

Charleston, secretary Liz Holton, and the Vice Chairman John Fowkes. We were fortunate to have been served by the experience of William Bond and Dave Curren and the enthusiasm of Ellen Grové, Richard Hennesy, Sandy Fowlkes, Bobsy Sacks and John Coates of the Bird Club.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the officials of the City Council who bent over backwards to help us as far as their resources would allow, and to you, the members, for all your interest and support.

REPLANTING PROGRAM

The Zandvlei Trust has an ongoing program of re-establishing the natural (indigenous) vegetation surrounding the Vlei and immediate environs.

The indigenous material is well-suited to the harsh conditions created by having little or no maintenance once planted.

The most opportune planting period is just before and during winter (May through July). Planting at this time enables the new seedlings, shrubs and trees to establish a fairly well-developed root system that can sustain their growth during the dry summer season.

The Zandvlei Trust is hoping that, through organised planting groups, the indigenous vegetation will re-establish itself and consequently promote a better environment for all.

Indigenous plants are available for planting, and interested people can contact William Bond, who co-ordinates the program.

A Single Controlling Authority for Environmental Issues in False Bay?

The Minister of Environmental Affairs, Mr. Louis Pienaar, has again opened the debate on the problems arising from the multiplicity of local and government authorities who are involved in environmental management in the Cape Peninsula.

Citing examples of combined control achieved in other fields, the Minister enquired in recent speeches in Cape Town whether this co-operation could not be achieved by people in the Peninsula.

From the point of view of the Zandvlei Trust, the creation of the natural areas of the Peninsula as a National Heritage Site makes sense. Such a site, encompassing all the mountains, the major water catchment areas, rivers and wetlands and the coastline and waters of False Bay would safeguard an International, let alone National, heritage.

If all these areas were under the control of one environmental authority with an overall management plan, not only the environmental, but also the econ-

omic, benefits would be tremendous.

Can you imagine:

** a system of hiking trails and overnight stops which led from Green Point to Cape Point?*

** a coherent development plan for the whole of the coastline which balances building needs with recreation and the needs of wildlife?*

** an integrated approach to the rivers and wetlands that controlled pollution and noxious weed, that developed riverside walks and a series of parks and bird sanctuaries?*

With that type of thinking, we

would have an attraction that could keep visitors happy in the Peninsula for days on end. The more days they stay here, the more they spend here! We could also ensure that our residents stay healthy and happy with their surroundings.

The Minister opened the debate. We will be urging others to continue and broaden discussion of an idea whose time has surely come.

The Zandvlei Trust is consequently a supporter of and participant in the False Bay Workshops, the next meeting of which is on 27 February 1992.

COMMITTEE

As at January, our Committee is as follows:

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