

**SUMMARY - MINUTES:
PARKTOWN NORTH RATEPAYERS' & RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION (PNRA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the
METHODIST CHURCH, 7th Avenue, Parktown North
on Wednesday, 24th June 2015 @ 18h00**



Present:

- Committee :** Lee-Ann Louverdis (Chair), Peter Erlank (Civic Affairs), Tony Davidson (Safety & Security), Geraldine Erlank (Town Planning; Governance & Compliance), Greg Husted (Heritage), Lee Young (Administrator)
- SAPS:** Captain Mkhize (Parkview SAPS / Parktown North Sector Manager)
- Speakers:** Lee-Ann Louverdis – PNRA Chairperson
- Attendance:** As per attendance register – available on request
- Apologies:** Nick Human (Committee Member – Outdoor Signage)
Col Kubone (SAPS Parkview)
Tim Truluck, Ward Councillor, Ward 117
The list of other Apologies is available on request.
- Proxies:** The list of Proxies is available on request.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson (LAL) called the meeting to order at 18h15, and welcomed all present. She extended a welcome to all attendees.

- Approval of minutes:** Motion proposed by LAL: To approve minutes of PNRA AGM minutes of 9 April 2014
Motion Seconded by Debbie Cave
Motion carried / Minutes approved without modification

2. Chairperson's Annual Report

LAL introduced the Management Committee (ManCo) to the AGM.

UPDATE: MARKETING AND BRANDING

LAL highlighted the following achievements: the PNRA website was now live; the PNRA Twitter account was active with the handle PNRA_jhb; the I Love Parktown North Facebook page was live; a marketing gazebo had been designed and purchased; PNRA car magnets had been purchased; and last year's events organised were the Car Park Clean-up, the Easter Egg Hunt and a St Patrick's Day supper evening.

The marketing flags were already being used at sites where the CIA Squad was working. The car magnets could be seen on the vehicles of the Committee when they are driving around the suburb doing civic, building control and town planning audits.

LAL confirmed that a new e-newsletter was in the process of being designed. In addition, the old PNRA email address (pnr@mweb.co.za) had now been discontinued. LAL requested that the community please take care when using the community WhatsApp so as to keep information relevant and not intrusive on people's busy lives.

In this regard, Col Kubone (the new Parkview Station Commander) had discussed with the PNRA her desire to have fractured WhatsApp groups discontinued and to have them consolidated into one meaningful group that has nothing to do with competing marketing groups.

UPDATE: CIVIC AFFAIRS

JHB Roads Agency (JRA):

JRA had conducted a traffic study at the corner of Sutherland and Buckingham Avenues. After analysing the results, the JRA have informed the PNRA that because of the engineering design of the “park” and the traffic volumes, they cannot approve the installation of either a stop street or a traffic light at that intersection.

The PNRA had achieved the following:

1. A **Stop Street** had been installed at the corner of 4th and 10th Avenues.
2. **Guard Rails** had been installed at Stef’s Circle.
3. JRA approval for a solution to the **loading zone** at Parktown Quarter. However, it was up to Parktown Quarter to source and pay for the solution. The PNRA will continue to encourage the implementation of the solution.

The following are on-going projects:

1. JRA has confirmed that they have no budget for 4 **speed humps along 4th Avenue**, and only if the community deposited sufficient funds into the 4th Ave Speed Hump account could they be installed.

It was confirmed that:

- the speed bump positions were determined by the JRA,
- the speed humps were designed by the JRA, and
- if installed by the community, the speed humps would be subject to inspection by the JRA after installation to ensure compliance to their engineering standard whereafter they take responsibility for maintenance thereof.

In response to an emailed complaint from a member of the public, LAL confirmed that as a result of the aforementioned, any claims from the public iro damage to their vehicles, need to be directed to the JRA.

2. The PNRA had applied for **Stef’s Circle** to be properly painted and for correct circle signage to be installed.
3. The PNRA continues to work with the JRA towards implementing a **7th Ave Complete Streets Solution**.
4. To that end, the PNRA had been granted way leave approval for the **installation of bollards along 7th Avenue**, at the Bus Terminus and on the corners of 3rd and 6th Avenues. This is in response to restaurant patrons repeatedly parking on the pavements causing degradation of the pavements and adversely affecting the services thereunder, and pushing pedestrians off the pavement into the main road. It was important for the community to understand that if the pavement parking is allowed to continue, degraded pavements will have to be repaired **by the community** as the JRA had no budgets for such maintenance.

JHB Water:

The following were on-going issues:

1. The theft of water meter covers and water meters. LAL requested the community to refer to the website for useful numbers, including a dedicated telephone number for the reporting of stolen water meters which are typically replaced within 24 hours.
2. New water meters placed in incorrect positions: LAL advised that the PNRA no longer audits this issue. It is up to the members of the community to advise if they have a problem with positions, they can report it to the PNRA.

LAL confirmed that JHB Water was currently working their way through the neighbourhood, cleaning out the sewers.

