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PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

THE MUCKLENEUK LUKASRAND PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (MLPORA)

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 10 APRIL 2019 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA'S GROENKLOOF CAMPUS, LEYDS STREET.

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairman of the Executive Committee, Phillip Erasmus, welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. He opened the meeting which commenced at 18h32. The Agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the 2018 AGM were made available and attendees were requested to complete the attendance register.

2. APOLOGIES and ATTENDANCE

Attendance attached as Annexure A and

Apologies: Mark and Renette Leathern, Neal Schoof, Dino Theodorou

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Phillip Erasmus confirmed that no feedback was required from the last meeting and the agenda was accepted with no items added.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the 2018 AGM held on 10 April 2018 were duly accepted and approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS (2018) AGM

There were no matters arising from the previous (2018) AGM.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Phillip Erasmus:

'Hopefully having the vibrant MHSI community members with us a valid question to pose may well be: "WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MLPORA AND MHSI".'

MHSI is responsible for the safety and security in the MLPORA area. They manage the any issues / arrangements related to the two 'main' armed response companies in our area as well as a radio network between members as well as the two security companies (Interactive & Fidelity-ADT). To become part of the MHSI initiative or for all MLPORA safety and security issue or queries please contact Anoulla.

MLPORA attempts to monitor / manage / influence / Control the "REST". MLPORA investigates illegal businesses (being very dependent on residents reporting and observing what is happening in our area). We work with other residents associations (GRA / Clydesdale, OPERA) where we exchange ideas and share strategies as we face very similar challenges. We focus on traffic issues, town planning, waste removal, community engagement, water issues, environmental affairs, missing pets, conservation, history and heritage, noise pollution and as indicated land use issues.

MLPORA strives to keep the two suburbs (LUKASRAND & MUCKLENEUK) a sought after area, the concerns we deal with includes looking after Kruin Park (refer Friends of Kruin Park and the wonderful work done by Mark Theron and his team) and other open areas such as The Commons..... in our area.

Facilitate communication (between / from and to residents and stakeholders ... such as ZAH ... SABS ... TUKS). Example: Yesterday's Facebook posting regarding

- **Domestic Watch:** "Fidelity ADT, in collaboration with SAPS offers regular domestic crime watch meetings in our neighbourhood. The meeting brings together domestic staff to share crime prevention tips, modus operandi and how to act in the case of falling victim to crime. These meetings are a useful tool to raise security awareness for our staff and to also get to know other people who work in the area.

WHAT WE AIM TO DO

As a residents Association we strive to:

- Represent the interests of the residents in MLPORA area e.g. with City of Tshwane
- Be an information hub on matters and issues arising relevant to our community
- Mobilise the community around joint issues and interests
- Increase the sense of belonging to the community
- Support community initiatives and share knowledge and expertise

Become a member for as little as R200 per year (unless you pay this evening only R100). Any contributions are welcome.¹

Phillip Erasmus specially thanked Isabeau Southwood and Mike van Blommestein for their tireless work on town planning issues. He further thanked the serving MLPORA Executive Committee and mentioned what a pleasure it was to work with the team.

7. MATTERS CONCERNING THE PORTFOLIOS MANAGED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kruin Park: Mark Theron (Friends of Kruin Park Chairperson)

Mark Theron stressed that existing nature reserves in Tshwane are very precious and need protection. As invasive species are being reduced and eradicated, wild flowers are being found. A website is being compiled of a plant database.

He thanked the core group of volunteers who assist in the monthly work parties.

Community Building: Terence Smith

Terence Smith showed a video which was produced by Chris Wilkinson that shows the development of The Commons park and its use by the community. He thanked the community for their help and donations to make the vision for The Commons a reality and the core Commons working group who work in the park, maintain it, arrange events etc. On 13 April there is an open air movie night and on 1 May an Autumn Harvest table. These events raise funds which are ploughed back into maintaining and further developing the park.

Future Interventions: The Commons working group is exploring if the community has an appetite for developing, beautifying and upgrading other public spaces. Two sites that have been identified for next potential interventions are at the two gateways to the suburb, namely the western entrance (the UNISA triangle) and the eastern entrance (the strip at the corner of Florence Ribeiro and Sibelius Streets). The UNISA spot needs creative ideas. A call was made for volunteers who would be willing to drive upgrades to these spaces, with the support of The Commons working group. The Commons working group intends to develop an overview of all potential public spaces in Muckleneuk and Lukasrand that could be beautified. It was noted that this overview is different to the MLPORA Precinct Plan, which was developed a few years ago by a group of residents and was submitted to council as MLPORA's input to the Regional Spatial Development Framework (RSDF).

Social Concerns: Mike Batley

Social Concerns has been a MLPORA portfolio for a few years now. Inequality in our Country is very noticeable. In our area the contrast between Muckleneuk/Lukasrand and Sunnyside reflects reality and broader context in which we live. We want to share our social concerns and to address them as a community that cares, this entails information about resources available to the community and mobilising experts and resources in our community.

The main concerns are homeless people (a couple of relationships have been established) and informal recyclers.

The homeless forum is not very active and getting a resource list is proving difficult. Organisations have very little resources.

