

**MINUTES OF THE URBAN IMPROVEMENTS PRECINCTS (RF) NPC
SOUTH BEACH PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
AT 14H30 ON 15 JUNE 2016, 1 ST FLOOR, MALIBU MEETING ROOM,
AT THE GARDEN COURT, SOUTH BEACH.**

PRESENT

Ebrahim Vadachia	South Beach Chairman and UIP Chairman
Nicolene Brennan	UIP Director
Wayne Smith	UIP Director
Colin Burnett	UIP General Manager
Ingrid Lewis	UIP Administration
Corrie Swanepoel	Claridge Court
Andre Botha	Pasadena
S Rooskrans	Pasadena
Alice Quibell	Fairhaven
Ayesha Mahomed	Fairhaven
Ismial Mahomed	Fairhaven
Richard Sharp	Whitehaven
Chummy Brijnath	CPF
Bruce Blake	Parks
Annopchand Hoopdeo	DSW Law Enforcement
Captain Isabel Moolman	Metro Police
Mandla Gumede	Business Support
Raz Ali	BOSS
Paul Burmeister	Shanela Environmental Management
Yvonne Badenhorst	S B Liaison Officer

VISITORS

Tanya Watersworth	Independent Media
Ralph Lewington	Faliase
Koba Lewington	Faliase
Evel Lewel	Casablanca

APOLOGIES

Denis Cockhead
Jenny Bannister
Amar Hurjan
Bill Roper
Lyn Roper
A C Khan
Captain Magin
Bongeka Ndlovu

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Wayne Smith from the Garden Court, for hosting the UIP meeting at short notice.

2. APOLOGIES

As above

3. REPORT BACK FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

3.1 Business Support

Mandla advised that with the assistance of Metro Police, they would be conducting an operation on the evening of Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 10pm. All traders found sleeping in the trader stalls on the beach front would be given written warnings and permits would be withdrawn should they continue sleeping there. It was noted that the vagrants were also sleeping in the trader stalls especially in the West Street Mall vicinity. The Chairman advised that Boss could give them support if it was needed. It was noted that no goods will be confiscated. Warnings would be issued and photos would be taken of the offenders.

Mandla to action.

3.2 DSW

Colin thanked Anopchand Hoopdeo of DSW Law Enforcement for attending, as well as for DSW assistance in liaising with Paul and the Faliase residents regarding their involvement with missing refuse bins. The Chairman enquired as to whether DSW had tackled the issue regarding the stealing of the bins. Anopchand advised that should a bin be stolen, a case should immediately be opened at the police station and a case number must be obtained. All missing bins with case numbers to be reported to Paul who would liaise with Bongeka as per the previous meeting. Anopchand also advised that they had regular operations together with Metro Police to retrieve stolen bins throughout the city. Andre advised that Pasadenas bins had been stolen three times and each time he had reported the theft and received reference numbers their bins had been replaced by DSW, free of charge.

Collection times were requested from Anopchand and he explained that exact times were not possible as there were too many variables e.g. mechanical break downs, traffic, collection volumes etc.

3.3 Shanela Environmental Management

The May 2016 report circulated with the minutes was elaborated upon by Paul.

Statistics:

Bags Collected for May 2016:	6 115
Bags Collected for May 2015:	5 540
Percentage variance for bag use same period in 2015	10%
Actual bags collected YTD 2016	32 998
Average weight collection YTD 2016	181 489kg

Paul advised that the street light on the corner of Gillespie and West Street at the KFC corner was finally functional. He stated that he had noticed that the bin theft was rampant throughout the City.

He advised that street cleaning was ongoing and that he had contacted Bongeka regarding the mess made by the refuse compactor crew, and that she was monitoring them. He also mentioned that there was an urgent need for toilet facilities at night as street urination was on the increase.

Paul advised that he was still waiting for a quotation from Juanita from Compass Sharps regarding the cost for acquiring sharps bins and pickers.

Paul to follow up

3.4 SAPS
Apologies

3.5 Metro Police

Captain Moolman advised that the members were being reminded daily of the South Beach problems at their parade in an effort to improve the situation. The Chairman stated that he had noticed a remarkable improvement in the cooperation between Metro Police and the residents. Captain Moolman stated that the hourly sweeps at the parking areas from Blue Lagoon to Bell Street are ongoing.

