

URBAN IMPROVEMENTS PRECINCTS (RF) NPC
MINUTES OF THE
Central Business District Precinct Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 21 June 2016,
in the Imbuia Board Room, 1st Floor, Florence Mkhize Building, at 2.30pm

Attended By:

Colin Burnett	UIP Company (Acting Chairperson)
Ingrid Lewis	UIP Company
Tufail Desai	Delta Property Fund
Sunil Harisunker	Redefine
Blose Nhlanhla	Redefine
Blessing Cele	U S Consulate
Chris Meintjes	Enforce
Di Greenwood	Cwebezela
Patrick Mahlangu	Cwebezela
W/O Rajaram	SAPS Workshop
Angel Veloso	DSW
Bruce Blake	Parks
Kululwa Mazwi	Business Support
Capt. Samson Mweli	SAPS Broad Street

Apologies:

Althea Bantom
Denis Cockhead

1. Welcome and Thanks

Colin welcomed all and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2. Apologies

As listed above.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

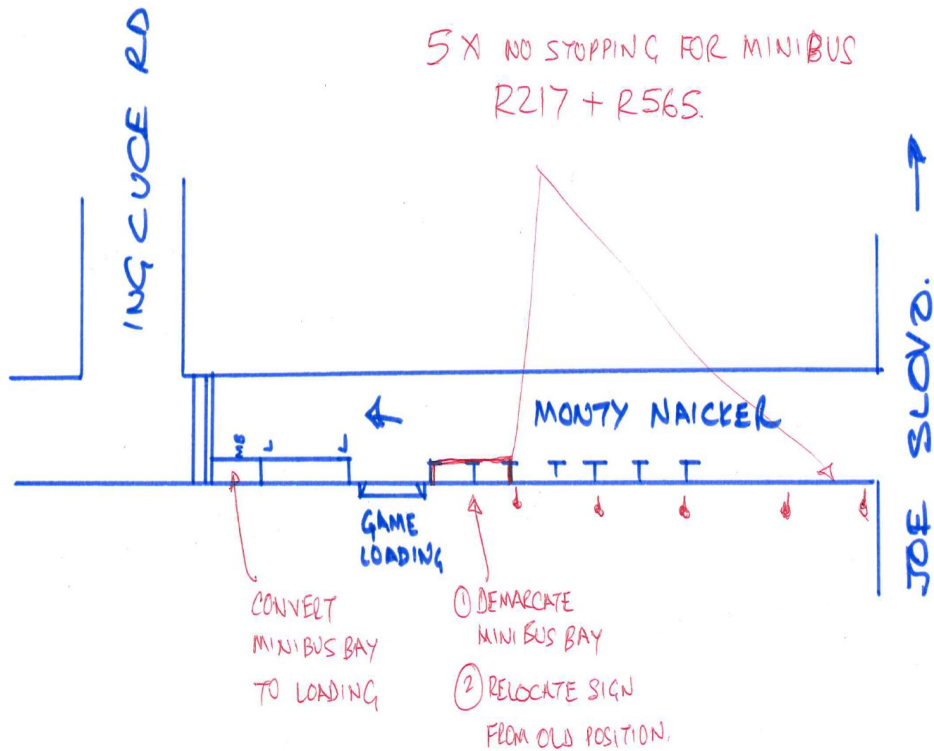
The minutes of the meeting of 17 May 2016, were accepted as read and confirmed by Chris and Patrick respectively.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Game West Street

With regards to the fact that the Drop off Zone in Monty Naicker in front of Game was still being used as a Taxi Rank, Colin advised that he had not received any further feedback regarding the below changes as depicted on the drawing from ETA that he had received the previous month. He had on 17 June 2016 requested a date of implementation from Rajen of ETA but had not received a response.

Colin to monitor.



4.2 Telephone Banks

Patrick confirmed that the phones in Mark Lane (5), Greenacres Passage (2) and Field Street (1) had not been removed. Colin advised he had spoken to a Johnnie van der Walt in Bloemfontein, who assured him that the phones would be removed as he was the correct person to liaise with. He requested copies of previous correspondence and advised he would ensure action regarding the payphones removal.

Colin to monitor.

5. Report Back from Service Providers:

5.1 Business Support Unit:

Kululwa advised that the newly designed trader tables were available, and that installation had started, with Pinetown being given priority. She stated Business Support in conjunction with Metro Police were having regular operations in the Warwick area checking for infringements like extended tables and illegal traders. All permits were also being checked. Metro Police were moving the illegal traders, but as soon as they left the illegal traders returned.

Kululwa advised that she was covering Emmanuel's area as well and as a result she was currently under huge pressure and all over the place.

5.2 DSW

The Chairman stated that the cleanliness of the city was noticeable this morning when he arrived for work. Angel advised that they were having issues with the vagrants and the person or persons who were disposing of waste on Dr AB Xuma, at the DR Yusuf Dadoo intersection robot as you entered the city. Patrick stated that he could see the huge difference being made daily by the new three shift system and that the city was clean when they left at night.

Di enquired whether it would at all be possible to change the bin collection time in the 14h00 to 22h00 shift as it occurred when the streets were very busy.

Angel to investigate.

The issue relating to the theft of bins in the city was raised. All bins were numbered by DSW and leased to the businesses. The clients were requested to mark their bins clearly for easy identification. It was determined that should a bin go missing, the client should open a case of theft with SAPS, who in turn could then arrest the person in possession of the bin. It was noted that DSW could also open and charge for theft as they were the legal owners of the bins.