Recycling is important and we must increase the level of recycling. Obokeng collects recyclables from Kruin Park. The informal recyclers are contentious but do an important job in removing recyclable material from out landfill sites. MLPORA, under Phillip's guidance, respects all points of view and encourages debate and discussion. WITS has issued guidelines for municipalities on informal recycling and Mike is in contact with PHD students studying recycling. Informal recyclers will not go away and we need to develop a relationship with for example, Volition recycling centre.

Town Planning: Isabeau Southwood

There are two focus areas; the development of our suburbs and contraventions of land use. Isabeau tries to keep track of all land use applications and contraventions and Mike van Blommestein, a Town Planner assists Isabeau and keeps track of government gazettes etc. regarding development. Objections are lodged with the City of Tshwane if we think the development or rezoning application is not good for the community.

Regarding contraventions MLPORA relies on members of the community to report these to MLPORA and to raise concerns with MLPORA.

All the current problems and matters being addressed are listed on MLPORA D6.

A current example of what is being dealt with is a heritage house which has been converted into 6 apartments with no planning permission. A solution could be to have the house demolished and with it the heritage house.

MLPORA needs support with these matters: a practicing young lawyer to help with this portfolio and a vigilant community.

Structural Planning: Rob Buckley

Traffic calming measures are needed, particularly in Berea Street. The manhole covers, busses and bus routes have been addressed. All residents are urged to attend the IDP (integrated development plan) of the City of Tshwane. There is a meeting on Saturday 13 April 2019.

Security: Robert Cameron-Ellis, MHSI

Phillip gave a good summary in the Chairman report of MHSI. The radio club is an inclusive family club. To be able to call reliable neighbours is what the radio group is all about. MHSI is also about the safety of all residents and the suburbs as a whole such as making sure street lights are on and supporting the commons etc.

All residents are encouraged to join. The MHSI now has 5 directors. The Joining fee is R2,290 including a radio. Annual fee is: Membership MHSI: R 300, Radio License Fee R660 = R960 per year.

MHSI, and MLPORA, want an open accessible community. Plans are afoot to further enhance the security of the neighbourhood by investigating the use of camera surveillance, possibly closing certain roads etc.

Communication: Anke Barnard and Yvette Loots

Anke reported that this was the fun portfolio; good news stories, events, community building etc.

MLPORA has 4 communication channels: WhatsApp groups; the MLPORA D6 communicator, which includes resources and an events calendar; Facebook, which has grown by about 50% and Instagram, the bragging platform. #HillWithAView. E-mails have been stopped.

Treasurer: Japie van der Laan

Phillip thanked Japie for his sterling efforts.

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 were made available to residents. Membership fees amounted to just under R12,000. Currently there is R94,000 in the account of which R12,000 is earmarked for the Commons and R4,000 for Kruin Park.

Budget: Should R20,000 be collected in 2019. R10,000 will be used for MLPORA expenses and R5,000 will be for The Commons and R5,000 for Kruin Park.

Membership: Niel Roux

Niel Roux reported that it's been a headache updating the membership list. Updated information is needed. Niel's focus is to get structural data from the City of Tshwane and getting Streets organised on a block basis to actively recruit members.

In the two suburbs we have 640 unique erven, mostly residential but also businesses in various guises.

8. ELECTION OF MLPORA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Phillip Erasmus is stepping down after 11 years as Chair. The following members agreed to remain on the committee:

Isabeau Southwood, Japie van der Laan, Jane Clarke, Robin Buckley, Terence Smith, Mike Batley, Anke Barnard, Zendre Campion, Niel Roux and Yvette Loots.

New blood and in particular lawyers are needed to continue the work of the Association. The Committee meets once a month from 7:30 to 9:00. Some residents prefer not to serve on the committee but to work on various projects alongside the Committee. All volunteers are welcome.

Jon Boltman agreed to serve on the Committee.

9. ELECTION OF MLPORA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Chair: Anke Barnard
- Vice-Chair: Robert Cameron-Ellis
- Treasurer: Japie van der Laan
- Secretary: Jane Clarke

10. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- The house on the corner of Sliver/Berea is a constant source of noise. It has been reported and is being dealt with.
- Residents are encouraged to use the City of Tshwane E-government App.
- A plea was made for residents to be tolerant of the various road running races that take place in and around our suburbs. The running clubs are mindful of the impact on residents and try and keep this to a minimum, by communicating proactively, sticking to the route, cleaning up etc. They follow the required processes in accordance with the Sport and Recreation Act and liaise with the Metro Police, CoT etc.

11. SHAUN WILKINSON, WARD 59 COUNCILLOR

Shaun Wilkinson spoke about:

- Ward Committees. Nominees to serve on these committees are needed.
- The IDP. Inputs from communities are needed. It costs about R18,000 for a speed bump but permission from the CoT is needed.
- Processes are in place to move the busses off Preller Street.
- He appealed for residents to participate in community and public meetings.
- For events that impact the community there is a process that needs to be followed.
- He is willing to facilitate meetings with CoT officials.

Phillip thanked Shaun Wilkinson for attending the meeting.

12. CLOSING OF AGM

Phillip thanked all residents for attending the meeting.

Isabeau gave a special thank you to the Phillip on behalf on the Committee and the residents for being a tremendous Chairman for the past 11 years. He taught us all about systems and processes and regular follow ups! Heather Erasmus was also thanked for her support.

Signed: Chairman

Date:

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