



PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve

Venue: Atlantis Water Scheme Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Main Building

Date: 04 August 2017

Time: 12:00 – 15:00

MINUTES

| Attendees: | Affiliation | Abbr. | Secretary (minutes): |
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| Martin Albertus | CapeNature; GEF5 DCCP Co-ordinator (Chairperson) | MA | Sihle Jonas |
| Andrew Geel | Atlantis Dunes Off Road Executive (ADORE) | AG | |
| Bruce Jenkinson | ADORE | BJ | |
| Johan Visagie | CapeNature | JV | |
| Riaan Fourie | CPFPA | RF | |
| John Charles | CCT: Atlantis Water Scheme | JC | |
| Jurina Le Roux | Koeberg Nature Reserve, Eskom | JLR | |
| Rudi Riek | Film Industry | RR | |
| Dylan Le Roux | Sandboarding Cape Town | DLR | |
| Dirk Van Driel | Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve (Guest) | DVD | |
| Roy Fuller-Gee | Friends of BCA | RFG | |
| Paul Naylor | Friends of BCA | PN | |
| Charline Mc Kie | Biodiversity Area Manager; DCCP, City Sector | CM | |
| Sihle Jonas | Reserve Supervisor; DCCP, City Sector | SJ | |
| Cindy Adams | Learner; DCC, City Sector (Guest) | CA | |
| Envano Buise | Learner; DCC, City Sector (Guest) | EB | |
| Apologies: | | | |
| Clint Rieper | Western Cape Off-Road Club (WCOC) | CR | |
| Cynthia Clayton | CCT: Councillor (Ward: 29) | Cllr CC | |
| Pat Titmuss | CCT: Environmental and Heritage Management | PT | |
| Nick Helme | Botanist; Nick Helme Botanical Surveys | NH | |
| Harriet Cliff | CCT: Environmental and Heritage Management | HC | |

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | ACTION |
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| 1. | <p>WELCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA welcomed all to the meeting. <p>INTRODUCTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions were made. <p>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were accepted by BJ and seconded by RF. <p>CORRECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. <p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. NEW MATTERS | Noted |
| 2. | <p>PRESENTATION: Dassenberg Coastal Catchment Partnership (DCCP), City Sector Quarterly Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM conducted a presentation on the DCCP's quarterly report. The report highlighted successes and challenges experienced within the DCCP during the period of 01 April 2017 – 30 June 2017. CM highlighted the staff complement of the DCCP, two learners from Atlantis and Mamre started in February on a six month learnership. The learnership might be extended for another six months. CM exhibited photographs of the construction of the new DCCP Multipurpose office complex; the construction started in February 2017 and is expected to take 18 months to complete. The site will be handed to the City in June 2018. Wildfires occurred within the DCCP namely the Klein Dassenberg area. The DCCP staff conducted brush pile burns at a stewardship site and Dankbaar conservation area. Eskom started with the construction of the Omega-Ankerlig conversion line, the line runs through the WANR and Brakkefontein area. CM gave a brief outline of the Klein Dassenberg <i>Kikuyu</i> rehabilitation project. <p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA reflected on the successful Mandela Day Event held on 28 July 2017, MA was happy to be part of the event and commended the organisers. BJ stated that the day was a success and praised the Wesfleur Primary School learners for their good conduct. BJ also commented on the nice weather during the event compared to the previous years. <p><i>Note: The DCCP Quarterly report was sent to WANR PAAC members via email on 31 July 2017.</i></p> | CM |

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Presentation: Brief introduction to Sandboarding Cape Town

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- DLR gave a brief summary on Sandboarding Cape Town; DLR mentioned that the company was started in 2008.
- DLR mentioned that he studied Tourism and that before starting the company he worked as a Tour guide where he realised that there was an opportunity for Sandboarding as a business.