City Power:

The following remain on-going issues:

1. Load Shedding: City Power has put mitigation strategies in place including the shutting down of geysers, and keeping power generated at Kelvin power station for the City and not feeding in back into the Eskom grid. The PNRA were accurate on Twitter when advising when load shedding was confirmed by City Power. LAL asked that the community please keep the PNRA updated on when they have a power outage – especially around 1st Ave East, 2nd Ave, 5th Ave and 6th Avenue – so that the PNRA could correctly draw the boundaries around City Power Blocks 1B, 2B and 8B.

2. The PNRA continues to monitor City Power infra-structure throughout PTN with the assistance of ADT and Cortac. Vagrancy around sub-stations is discouraged; and open and unsecured sub-station doors are reported.
3. There are aging sub-stations in 11th Ave and 5th Ave. The PNRA is asking residents to advise them when they experience prolonged power outages. Full details are needed so that a meaningful petition can be put together.

Pikitup:

1. Pikitup needs constant reminding to clean out the bins and collect trash from public, especially on cnr 5th & 3rd Avenues, and in 7th Avenue.
2. The PNRA were able to get a bin placed at the Sutherland / Buckingham “park”.
3. At the 7th Avenue car park, Pikitup staff sleep for most of their working day and fail to properly clean the area. As an on-going Special Project, the car park is being cleaned by the team that cleans cars in the car park.

City Parks:

City Parks was the worst performing of the City of Johannesburg departments.

1. The PNRA finds it VERY difficult to get City Parks to trim back street trees that are interfering with power cables.
2. City Parks is not maintaining the traffic islands. The PNRA is currently doing that.

LAL thanked **Andre Botha** for maintaining the Sutherland / Buckingham “park”, and **Mr and Mrs Harris** for maintaining the grassy patch on the corner of 3rd and Sutherland Avenues.

Emergency Services / Rosebank Fire Station:

The PRNA has not received any support from either EMS or the Rosebank Fire Station.

1. They do not clean out debris from the fire hydrants, and haven’t provided proof of when they were last cleaned.
2. They do not service the fire hydrants, and have failed to provide proof of when they were last serviced.

Environmental Health:

1. Restaurant inspections are done inconsistently.
2. Property inspections are inconsistent and take place only at the insistence of the PNRA.

Community-in-Action (CIA) Squad:

The following are on-going projects:

1. Municipal pavement clean-ups, including cleaning traffic islands, removing invasive ivy strangling the street trees, and cleaning the Wedge (corner 9th and 10th Avenues).
2. Graffiti abatement.
3. Car Park clean-up.
4. Mapping of load shedding grids for Blocks 1B, 2B and 8B.
5. Conducting building audits to enable CoJ and PHRAG records to be checked for building and Heritage approvals, and to monitor clearing of rubble from pavements; and to enable SAPS to conduct security inspections at building sites.
6. Addressing illegal outdoor advertising and signage.
7. Auditing the suburb and preparing lists of items requiring action by CoJ, submitting such lists to the CoJ, and monitoring CoJ actioning thereof
8. Cleaning storm water drains, fire hydrants, etc.

The PNRA was gifted a jungle gym for the car park, but between the JHB Property Company, JRA, City Parks, and the Department of Transport, no one was able to agree who could give permission. The PNRA list this as a failed initiative – the gift of the jungle gym was therefore regretfully declined.

Civic Affairs Special Projects:

1. The **auditing of the street trees**. It is our hope that we can identify which trees are dying and plant trees to replace these.
2. **Beautification of our traffic islands**

3. **Recycling** – since 2013, the PNRA has expressed its interest in getting a recycling project going. Tim Truluck, however, has repeatedly advised that a CoJ recycling project was imminent, and that the PNRA should wait for the CoJ to roll out its project. We have wasted enough time on this issue, and will be pursuing this on behalf of the community.
4. The **Bollard Project** has been approved by the JRA and way leave applications have been lodged by the PNRA.
5. The **Car Park Rejuvenation Project** remains a focus, and the PNRA have had several meetings with town planners appointed by the JHB Property Company to assess the property.

THE PNRA WOULD LIKE TO THANK **ROXBURGH TRUST** who are sponsoring the supply of dustbin bags for one year for the car park. The dust bin bags donated by the community will be used for the clean-up of the streets, storm water drains, pavements, traffic islands, etc.

The PNRA WOULD LIKE TO THANK **CIARAN WHELAN** for paying for 8th Avenue to be cleaned regularly and for paying for the trash collected at the Car Park to be removed regularly.

UPDATE: FORUMS

LAL reported that the Worship Forum, the Restaurant & Liquor Forum, and the Estate Agents' Forum all continue to operate successfully. She noted in particular that only 4 restaurants failed to support the Restaurant and Liquor Forum. The other 11 restaurants in PTN were members.