Yvonne advised that she had sent Captain Kacey Naicker a meeting request with Metro Management to address the liquor license issues. She advised further that Captain Naicker had closed Koko's Bar over the weekend, but that they were still having serious problems with Addiction.

Ralph stated that he had noticed that Metro Police, when attending to a call out will ignore all other transgressions of the law on route to the complaint. As an example he explained that the wall alongside of the hospital stank of urine and that Metro Police observed the vagrants urinating, but drove past without enforcing the by-laws.

It was also noted that the amount of vagrants in the area were increasing on a weekly basis. Captain Moolman stated that SAPS now had the relevant codes on their system and that vagrants could now be booked, and that she would arrange an operation. Yvonne requested that the Captain refrains from taking action until she has had the chance to assess the feeding schemes as well as the vagrant issues. She advised that she would commence with the project of obtaining the names of the individuals/organisations and registration numbers after Ramadan has ended of those who are responsible for the feeding schemes. She stated that with regards to the vagrants she would like to assess the situation first to obtain whether some of the individuals qualify for medical and other assistance.

Jay from Fairhaven advised that the gang that had been suspected of being involved with drugs and the manufacturing of alcohol had once again returned to their building after a two-week absence. Captain Moolman stated that she would follow up.

Koba advised that they had a huge problem with taxis parking illegally on the pavements and yellow lines on Prince Street.

Yvonne complimented Metro Police and advised that they had responded to a call from her regarding problematic Nigerian individuals. Metro Police arrested four of the men who were not in possession of the necessary legal documentation. She was of the opinion that she was receiving more cooperation from the Metro Police than it was the case a few months back.

3.6 B.O.S.S.

The May 2016 report was tabled and elaborated upon by Raz. He advised that the amount of drinking in the HSP, incidents with ladies of the night and loitering seemed to be on the decline, but he was of the opinion that they had to keep control as it could deteriorate very easily. The Chairman noted that looking at the figures you could see a 50% drop in area related crimes and thanked Raz and his team for their hard work.

Raz advised that BOSS would be introducing a TAG system to the area. This would replace the need for the signing of registers at the buildings as the transmitter would automatically register movement and reports would be generated showing the hourly activity of the guards. He explained that at this stage only one of the guards would have access to a transmitter but feels it would benefit the UIP more if they were able to allocate a transmitter to each guard. Unfortunately, the cost of more transmitters is too high for BOSS to carry to be viable.

Raz explained that he had been meeting with the ANC on a regular basis since December, in an effort to set and achieve the medium and long term goals that he had discussed with them.

As he had resources available from previous sites, Raz had decided to sponsor a BOSS branded vehicle to the South Beach, which would be kept on the precinct for visibility and used by Yvonne.

Raz further advised that the guards were all being measured for new, durable winter uniforms. He stated that he had been called to the Point police station, where he had met with the new station commander. He also stated that they had communicated openly and that she had informed him that she had spent time incognito at Chilli Bar. He felt very optimistic after meeting her.

The Chairman thanked Raz for the sponsoring of the vehicle as well as the additional effort he had given to the South Beach Precinct.

3.7 Urban Management Zones.

Colin advised that Siyabonga unfortunately had to tender his apologies at the last minute. Colin advised that he would arrange a walk around the Garden Court block to follow up on the snags he had logged as he was the UMZ representative for the area.

Colin to action.

3.8 Parks

Colin welcomed Bruce Blake, Operations Manager from Parks to the meeting. Bruce stated that both he and Colin had walked through the precinct and that there were very few areas parks were responsible for, other than the area from OR Tambo to the Promenade. He explained that public open spaces and the beach fell within his mandate.

He stated that the grass behind the trader huts had now been cut as per the request at the last meeting. He advised that they would spray and remove the weeds in Trafalgar Lane, but that they were not responsible for the dysfunctional middle lane area as it was private property, and inaccessible except through Hawaii.

When Colin enquired as to when the south beach pool would be functional again Bruce stated that it was not within his mandate, but that he would forward the query to the relevant department.

The Chairman enquired as to whether grass could be replanted on the beach area where 2 to 3 teams regularly play soccer with soccer boots and have damaged the grass. Yvonne advised that the teams arrive after 17h00 and that they were drinking and playing loud music whilst playing soccer. Bruce stated that an alternative solution might need to be pursued as the ball games would continue damaging the grass and advised that he would look into other possible solutions. Yvonne also stated that the information board prohibiting

ball games and drinking needed to be replaced as they were barely readable and suggested the placement of benches to discourage ball games. The issue of the lack of maintenance at the sunken gardens opposite the Elangeni Hotel was once again raised whereby Bruce advised that he would investigate. Bruce advised that there were still several outstanding contracts that were affecting his and his team's ability to perform and stated that he was hopeful that the contracts would soon be up to date.

