

ZANDVLEI PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE IMPERIAL YACHT CLUB, MUIZENBERG ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2016 AT 14H00

Present:	Damian Gibbs (DG), ZSC, Chair Gavin Lawson (GL), CBC Anthony Roberts (AR), CTEET Bob Craske (BC), MdGA Mike Miller (MM), PCC Sandra Fowkes (SF), ZVT John Fowkes (JF), Westlake Wetlands Project Boudje Giljam (BG), MdGA Kyle Maurer (KM), CPUT David Walker (DW), Sea Cadets/CPUT Dave D'Alton (D'DA), CT Councilor Andrea von Gunden (AvG), Cteeb Abdulla Parker (AP), TCT Joshua Gericke (JG), Manager, Zandvlei Nature Reserve Carol Watts (CW), Minutes
Apologies:	Alex Palmyra Melissa Walker Representative from Capricorn Park ### JOSH, PLEASE CONFIRM NAME ###
Invited:	Representative from Capricorn Park ###JOSH, PLEASE CONFIRM ###

Item	Notes	Who	Date due
	Meeting opened: 14h00		
1.	Welcome: Extended to all by Damian Gibbs		
2.	Attendance Register: signed by all.		

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3	Minutes of previous meetings: were not yet completed, to be adopted at the next meeting.		
3.1	Matters Arising:		
3.1.1	Funding for a Minutes Secretary had not yet been resolved. Payment had been met privately for this meeting; Zandvlei Trust undertook for the next meeting, and CTEET the following one.	JF, AR	April
3.1.2	Mike Miller had nothing to report on funding from paddlers associations for dredging.		Jul
3.1.3	It was suggested that a column be added to the minutes for Action.	CW	Feb
3.1.4	The previous minutes were proposed by Dave D'Alton and seconded by Dave Walker.	JF AR	
4	Report back on the quarterly report presentation by Joshua Gericke. This was a comprehensive report that covered all aspects of the management of Zandvlei. Full details to be made available to the Committee on the website www.zpaac.org.za	JG	
4.1	Bob Craske commented on the problems of weed harvesting encountered by MdGA. Repairs to the harvester have been outsourced and long delays encountered. It was suggested that a previous arrangement, whereby retirees were contracted to effect repairs, be revisited. He also suggested a temporary "borrowing" of replacements for faulty parts from the Princessvlei machine. This would be far, far cheaper than transporting the entire machine.	BC, DD'A	
5.	Presentation of the results of research on the water characteristics of Zandvlei presented and screened by Kyle Maurer. Sampling of the water over 6 months at different depths had taken place at 15 locations in Zandvlei, and the estuary mouth, and including 6 sites in the Marina canals. 6 parameters were tested at surface, middle and bottom levels: temperature, opacity, salinity, pH, O ₂ and CO ₂ . The variations were within expected and normal limits. He felt that it should be extended to cover all seasons. The full report would be made available on the website www.zpaac.org.za . Kyle was congratulated on a job well done.		
5.1	It was suggested that there should be liaison with TCT, and that research might be extended to monitor pollution.	JG, KM	

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5.2	On going monitoring/live tracking of salinity levels and pond weed should be undertaken and should include historical data to establish trends, and help establish system tipping point. It was noted that Candice Haskins did annual reports that included salinity tracking and had records going back at least 15 years.	DG	
6.	<p>TCT report back presented by Abdulla Parker.</p> <p>This concentrated mainly on the repair, cleaning and maintenance of litter traps along the river(s) feeding into the vlei. More traps were needed, and an awareness campaign was ongoing. The incidents of dumping were increasing. Dredging and rubbish collection were ongoing. Double weir: report to be circulated.</p> <p>Long term solution to improving litter is through proactive environmental education. Currently approx 6000 children per annum go through environmental education at Zandvlei.</p> <p>Cleaning of litter traps is not always done correctly with result litter escaping over the top or through the bars.</p>	AP	
6.1	Litter traps to be fixed	AP	end Feb
7.	<p>Management Plan, screened by Joshua Gericke.</p> <p>An updated version would be made available on the website, to be uploaded for comment by committee members, and presented at the next meeting.</p>	JG ALL	6 th April
8	<p>PAAC Membership review:</p> <p>Joshua reported that it was not yet available.</p>		
9.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Dave D'Alton announced his imminent retirement as Councillor. There was no replacement as yet.</p>		
10	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Date: April 6th, 2016</p> <p>Time: 14h00</p> <p>Venue: Imperial Yacht Club Zandvlei.</p>		
11.	Meeting closed: 16h02		

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	SIGNED: CHAIR.		



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