

SAPRA AGM MINUTES

Date: 4 October 2017

Time: 18:30

Venue: Military Museum

ACTION:

1.	<p>Present: Tessa Turvey, Fran Haslam, Bill Haslam, Caryn Turnbull, Costa Qually, Lorin Burgoyne, Cllr Tim Truluck, Malcolm Jewell, Craig Pretorius, Tracy Davies, Kelly Redman</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies: Chola Makgamathe</p>	
3.	<p>Tim Truluck: Tim mentioned that there is a lot happening behind the scenes and has urged residents to be patient. He said the future of politics lies in coalitions and everyone needs to work together and plan ahead. He also mentioned that the Parkhurst Recreation Centre is giving him hope as there was money left over and it was used towards repairing the roof and didn't disappear like it would have done previously.</p>	
4.	<p>Town Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashford House – SAPRA has objected to reduce the number of stories. • Goodman Gallery – they have applied for a mixed use building, we objected because they reduced parking spaces. • Dorset Rd – we are trying to find a hybrid solution that will benefit residents and the school. • Gupta residence – our appeal was upheld, they now need to comply with the law. 	
5.	<p>Chairlady's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vodacom and cellphone masts – the previous CEO of City Power has resigned so we will pick this up with the new one. They are proposing 15 masts in Saxonwold alone. • Traffic calming measures – Rene Kilner is very kindly compiling an incident report for the two intersections, Cotswold and Saxonwold Dr and Cotswold and Englewold Dr. • Illegal advertising – this is headed up by Nick Human as he knows all the legalities behind this. • Community Hours – Kelly Redman has logged SAPRA onto the site so when it comes to a clean-up day, we can call upon students to help us. • Mission for 2018 – the tree audit for all the Jacaranda's that are falling over and needing replacing. We got a quote but it was exorbitant so will pick this up again. We need to sort out our relationship with PHRAG as well as work on a development plan. 	

- **Zoo Lake** - The Zoo Lake Users Committee together with a team of Urban Designs Specialists, Architects, Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, CID specialist and an actuary and financial specialist have been working on a proposed new master plan for Zoo Lake, over the last year. The team has worked pro-bono on the project and the ZLUC are most grateful for their time, commitment and passion in putting this all together. We have presented our plan to the City and it was well received. The proposed plan has been endorsed and accepted in principle with a few provisions by the City and over the next few months we will be fine tuning the plan and appointing a Board of Directors, Fund raising committee, Steering Committee and an action plan. Watch this space. The ZLUC were keen to get the gardens upgraded and cleaned up around the lake and decided to approach all the Residents Associations in the Zoo Lake Precinct for sponsorship. The Services of a garden service was used to assist with the project. The project was divided into three phases. The first phase has now been completed, and phases two and three are in process. Thank you to SAPRA, Parkview, Westcliff and Parkhurst Residents associations for their generous donations. Once this project is complete we will see a huge difference with the gardens around the lake. The erosion project will commence once the upgrade is complete. We will then fill up the soil and plant water wise and sustainable foliage to assist with the soil erosion. This is going to be a large project and we are looking to the community to share their knowledge and expertise in completing this project. If anyone can assist, please contact us. Regrettably not much has been done in Zoo Lake over the last year, due to financial restraints, skills and resources. It's a daily battle trying to get all the entities to assist with the day to day running of the park. The park is overused and abused daily and the ZLUC is hoping that once the new master plan is underway these issues will be addressed. Security and law enforcement is a daily concern and while we work with SAPS, JMPD and the City Rangers, assistance is only given when the situation is out of control. We have requested that extra signage be installed around Zoo Lake in assisting with By-Law education and between the ZLUC, Cllrs. Tim Truluck and Bridget Steer we are ensuring that events are controlled and spread throughout the year.
- **Website and Database** - The release of the new website has seen a far better and more accurate database of members than in the past. Now members can take control of their own data. Cleaning up the data has been a big challenge, but we are getting there. Members are now sent emails when their payment anniversary arrives, thank-you emails when the pay, and reminders when they forget. This has all seen an increase in subscriptions. The Facebook page is very popular, but we had to deal with spam bots so have had to make it more difficult to join. The newsletter has become more regular and more readable. All communications can now be measured so that we can see how effective we are. **HOWEVER** - We are not satisfied with our current website and are busy exploring ways to improve it even more, with the objective of it being more intuitive and providing greater opportunity for the community to be aware of what is happening in SAPRA land.

