



## PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve

Venue: Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve

Date: 09 November 2018

Time: 12:00 – 15:00

#### MINUTES

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Abbr.</b>	<b>Secretary (minutes):</b>
Bruce Jenkinson	Atlantis Dunes Off Road Executive (ADORE)	BJ	Carl Brown and Sihle Jonas
David Ayres	ADORE	DA	
Rudi Riek	Filming Industry (Acting Chairperson)	RR	
Charline Mc Kie	Area Manager: DCCP, City Sector	CM	
Sihle Jonas	Reserve Supervisor; DCCP, City Sector	SJ	
Carl Brown	EPWP Intern	CB	
Paul Naylor	Friends of Blaauwberg Conservation Area (FoBCA)	PN	
Lizelle Koen	CWCBR; Conservation Manager	LK	
Dylan Le Roux	Sandboarding Community Representative	DLR	
Frank Syme	Friends of The Dunes (FoTD) (Guest)	FS	
Christiana Groeneweld	CCT	CG	
Chris Zuidema	ECO Services	CZ	
Ashley Poole	Friends of The Dunes (FoTD) (Guest)	AP	
JM Mcquire	Atlantis Workers Association (Guest)	JM	
Marco Meyer	CCT; Invasive Species Unit (Guest)	MM	
Riffel Reiner	CCT; Invasive Species Unit (Guest)	RRR	
Kyle October	Reserve Supervisor; DCCP East	KO	
<b>Apologies:</b>			
Martin Albertus	CapeNature: GEF5 DCCP co-ordinator (Chairperson)	MA	
Cllr Barbara Rass	Councillor: Ward29	Cllr BR	
Pat Titmuss	CCT: Environmental and Heritage Management	PT	
Harriet Clift	CCT: Environmental and Heritage Management	HC	
Riaan Fourie	CPFPA: North Regional manager	RF	

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1.	<p><b>WELCOME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RR welcomed all to the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>INTRODUCTIONS</b></p> <p><b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes were accepted by RR and seconded by SJ.</li> </ul> <p><b>CORRECTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No corrections were noted.</li> </ul> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CM reported that she sent an email to Sub-council 1 to request a list of Public Benefit Organisations. CM stated that she has not received feedback as yet. CM to forward the email to the Chair. CM suggested that the Chairperson request the list on behalf of the PAAC, MA to follow-up. Due to MA absence no feedback was given.</li> </ul> <p><b>NEW MATTERS</b></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>MA</p>
2.	<p><b>PRESENTATION: DCCP Quarterly report,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CM presented highlights, challenges and work done at the reserve during the last quarter. The following was discussed: Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added three staff members that received learnership from Cape Town Environmental Education Trust (CTEET)</li> <li>Added four Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) staff members for permit, environmental education and access control. CM mentioned that recruitment of individuals with grade 12 certificates was a challenge during recruitment.</li> <li>CM also stated that we have officially moved in new complex. Online system is not active and permit office not active.</li> </ul> </li> <li>CM also emphasised the challenges faced by the reserve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of a permanent P&amp;C Officer.</li> <li>Land invasion at WANR19</li> </ul> </li> <li>Law enforcement activities i.e. illegal wood cutting and illegal entry to the dunes ongoing.</li> <li>CM explained the new permit application process for the filming and events. Which can be found on the website; <a href="http://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Apply/Licences-and-permits/Filming-and-events/Apply-for-a-film-permit">http://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Apply/Licences-and-permits/Filming-and-events/Apply-for-a-film-permit</a></li> <li>CM said online payments for film shoots are now available to the public on request.</li> </ul> <p>CM stated that the restaurant space has been put out for any objection in newspapers requesting alternatives/objections for the operating of a restaurant. Thereafter the consent use was also sent out to all neighbours, no objections received. Currently the process is where the specifications for Tender is being drawn up and came back clear. The process to tender for the space is long.</p>	<p>CM</p>

