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Newsletter for May 2016

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

**Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.
Date: THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016. Time: 19h30**

MEETING AGENDA

1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies.
2. GUEST SPEAKER: **MARTI WEDDEPOHL** (Chair – Far South Peninsula Community Forum)

TOPIC: CHALLENGES FACING THE FAR SOUTH PENINSULA

3. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 February 2016 & matters arising
4. COUNCILLOR's Report.
5. TREASURER's Report
6. CHAIRPERSON's Report
7. GENERAL

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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Our Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker is **MARTI WEDDEPOHL**, Chairperson of the **Far South Peninsula Community Forum (FSPCF)**.

Marti is Managing Director of Mercy Networks, an NGO specializing in the provision of Disaster Distress Relief. She is accredited by the American Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and recognized by the Western Cape Disaster Management Department. Recognizing that government had limited experience and inadequate resources to effectively manage large scale disasters, Marti established a network of responders who manage incident scenes and assist with the logistic and operational management of humanitarian relief.

Marti will provide feed-back on the “Gatvol” Public Meeting held on 18 April and the actions taken in respect of follow-up meetings and the hand-over of the petition to the Mayor of the City of Cape Town. .

In view of the significance of this public meeting, which was organised by the FSPCF (with the assistance of the FHVRRA) and drew a record attendance, we are giving it extensive coverage in this newsletter.

“Gatvol” Public Meeting

Over 4 000 residents signed the petition asking the Mayor to stop over-development.

The following Resolution was drawn up:

“We the people and civil society representatives of the Far South:

- present at the "Gatvol" Public Meeting in Fish Hoek on the 18th April 2016*
- or having signed the “Gatvol” petition*
- or being supportive of the items listed below:*

Hereby demand that the mayor, relevant officials and councillors of the City of Cape Town act on the following without delay:

- 1. Stop development approvals until there is adequate infrastructure (road access, schools, clinics). Community health, safety, education and well-being needs take priority over developers’ needs.*
- 2. Update the District Plan to accommodate the main points of the recent Strategic Environmental Assessment.*
- 3. Limit the hours that large vehicles can use Ou Kaapse Weg.*
- 4. Once the Main Road upgrade is complete, ban large vehicles from Ou Kaapse Weg.*
- 5. Establish bicycle lanes along Kommetjie Road, and Main Road from Muizenberg to Simon’s Town.*
- 6. Build proper taxi ranks where needed (Masiphumelele, Ocean View, Longbeach, Simon’s Town).*
- 7. Commence design of overtaking lanes on Ou Kaapse Weg that can be implemented as soon as the Main Road upgrade is completed.*
- 8. Work with PRASA and Golden Arrow to improve public transport.*
- 9. Increase law enforcement capacity and will.*
- 10. Recognise that poor decision-taking threatens the tourism- and recreation-based economy of the Far South.”*

The public frustration with the untenable situation is summed up in the following action-required points:

a. Development and planning

- Curtail development approvals until such time as infrastructure including schools, clinics and police stations, has caught up with the backlog.
- Address the urgent need for Masiphumelele infrastructure and social service upgrades and limit the dangerous proliferation of informal settlement via a comprehensive development plan
- Address the urgent need for Ocean View infrastructure, social services, crime control, new housing and commercial opportunities
- Amend the district plan (SDP) to accommodate the main points of the strategic environmental assessment (SEA)
- Attend to the SDP requirement with regard to regional road capacity before approvals
- Stop Mayco overriding community, sub-council and SPELUM recommendations
- Promote inter-community dialogues
- Respect heritage features and urban edges without compromise

b. Traffic and transport

- Make the promised updated and objective traffic study, without developer bias, a priority
- Limit the hours that large vehicles can use Ou Kaapse Weg (OKW)
- Ban large vehicles from OKW once the Main Road upgrade is complete
- Do feasibility assessment of overtaking lanes on OKW
- Prioritise slip lanes into Capri and onto OKW from Noordhoek
- Emphasise the importance of Kommetjie Road as a scenic route and tourism that is currently being choked by over-development
- Establish bicycle lanes along Kommetjie Road and Main Road from Muizenberg to Simon's Town
- Shorten time frame for urgent road works
- Reset traffic light timing to reduce tailbacks
- Investigate traffic circles as alternatives to traffic lights
- Build proper taxi ranks where needed
- Work with PRASA to improve public transport