Bruce to follow up

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 19th May 2016, were accepted as read and confirmed by Nicolene and Wayne respectively.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 West Street Mall

Colin noted that the sunken paving on the corner of West street and O R Tambo where the water collected was still on hold due to the problems being experienced by the Roads and Storm Water Department.

Colin to follow up.

5.2 Gate into the Horse Shoe Parking

Colin advised that with regards to the approval for the HSP gate, he had spoken to Ashok Harridaw of ETA on the 8th June 2016 and received an e-mail from him on the 10th June 2016 instructing that the gate had to be removed with immediate effect. Colin advised that he had spoken to Snr Supt van Heerden, who in turn advised him not to remove the gate as Director Dove was addressing the issue with ETA. The Chairman stated that ETA had no clue as to what was happening in the precinct, and that he was in the process of drafting a very strong letter to them but would keep this on hold for the time being. It was noted that Snr Supt van Heerden had instructed Siva of Roads and Storm water to return the bollards to block the entrance to the HSP that had been removed the previous week as a result of the international film that was shot there.

Colin to follow up

6. SB LIAISON OFFICER

Yvonne advised that both Snr Supt van Heerden from the Beach and Snr Supt Subramoony from Central Metro Police were aware of the Street Crime Monitor Project she was looking at for the South beach which would be based on the same principal as the Florida Road Side Walk Monitors and stated that Boss would be responsible for the vetting of the individuals. She advised that she would give the relevant information to the Chairman over the upcoming weekend.

The Chairman requested that all complaints logged at the Emergency Control Center, be forwarded to Yvonne with reference number as well as the date and time that the call was logged. He stated that Yvonne would compile a list of all incidents which she would then submit to Snr Supt van Heerden every Monday morning in order for him to be able to investigate and monitor the situation in terms of non-response.

Yvonne stated that the car washers were becoming a huge problem from Bell

Street all the way through to West Street Mall, as well as in Shepstone Place. She noted that the Car Washers in Blenheim were now providing chairs for their customers while they were waiting to have their vehicles washed. Some of their clients were the taxis from the North Beach. She advised that she had logged the complaint with an attached video to Snr Supt van Heerden.

7. GENERAL

7.1 Rates Adjustment

Colin advised that indications were that the classification from residential to commercial on some of the South Beach properties would generate an additional income of approximately R20 000.00 per month as of July 2016. The UIP Board had approved the use of the additional income from the South Beach for the implementation of day security guards in the precinct. This motion was accepted by members at meeting. Raz had indicated this will cover two day guards and a dedicated vehicle Monday to Friday.

7.2 Palm Beach

Colin stated that he had communicated with Odette Anderson a lawyer in Pietermaritzburg requesting feedback on the eviction notices to Coffee Brown and Durban Paradise. She advised that the Department of Human Settlements have pending proceedings in respect of the two clubs, that The Office of the State Attorney is aware and that she will ensure it is expedited and keep us posted.

Colin to follow up.

7.3 SB Snags

Colin advised that he had undertaken a SB snag list last Friday and had seen some improvement. He has been informed that the information sign at the corner of Garden Court directing tourists down Anton Lembede Street will not be replaced by ETA. It was noted that it was probably safer for the tourists not to have this sign on the corner.

7.4 Feedback from Chairman

The Chairman advised that Colin had set up a meeting with Adrian Peters from the Department of Strategic Planning for the 21st June 2016 and that he would give feedback at next month's meeting.

The Chairman stated that due to the fact that the first six months of the year had passed so fast he needed the assistance of the S B Members. He requested that they submit security plan proposals to Yvonne in order for her to draft a security plan for the December 2016 holiday season. He further requested that the hospitality industry should be actively involved in an effort to prevent the previous year's failings.

8. FINANCES

The May 2016 financials were tabled and elaborated on by Colin. He advised that the Garden Court had reeled in the two arrear months and had paid up until the end of June 2016. The true reflection of the Durban SPA account arrears should be reflected by the end of June 2016. The Palm Beach and Four Seasons were still problems reflecting arrears.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21st July 2016

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 16H35.