	<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RR mentioned advertising internships/learnership/vacancies may be an issue in recruitment and that the City could try more advertising options next time.</li> <li>• CM mentioned that the City advertises on the website and at times via sms.</li> <li>• CM stated that there has been reports of users verbally abusing staff at the dunes.</li> <li>• PN stated that if the public are rude to reserve staff and that there should be sanctions in place.</li> <li>• DA stated that there should be rules and regulations in place, sub-committee should be formed to discuss the matter. CM stated the City is busy drafting a dunes by-law</li> <li>• RR suggested that CM look at what other reserves operate and perhaps adopt their code of conduct as an example.</li> <li>• CM stated that she researched different reserves then opened up for commenting.</li> <li>• BJ stated that the reserves officials do not deal with matters correctly, BJ emphasised that individuals being accused of bad conduct should be informed of such and that due process should follow instead of matters being reported to the top City officials. BJ suggested correct process should be in place for banning from dune.</li> <li>• BJ stated that there has been a lot of changes since the opening of the complex and that users have not been informed of them and that has caused some miscommunication between users and officials.</li> <li>• FS stated he has witnesses BJ verbally abusing officials at the dunes and that BJ needed to change his attitude</li> <li>• FS mentioned that community does not benefit from dunes, and that the matter is still not being dealt with after numerous complaints by the community. RR suggested that the matter should be discussed outside the PAAC meeting.</li> <li>• FS also noted that there have been unfounded allegations against FoTD from other user groups related to gangsterims and threats apparently made to other users by FoTD.</li> <li>• RR and CM discussed a way to create a PDF document sent out to film companies to contact the councillor to employ local community members.</li> <li>• FoTD suggested that companies create a bursary fund and give a percentage for the community.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: The DCCP Quarterly report was sent to WANR PAAC members via email in August 2018.</i></p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Presentation: New members: a brief introduction on themselves and the organisation they represent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Frank Syme(FS) from the Friends of the Dunes. FoTD was voted in by committee members present at meeting.</li> <li>• JM Mcquire (JM) gave a brief introduction on himself and the Atlantis workers Association.</li> <li>• Chris Zuidema (CZ) gave a brief introduction on ECO services and ow they are affected by the Dunes.</li> <li>• The new members were welcomed to the WANR PAAC.</li> </ul>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Tea Break</b></p>	

5.	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Invasive Animals in the City of Cape Town</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MM gave a brief presentation on the City's invasive unit programme. MM stated that the City's invasive animal unit is currently working on four major projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mallard duck - <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i></li> <li>○ Indian House Crow - <i>Corvus splendens</i></li> <li>○ European Paper Wasp - <i>Polistes dominula</i> and</li> <li>○ German Wasp/Yellow Jacket Wasp - <i>Vespula germanica</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• MM explained how each animal is controlled and what measures are put in place to ensure the total eradication of the invasive species.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comments.</li> </ul>	MM
6.	<p><b>Presentation: Land Bank Initiative in the DCCP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KO gave a brief introduction about land banking initiative in the branch.</li> <li>• KO presented on illegal clearing of indigenous vegetation without authorisation in the industrial area. A company was fined R50 000 and the money was used for invasive clearing at KD.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comments.</li> </ul>	KO
7.  7.1	<p><b>PAAC:</b></p> <p>Other Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM suggested that a data base of subcontractors be created for Filming and events.</li> <li>• GS stated that he would create such a list.</li> <li>• FoBCA acknowledged ADORE for the excellent help and assistance in nature conservation through patrolling and always be available.</li> <li>• RR suggested that the code of conduct be reformulated with CZ ECO.</li> <li>• CM stated that signage first needs to be placed before a new code of conduct be formulated.</li> <li>• FS asked how to go about doing night patrols. CM said can be discussed outside meeting.</li> <li>• DLR suggested demarcated area for braai. CM responded according to legislation, it is not allowed.</li> <li>• Rudi mentioned that EFT system is available and C.B will communicate procedure.</li> <li>• RR stated that there is a communication gap when trying to get through to the reserve. CM said that reserve was in a transition phase from Mamre building.</li> <li>• DA stated that building is not open for public as communicated in July. There is also no view site. CM said that view deck was not initially part of the plan. We are about to go live at cash office as the notice is till end November 2018. CM will communicate more information as time goes by.</li> <li>• CB to send contact numbers, email address and radio numbers to all members.</li> <li>• RR suggested that more lights be set up around building. CM said that there are more implications to light fixtures around the building.</li> <li>• DA suggested he could donate compressor to promote employment. FS would also like to.</li> <li>• CM said that sub council choose randomly employees.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM suggested that a new Chairperson to be voted at next meeting when more members are available. RR suggested that we nominate via email.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.1.1</b>	Next Meeting: 08 February 2018	Noted