Comments

- RFG inquired about the number of sandboarding companies that are involved in sandboarding in Cape Town.
- DLR stated that there are 10 companies that use the dunes, each company is specialised in something different i.e. birthday parties etc.
- RFG asked if there were other venues used by the companies within Cape Town.
- DLR stated that there is a venue in Betty's Bay and another one is in Scarborough. DLR explained that the two venues are not ideal as they are far away from Cape Town CBD and not easily accessible. DLR stated that Atlantis Dunes is a better option for a lot of companies.
- RR asked about the accessibility issue for sandboarders since the closure of Gate 1 during the construction.
- DLR stated that the new alternative route is working well and complemented the security for turning 4X4 drivers away from Gate 1 as agreed upon with CCT.
- BJ stated that the parking at Gate 1 and 2 is too small to accommodate the users, especially on the weekends when the dunes are busy.
- DLR commented that the parking will get worse especially during December.
- RR inquired if it was possible to extend the existing parking lot at Gate 1 and 2?
- CM stated that the contractor would like to finish by December 2017 and that the extension would not be worth it as the newly constructed office complex will have parking lots as indicated by a presentation made by Bongani Mnisi during a previous PAAC meeting.
- CM stated that B. Mnisi conducted a presentation to the PAAC where he indicated the parking space for vehicles, buses and space for filming crews.
- DLR stated that even when the office complex is completed, there will be issues with parking.
- BJ stated that B. Mnisi presented a draft to the PAAC not the final product; BJ also indicated that he raised the matter of parking space to B Mnisi during the said presentation.
- CM stated that she will send the minutes of the PAAC were B. Mnisi presented the building plans to the PAAC and what was said during the meeting.
- MA inquired if CM sending the minutes will suffice? MA stated that the mentioning of a bus stop would increase the influx of tourists.
- RR stated that if parking at Gate 1 is going to be extended, it will alleviate the problem of illegal dune access.
- BJ stated that he would like to make a point that the parking will be a problem in the long run; BJ stated that it would be better to not wait for the problem to arise before doing something. BJ explained that the office will encourage and attract people to the dunes and that means more people

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| | <p>will want access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BJ Stated that during past weekend, parking 1 and gate 2 were full and that vehicles couldn't even go past the entrance gate at Gate 2 as the parking was overflowing. BJ stated at times drivers are forced to park next to Dassenberg Drive and that it is a traffic and safety hazard for people to park next to the road. • RFG stated that maybe it would be worth it to create a sub-committee to discuss the matter. • RR stated that the office complex is constructed on an existing foot-print as such no EIA was needed. If more parking is going to be needed then an EIA will have to be done, and that it would be good to start now with an EIA application. • MA suggested if it would be possible to invite B. Mnisi to present the final draft to the PAAC on the next meeting. • CM to invite B. Mnisi to present on the office complex at the next PAAC meeting. | CM |
| 4. | <p>PRESENTATION: The CPFPA and Risk Assessment of Wildland-Interface of the CCT North Ward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR Fourie conducted a presentation on the CPFPA; RF highlighted the roles, responsibilities of the association and the challenges. • RF stated that the CPFPA was established after the 2000 wildfires in the Peninsula and was registered in 2004. The CPFPA was established in response to the disaster as an integrated fire management plan. RF also highlighted the legislation and Act's that govern them. • Membership is voluntary for private land owners and mandatory for statutory members. • The Association is mostly funded by Working on Fire (WoF) and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF). • RF gave a brief overview of the risk assessment on the Wildland-urban interface. • The risk assessment will be done for the City of Cape Town; it has been done for the South ward and North ward and is being done for the East ward. • RF to forward the report to the PAAC members. <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA inquired about the interval time of the risk assessment exercise. • RF stated that the exercise is done annually and that the report will be available on the internet. • PN inquired about the difference between mandatory and private for CPFPA membership. • RF explained that statutory bodies such as the City of Cape Town, Eskom, Table Mountain are mandatory and private land owners a voluntary. | RF |

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| 5. | <p>PRESENTATION: Dassenberg Coastal Catchment Partnership (DCCP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA presented on the DCCP project, MA stated that the project is funded by GEF5 and UNDP. The project materialised after stakeholder engagements were done in 2012 with communities and the need for conservation expansion was realised. The project is to run for a five year period, from 2014 – 2019; the core objectives of the project are the protected areas network, investment in ecological infrastructure and establishment of new protected areas. The DCCP is also busy with a Table Mountain Fund (TMF) Small Grants Programme which falls part of the “investment in ecological infrastructure” objective; the aim is to work and build surrounding communities through conservation-related opportunities. Communities are invited to apply for project proposals and the approved project will receive a start-up grant. <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RF inquired about the possibility of engaging with the Mamre community about a stewardship arrangement. MA stated that Cape Nature is currently engaging with the community and that a proposal has been created and that CapeNature is waiting for the Mamre Communal Property Association (MCPA) signature. RF inquired if the agreement will be in perpetuity. MA stated that it would depend on the level of agreement. | MA |
| 6. 6.1. | <p>General matters:</p> <p>Future Projects/Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFG stated that the secondary nominee for the FoBCA has decided to retire and that PN would be appointed as a secondary nominee. PN gave a brief introduction; he mentioned his interests and indicated that he was happy to be joining the WANR PAAC. MA welcomed PN to the committee. CM stated that she would like to clarify her comments regarding the completion of the DCCP office complex. CM stated that even though the contractor stated that he wanted to finish in December, the office complex is expected to be completed and handed to the CCT in June 2018. <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA stated that he attended a Chairpersons PAAC meeting and that the meeting was informative and engaging. RR to create and open a dropbox for the WANR PAAC, all presentations to be uploaded. | |
| 7. | <p>Next Meeting: 03 November 2017</p> | Noted |