c. Safety, Security and community well-being

- Increase law enforcement capacity, technologies and compliance efforts to meet current challenges and problems
- Attend to community needs for development before developer proposals
- Interact with the criminal justice system to ensure proper prosecutions and convictions
- Ensure proper support of local neighbourhood watch efforts

FHVRRA Executive Committee 2016

At the AGM held on 25 February 2016 the following members were voted on to the Executive Committee (with Portfolios as assigned at ensuing Exco meetings):

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| • Allen Rose-Innes | - Chair, Treasury and Planning |
| • Gené Clarkson | - Vice chair, Projects |
| • Alan Lindner | - Tourism, Heritage, Newsletter |
| • Chantal Breytenbach | - Minutes secretary, Projects |
| • Helen O'Regan | - Membership, Administration, Pollution monitoring |
| • Janet Holwill | - Transport, Roads, Traffic |
| • Liezl Pye | - Projects, Back-up secretary |
| • Matthew Gray | - Planning, Urban Design |
| • Rob Downey | - Meetings organization, Planning |
| <u>Co-opted</u> | |
| • Coral-Ann Viviers | - Projects |
| • Lorraine Lemmon-Warde | - Beach and beach environs |

We appeal to a member to volunteer his/her services as Treasurer.

The FHVRRA Exco has formed a sub-committee with the object of promoting the FHVRRA and increasing membership. **The present format of the Quarterly Newsletter will be revised.**

Fish Hoek Bay and Beach

It is disappointing to note the lack of upgrading and maintenance of our beach since October last year. Broken benches, sign-posts, gardens and the steps to Skelly's Pool continue to be neglected. The City is well aware of the state of the beach, yet to date, nothing has been done. Revenue from the parking should be feeding local coffers for the upkeep of the beach.

On a positive note: The shark nets have proved hugely popular in drawing crowds to swim in Fish Hoek. The area of the beach which is kept clear of kelp has been beautifully maintained by the outdoor team. Kelp is allowed to accumulate on the Clovelly end of the beach, beyond the lighthouse, and is used to stabilize the dunes.

New exercise equipment has been installed in Dolphin Park and all are encouraged to make use of it. The constantly flooded subway access from the beach has been a deterrent but is being attended to.

Fish Hoek Beach Water Quality

Due to equipment malfunctions and burst pipe(s), both the Coastal and the Urban run-off (storm water) water quality figures as at the end of March have deteriorated. The effects of a more recent sewerage pipe-burst and subsequent road collapse on Kommetjie Road above 2nd Avenue have yet to reflect in the Municipal Laboratory figures we will receive for April. We hope that, with the repairs done, the level of E-coli pollution reaching the sea might diminish.

We express our thanks to all residents who are doing their utmost to prevent pollution of the Fish Hoek and Clovelly sections of False Bay's Coastal Water.

Tourism

The Fish Hoek Tourism office was closed many years ago. The Muizenberg office has also now closed. The closest City of Cape Town Tourism offices are either Simon's Town (021 786 8440) or Noordhoek (021 789 2812).

Heritage

The City of Cape Town's Environmental and Heritage Management Department has published a range of heritage pamphlets with advice on the care that designers need to take when planning new developments or alterations to historic buildings outside of heritage areas. Contact the Department on 021 487 2284.

Fish Hoek Valley Museum

The museum has various interesting displays and the museum can be commissioned to undertake research for a nominal fee. The telephone number is 021 782 1752.

Facebook Page

The FHVRRRA Facebook has become very active with regular postings and updates of what's happening within the community. We sometimes reach over 1,000 people with postings which is a great form of communication. We encourage residents to "Like" and "Share" our Facebook page.

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