

SUMMARY - MINUTES: PARKTOWN NORTH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (PNRA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the METHODIST CHURCH, 7th Avenue, Parktown North
on Thursday 4th July 2013 17h30

Present:

- Committee :** David Culverwell (Chairman); Tony Davidson; Frank Du Rand
Guest speakers: Councillor Tim Truluck; SAPS Colonel Nanda Moodley; ADT Security Update; Lee-Ann Louverdis
Attendance: As per attendance register – can be forwarded on request

1. Welcome and Chairman's Opening Address

The Chairman welcomed all present, and apologized that no AGM had been held since 2011. He cited two main reasons for this: the death of Richard Price who was responsible for the PNRA membership database; and despondency and fatigue in failing to prevent undesirable development applications from succeeding, despite Council's rulings being in violation of the PNRA's Regional Space Development Framework (RSDF).

He outlined a number of positive aspects:

- The downturn in the economy has mitigated against large scale development.
- Noise disturbances have by and large been contained.
- Heritage sites have been identified.
- The rising water table has been addressed.
- There is a healthy balance in the PNRA account.
- Penny Steyn of MAD remains supportive, continuing to present monthly Domestic Watch workshops.

In conclusion he thanked the past committee for their hard work. He advised he was stepping down as chairman, and expressed his confidence in the incoming committee's enthusiasm and passion.

2. Financial Report presented by Frank Durand

The Balance Sheet is healthy, reflecting a sum slightly in excess of R187 000.

The Community Defence Fund (CDF) of R18 262 was raised for the defence of RSDF matters and was therefore kept apart from Membership Fees. As a separate account is costly to maintain, he recommended the funds be consolidated, with the CDF being ring-fenced for its intended purpose.

Money had been saved by not spending on administration fees.

He urged the new Committee to embark on a membership drive and increase membership fees.

3. Address by Tim Truluck, DA Councillor Ward 117

Tim Truluck welcomed the resurrection of the PNRA, stressing that it was through the RA's that he gained the information necessary to do his job as Councillor. He advised that the Parks are under huge pressure from the explosion and planned further development of Rosebank, and the resultant rat running through previously quiet residential streets.

4. ADT Safety and Security Report

ADT reviewed their service offering as the majority service provider in PTN including 2 dedicated vehicles and 10 further back-up vehicles – all in radio contact with SAPS vehicles.

CCTV is increasingly being used to monitor vehicular traffic with number plate intelligence software.

The main contributing factors to crime are alarms not activated, parking in streets and building activity.

5. Address by SAPS Colonel Nanda Moodley

- The Colonel advised that Parkview Police Station's vision is to achieve a safe and secure environment for all, hand in hand with security companies, residents' associations and the JMPD.
- Fraud and corruption would not be tolerated, and should be reported to him on 082 411 5440. He requested that this number not be used for trivial complaints!
- Despite having 6 suburbs in his jurisdiction, the station remains undersupplied in respect of manpower and vehicles thereby hampering efforts at visible policing.
- Crime in PTN is on the increase with informants playing a major role. He warned all to be circumspect in what is told to domestics, gardeners and tenants.
- Tips to help in the prevention of crime:
 - Close garage doors; do not leave gates open when seeing off guests or when having a party; be aware of being followed from the airport or shopping malls; get SAPS to conduct "crim-checks" on any building labourers working in the neighbourhood.
- Col Moodley thanked the PNRA for their continued support of SAPS Parkview, and for their help with the refurbishment of the premises and road frontage.

6. Election of the New Committee – the following names were submitted for selection:-

Lee-Ann Louverdis (Chairman); Carol Botha; Tony Davidson, Gillian Dawson; Geraldine Erlank; Peter Erlank; Gail Fehrson; Nick Human; Wulfred Kanarek; Robin Kelly and Myrna Powell.

All nominations were accepted.

7. Address by Lee-Ann Louverdis

Lee-Ann Louverdis thanked the outgoing committee for their years of community service, Frank Durand for handing over a healthy set of accounts, Tim Truluck, Col Moodley, and the sponsors for the evening - ADT and Eskel Jawitz.

She reviewed the system of Street Initiatives, a movement which has its roots in concerned citizens banding together in their fight against crime. The PNRA would be looking to roll out these Street Initiatives to build stronger community ties and providing a role in keeping residents informed of matters of collective interest. Street Initiatives will need to move beyond a sole focus on crime, and must seek to bring together all stakeholders including the City of Johannesburg, SAPS, JMPD, the Ward Councillor, all residents and businesses, and all security providers. The Street Initiatives are purely volunteer-driven structures that must encapsulate high levels of integrity and professionalism.

She advised that as the database is of prime importance to the functioning of the PNRA, work is already in progress to rebuild it. She encouraged all residents to become involved and to join. She reviewed the three-tiered annual subscription fee of R550 for businesses, R350 per household and R250 for pensioners and apartments.

8. Questions from the Floor

Outgoing Chairman, David Culverwell, took questions from the floor and closed the meeting at 20h10.