LAL thanked the Street Captains. She confirmed that there were 21 Street Captains, 11 streets had more than 15 members, and 11 streets had more than 20% membership. LAL noted that the PNRA needed a lot more Street Captains and appealed to anyone who could assist for the following:

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| ▪ 1 st East Ave (between 7 th & 8 th) | * 7 th Avenue |
| ▪ 3 rd Avenue | * 8 th Avenue (between 2 nd to JSA) |
| ▪ 4 th Avenue (between Chester to 8 th) | * 11 th Avenue (between 1 st West to 3 rd) |

UPDATE: TOWN PLANNING & HERITAGE

Town Planning in neighbouring suburbs – objection to “take-away restaurant” at the Shell Garage had been successful.

Town Planning Objection to Re-Zonings – Objections lodged / Awaiting CoJ processes to take place:

1. 1st Ave West (GodFirst) – Noise is but one issue that the community have objected to
2. 21, 2nd Avenue – Removal of restrictions to allow for Business Use
3. 18 3rd Avenue – Residential 1 to Residential 3 to allow for 12 “dwelling units”
4. 19 & 21, 6th Avenue (His People’s Church) – Creche

Town Planning Objection to Re-Zonings – Cases closed:

1. 33A, 6th Avenue – Residential 1 to Residential 2 to allow for 4 dwelling units / PNRA objection was withdrawn in agreed with the community who had previously lodged objections
2. 15, 7th Avenue – Residential showrooms to Special / no objection lodged as the application was in line with the RSDF
3. Restaurant Application in 7th Avenue – application withdrawn in view of the RSDF being amended to exclude any further restaurant applications on 7th Avenue.

Heritage Applications processed:

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| 1. 79, 1 st Ave East | 4. 56A, 6 th Ave | 7. 21, 9 th Ave | 10. 30, 12 th Ave |
| 2. 12, 5 th Ave | 5. 23, 7 th Ave | 8. 27A, 10 th Ave | 11. 16a, 12 th Ave |
| 3. 11, 6 th Ave | 6. 2, 9 th Ave | 9. 20, 11 th Ave | |

Building Noise: LAL confirmed that the rule for building noise was as follows:-

Monday to Friday: 6am – 6pm

Saturday: 6am – 5pm

Sunday and Public Holidays: NO NOISE

Stand Size: LAL reminded the meeting that the smallest allowable stand in Parktown North is 750m².

UPDATE: GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

LAL advised that the following projects had been deferred to accommodate the high priority awarded to security issues:

1. Revision of the PNRA Constitution
2. Registration of the PNRA as an NPO
3. Drafting of a Precinct Plan – LAL reminded the meeting that this will cost anywhere between R100 000 and R150 000.

LAL appealed for assistance from the community, and that the PNRA was looking specifically for volunteers as follows;

1. Secretary
2. Street Captain Co-ordinator
3. Treasurer (the PNRA uses Quickbooks)
4. Business Forum Co-ordinator
5. Environmental Affairs Co-ordinator
6. Forums Co-ordinator (Estate Agents, Restaurants, Worship)

3. Business

Adopt Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2015:

LAL presented the Annual Financial Statements / All PNRA accounts are open for inspection at the PNRA offices

LAL thanked JCB Accounting for preparing the PNRA accounts on a pro bono basis.

Ratify the PNRA Annual Membership Fees for 2015:

Motion proposed by LAL / Motion seconded by Katherine Janisch / Motion carried

LAL confirmed that the current Management Committee of the PNRA stands down, as is required by the PNRA Constitution.

The following offered themselves for re-election: Tony Davidson, Geraldine Erlank, Peter Erlank, Nick Human, Greg Husted, and Lee-Ann Louverdis. No nominations to the Management Committee were received.

Accept the nominations for the PNRA Management Committee for 2015 / 2016 as detailed above:

LAL asked if anyone present had any objections to the appointment of proposed Committee.

No objections were noted / Motion carried

4. SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE: VUMATEL Fibre

Roll-Out Update:

1. The project is nearing completion.
2. 4 out of 5 Phases are FIBRE-READY
3. Reinstatement is not yet complete so please be patient as Vumatel completes this.

Challenges:

1. The reinstatement teams were diverted to keep construction on track.
2. With Parktown North being an older suburb, underground services are not adequately mapped out.
3. Vumatel thanked the community for their support.

Status Update:

1. More reinstatement teams had been added to PTN, and they were working on week-ends to catch up.

2. Over 1500 homes and businesses would be connected by 17 July 2015.
3. Vumatel have made a commitment that they will NOT leave PTN until ALL WORK has been properly completed.
4. They will be conducting a survey in the community, and look forward to receiving your feedback.
5. Should you have any snags, please contact parktownnorth@vumatel.co.za or fibre@parktownnorth.org.
6. Giorgio Iovino made himself available at the meeting for questions after the security presentation.

5. Introduction of Col Kubone:

The new Parkview Police Station Commander, Col Kubone, was unable to make the meeting. She was represented by Captain Mkhize.

6. Security Presentation

LAL presented a security presentation which will be summarized under separate cover.

7. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20h15.