- **Security** - The Rosebank precinct, which includes Saxonwold and Parkwood, continues to have one of the lowest levels of crime in South Africa. However, our suburbs are not crime free and this statistic is of no consolation to a victim of crime - one crime is one crime too many. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in the level of crime in the Rosebank precinct. Crime levels have increased throughout South Africa. Theft out of motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles, particularly in the central business district, are the major elements of concern. The high level of security company presence in Saxonwold and Parkwood is a deterrent factor but this has not prevented some armed driveway robberies and armed home invasions. Residents in our suburbs are reasonably affluent and this has attracted criminals and gangs from other areas. An awareness of your surroundings and taking reasonable common-sense precautions will reduce your potential exposure to a crime. For example, do not wear expensive jewellery when going to a shopping mall, keep computers and other valuables in a locked boot when you travel and have a police profile check carried out on any potential new employee. The Rosebank Station continues to be under resourced in terms of manpower and equipment. The Rosebank police officers are to be commended for the work they do and the successes they have achieved despite these significant challenges. SAPRA very generously donated funds to the Community Police Forum to assist in funding the repainting of the police station, which is now looking much smarter. Please be aware that building sites invariably create additional security risks.
- **Fearnhead Park** - An inspection of the Park was conducted in or around May 2017 with the different role players, and a safety audit was conducted. We obtained new bins, and benches, our see saw was fixed and the seats of the swings were replaced. Still to be done from a safety perspective is the installation of colonial fencing at areas in the Park that present a fall risk for young children. We communicate regularly with officials from Regional B and monitor their activities. The Park is being cleaned regularly, and satisfactorily. SAPRA secured the services of a gardening company to clean the Park, shear all the trees, and remove dead branches. The resultant effect was a cleaner Park, with clearer visibility. SAPRA also paid for the same company to clear the marshy area. One of the biggest problems we encountered was that the Park was being used night and day by displaced people. We have met the new station commander at Rosebank Police station, and she ensures that there are regular raids and searches in the Park. We also have interested residents who live on the perimeter of the Park, and who give us regular feedback should they observe anything. We eventually have signs for the Park, both on the outside entrances and inside. These signs clearly set out the by- laws. It is hoped that now that they are in the Park, it will be easier for the authorities to enforce these by-laws. SAPRA has registered with Community Hours SA, which means that we can plan projects for the Park, and get scholars to volunteer their services. Our plans for 2018 include the following: painting of the perimeter fence. We have ordered poo bins, and should get them in

	<p>the near future. We have approached a company in our region and asked if they would provide us with signs, similar to what is being done in Verity Park. Poo bags would be affixed to the sign, and it is hoped that with hard work, and a consistent campaign, we can tackle the issue of dog poo in the Park, and make it a thing of the past. We would however need the participation and co-operation of residents and their employees in this regard. Gym equipment, basketball hoop and a paved track surrounding the play area are all on our wish list, and we intend finding ways to raise funds to finance these projects in the course of the next year. We are planning on having a pilot yoga session in the Park in October 2017 and if all goes well we will have a monthly event. We are in the process of adopting the Park, which if all goes well, should give us more say and control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heritage -	
6.	<p>2017 Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The committee will remain as is for 2018 with two new committee members joining. Cheeren Higham will be helping with special projects and ? will be heading up traffic calming. Welcome to you both, we are very excited to have you both on board.	
7.	<p>Updated constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new constitution was voted in with the required number of votes.	