5.3 Cwebezela

Patrick advised that both he and Di spent time with Sibisi from DSW in the CBD area from Joe Slovo Street to Westwalk where they called on and supplied new shops with bins. It became apparent that the new shop owners, especially those who were sub renting were not getting letters regarding their responsibility for the bins.

Patrick reported that he would inform Althea of the paving in Anton Lembede Street alongside Checkers had once again been dug up and left incomplete.

Patrick to action

5.3.1 Pissoires

Patrick advised that the Greenacres Pissoire had not yet been enclosed in line with the Monty Naicker one, as advised would happen by the end of May 2016 by the Architectural Department. Colin noted that according to Althea there was a delay in this process but it would happen.

5.3.2 Card Board Recyclers

Patrick stated that the cardboard recyclers were misusing the Adams storm water drain on the pavement to wet the card board to make it heavier.

5.3.3 320 Project

Di advised that the 320 project was failing because of the illegal traders and hair salon ladies and that all enforcement control was lost. She advised that although they kept on cleaning, the block was worse than before. It was agreed to reduce the cleaners to one on this block. She enquired as to whether management had received any further feedback regarding the by-law from the lawyers regarding confiscation.

5.3.4 Spot Light

It was noted that the spot light at the School lane and Dr Pixley Kaseme Street intersection reported last month was still not working.

Colin to action.

5.4 Metro Police

Not present

5.5 SAPS Workshop

W/O Rajaram stated that there had been a noticeable increase in the amount of vagrants since the start of the winter and that with the assistance of Enforce they were doing their best to move the vagrants out of the area. He was concerned with the increase in the amount of rapes and muggings.

W/O Rajaram requested that everyone attend the CPF Meeting to be held on Thursday 23 June 2016 at 10am. Chris advised that they were currently meeting at the Workshop satellite police station, but that they were trying to arrange a venue at the Royal Hotel. He encouraged the ratepayers and retailers to attend and advised he had assisted in trying to get this CPF functional.

5.5.1 SAPS Broad Street

Captain Mweli stated that Maud Lane from City Hospital to Boxer Stores, which was just out of the UIP area was extremely dirty as a result of the vagrants sleeping there. Angel undertook to ensure that this area is cleaned regularly. Captain Mweli also

stated that parking in front of their facility remained problematic as there were only two parking bays that were used by complainants, Police vehicles as well as official members. The Chairman advised that the UMZ had previously tried with ETA to put angular parking into place but had not been successful.

5.6 Enforce – UIP Security Division

The May 2016 security reports were distributed with the Minutes and reported on by Chris. He advised that 6 armed robberies had taken place in the area the previous month. Due to photos that Jam supplied of the armed robbery that took place on Saturday 14 May, one of the men had been identified by the crime monitors. Chris advised that they were still assisting SAPS Workshop and that the patrolling in the vicinity of McDonalds was ongoing. He noted that 280 vagrants were removed from the precinct for the month.

5.7 Parks

The Chairman thanked Bruce for attending the meeting. Bruce explained that his mandate stretched from the Point to the Blue lagoon along the beachfront, up to Grayville and Morningside as well as the inner city.

Patrick stated that the Palm trees in the area from West street to Joe Slovo and Dorothy Nyembe Street were problematic. He advised that the leaves were constantly falling down and when he collected them and placed them in a neat pile, DSW refused to collect them. Bruce stated that the various departments refuse to work together and that this was causing problems. The Chairman enquired as to how often palm leaves were collected and Bruce advised that all calls for the removal of dead branches must be logged with the UMZ or at the Botanical Gardens on 031 322 4000 as he only had two teams working in the CBD and a lot of time is focused around the City Hall grounds.

W/O Rajaram stated that at the Gugu Dlamini Park exit from the underground parking in Samora Machele Street, the illegal car guards were using the parking chain to their advantage in securing an area to park. Bruce was requested to please follow up and ascertain if that exit was his responsibility as this was becoming a crime hotspot.

Bruce to action.

5.8 UMZ

Not Present

6. Finance

Management Accounts

The monthly report was tabled and reported on by Colin with the year to date showing a surplus of R124 732. He advised that the reasons were that the 320 Redefine building had recently been sold and their rates had therefore been paid in full for the year. The other reason was that Delta Funds that were paid in error into the CBD account would be journalised out and into the correct account at year end.

7. General

7.1 Business Support

Kululwa advised that they were holding a compliance workshop at the City Hall on the 6th July 2016 from 9.00 to 12.00 and that both Metro Police as well as the Health Department were going to be there.

7.2 Delta Properties

Tufail required as to where he could purchase concrete bins for use in the Pine Parkade. Angel advised that she would give him the number for Pops Peakhu as he should be able to assist him.

Tufail reported that there was a lady in front of the Liberty Towers Building that was selling cigarettes, however they suspected that she was also involved in dealing drugs. W/O Rajaram stated that he would send an undercover member to Tufail for further

investigation.

7.3 American Consulate

Blessing advised that they were preparing for the PEPFAR AIDS conference that would be taking place at the Durban ICC on the 18th July 2016. Additional security would be deployed for the duration of the conference. Blessing stated that they were concerned with the amount of armed robberies taking place in Durban North as many of their staff members lived in that area.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 19 July 2016

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

The meeting ended at 15H40