



Venue: Yacht Club

Date: 29 July 2015

Time: 18:00

MINUTES

Attendees:	Affiliation	Abbr.	Secretary (minutes):
Joshua Gericke (JG), Marita Petersen (MP), Cliff Rossenrode (CR), Shihabuddeen Khan (SK), David Walker (DW), Bob Crask (BC), Dave Da'Iton (DD), Martin Thompson (MT), Rob Woodward (RW), Abdulla Parker (AP), Damian Gibbs (DMG), Sonja Rossenrode (SR), Janine Versveld (JV), Mike Miller (MM), Gavin Lawson (GL), Ian Linsel (IL), Berenice Naidoo (BN)	BMB CCT MDGA BMB CPUT/Cadets MDGA CCT TCT ZVT TCT ZSC/IYC MDGA MLRA ZSC/PCC CBC BMB BMB	JG MP CR SK DW BC DD MT RW AP DMG SR JV MM GL IL BN	Shihabuddeen Khan Ian Linsel Berenice Naidoo

Action

Welcome by Damian Gibbs

Intro of everyone at the meeting

Apologies:

Anthony Roberts, Sandra Fawkes, Dalton Gibbs

1. Previous minutes by JG

- Miscommunication between Joshua, Damian and Natalie.
- (JG) – Apologies to DD and MP for not informing them of the meeting. Minutes of previous meeting will be send out for comment.
- MT, Yvonne Bulgen and DW was added as attendees from previous meeting.
- Correction of previous minutes by JG
- A copy of the minutes will be on the Zandvlei Trust website.
- (AP) TCT must be the name used by all

2. Interest: The three drivers of diversity in Fynbos by (JG) (Presentation available on request)

- Presentation on terrestrial issue in nature reserves. Fire, water and herbivory. Three main drivers in natural systems. Discussion of the importance of drivers in

natural systems. Importance of open space for species diversity, both fauna and flora.

- Urban challenges associated with drivers. Interference with fire regimes.
- Water: rainfall, cloud cover, dependence of species on rainfall amounts. Flooding.
- Herbivores: lack of natural large herbivores in fynbos ecosystem. Impact of trampling and grazing on vegetation diversity. Similar effect as fire.
- Zandvlei: fire regime restoration.
- **DMG:** Impact of fire on butterfly indigenous to Zandvlei. Habitat type is fire adapted but the butterfly appears not to be (JG).

3. Presentation: The Zandvlei Quarterly report and discussion (JG)

- Question of safety by BC. People accessing the marina and breaking into houses via the Sand River Canal.
- Dredging: Funding commitment from TCT (transport for Cape Town). Funding depleted by mountain fires as the budget was reallocated to prevent soil erosion. New financial year saw the commencement of vlei dredging with new TCT budget. Idea to create a deep central channel. Budget could cover 2000 m³. Graduated banks created to increase biological "friendliness" with beach areas. The banks will be rehabilitated with appropriate riparian vegetation, thus increasing the habitat for wading birds. Dredging to continue in the next financial year if TCT's.
- (DW) Where did the stones/rocks on the banks come from? (JG) The rocks were brought in to stabilise the banks in order for the dredging machine to operate closer to the water's edge, thus making the reach of the machine further. The rocks will be removed once the dredging is completed. All material that will be used for reshaping the banks will be sand that was taken from the vlei.
- (JG) We had an arrest on the 10th July 2015 for illegal fishing in Zandvlei. Mountain men made the initial arrest early that morning and JG made the final arrest. There were two press releases, one from Mountain Men and one from The City of Cape Town were neither of the parties mentions each other. SAPS charged the suspect for the wrong offense. (MT) A third press release mentioned both to mitigate the confusion from the previous press releases. JG spoke to the prosecutor and the proper charges will be added to the offence. The suspect was caught with three Garrick (2 under sized), one White Steenbras (undersize and endangered) and 126 Mullet. He had approximately 150m gill net which is illegal to possess. (DMG) what is the possible sentencing for the offence? Maximum 1 year imprisonment, but through our experience it is highly unlikely. (DG) how many times has he been doing this in Zandvlei? (JG) He admitted to doing this three times before to me. (DW) Has he been caught before? (JG) No he has no record. (SR) My husband confronts people on numerous occasions while cast netting. Everyone has gone and SAPS does not respond. What do we do? (JG) The number to be contacted in case of any emergency 0834991717 which is sitting with a 24 hour ranger unit. (GL) Everyone needs to know this number and who will respond. (SR) How do we

identify illegal activities? (JG) Any netting is illegal at night. Fishing is not allowed after sunset, no By Laws backs this up, therefore it is impossible to enforce, but one can still issue a fine to someone for disobeying a Council sign. Any form of netting except a landing net is illegal in Zandvlei Nature Reserve. Gill netting is illegal anywhere. Trek netters along the beaches has permits and are restricted by permit conditions and we do quarterly fish treks in Zandvlei for research purposes which DAFF has a permit for. (AP) Please formulate a one pager on this. (JG) Yes that is a good suggestion and it will be done.

- (AP) How do we increase opportunity for fishing?

4. TCT – Storm water sustainability

- (AP) I am the new Catchment Planner, taking over from MT, with over 20 years of experience in the water field.
- (AP) The terminology that should be used is Stormwater and Sustainability Branch and for our Department is TCT Planning, whereas Talcott Present is in TCT Asset Management and Maintenance.
- (AP) We support all departments with this conservation effort. We do water quality and quantity management. Would like to contribute to future meetings meaningfully. Ample time needed to prepare for future meetings.
- (BC) litter traps in Sand River canal. What are the plans for the future in terms of stopping litter flowing down the canals? Heavy rain results in the litter bypassing the existing litter traps. Acknowledgment that funding is a challenge. MDGA would like cities backing to retrofit the existing litter traps.
- (AP) meeting has been held already to find a sustainable solution to the challenges associated with storm water. City wide assessment is being undertaken to find sustainable solutions.

(BC) To meet with JG about the open field

(BC) – Request for assistance with the canal and litter traps

(BC) – Suggested to help source funding. It should work , be robust and be secured correctly

Railway lines /high carbonated steel for the material of the trap

(AP) – They had a meeting on Monday with regard to litter traps and they are doing a City Wide assessment. He will definitely assist.

- (MP) raised issue of dumping in her area. (AP) Waste management has a dedicated law enforcement unit to deal with illegal dumping. Alfredo Roman (law enforcement) for dumping. His contact can be obtained on City Phone.
- (MP) more focus is needed on management of waste and how the source can be remedied.

5. Constitutional and Code of Conduct Amendments

- Constitution was accepted and no changes were proposed, DD, MP and BC stated they do not have a copy of the constitution.

6. Mechanism for filling gaps in the PAAC and the way forward

- Need to look at filling the gaps e.g. Sea Scouts, Coniston Park RPA, no restriction of times frames for additions.
- No objection to add other organisations/RPA.
- (BC) Make the vlei more disability friendly, we looking at self-funding this project, we should include and not exclude people. (JG) It is essential and drilled into our branches planning when new infrastructure is being developed.
- (DW) What was the consultant been appointed for?

Next meeting – September 9
October 21