivered homemade soup, snacks, fruit and winter woollies in the form of beanies, gloves, scarves etc to the outpatients and some wards at Helderberg Hospital.*
- *An invitation to the community to donate Bougainvillea plants to our organisation for Mandela Day resulted in a donation of the full complement of 15 as well as the help to plant them all – Lourensford Estate gardeners came to our premises and planted them all, in the rain, on Mandela Day. We are trying to reduce the amount of noise and dust from the adjacent road as it affects our Support Unit patients.*
- *We also attended Masikhule's annual Mandela Day Cast-on-for-kids where staff members contributed to the knitting on the day as well as presenting a large hamper of knitted items that had been made by our staff for distribution to the E.C.D. centres.*

### **Mall Blanket Drive**

*Sunrise Rotary Club held a Blanket Drive at the Mall in July and gave us the opportunity to be recipients of the resultant blankets. We received 40 blankets which have all been distributed to our most worthy patients. Apparently they received funds in the form of R70.00 per blanket and were able to purchase over 1000 blankets – what a wonderful effort in this cold, wet winter.*

### **Pepper Spray training**

*Some members of staff recently expressed concern regarding travelling to and from work in the dark of winter and asked if we could assist with providing Pepper Spray canisters. We were able to source these and insisted on their attendance at a training session, run by SecureRite, prior to receiving a canister for personal use.*

- The mobile clinic treat about 18 000 animals a year.

**Faith-Based Organisations**

Jo Swart of Life Church had nothing to report on.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.


**FOR INFORMATION: CHRYSTAL FRANTZ**

**DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT WARD COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **01 October 2019** at **18:00** at the Strand Municipal Building, Committee A Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, cnr Fagan & Main Roads, Strand.

**MEETING CLOSING**

The meeting closed at 19:50.



**CLLR G PECK  
CHAIRPERSON**

01/10/2019

**DATE**