

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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NOTICE OF 2022 GENERAL MEETING

VIRTUAL (HOST: JAMES RICKETTS) ON ZOOM

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THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 19H00

AGENDA

1.WELCOME: INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

2. GUEST SPEAKER TOPIC: POWERING OUR COMMUNITY

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF 30 JUNE 2022**

4. GENERAL QUESTIONS

Précis of the Presentation

This problem is not going away, it is time to take back our power and collectively make the changes we want to see to ensure that our businesses and livelihoods are able to thrive and not just survive - a panel discussion with Ald Felicity Purchase, Kadri Nasiep, Gary Reilly and Jarrad Allsop.

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About the Speakers



Gary Reilly currently Managing Director for Clean Globe Energy with over 25 years of hospitality and energy sector experience. He has lived in five countries and travelled to over 30. He is passionate, highly knowledge and committed to people and nature.



Jarrod Allsop is Managing Director of A&M Solar. He is a qualified and certified electrical engineer with a passion for power. Jarrod has over 15 years experience in the field; he brings together all the technical skills and aspects that make then the thriving dynamic team that they are.



Ald Purchase is the Speaker of CoCT having served Fish Hoek and the Far South for many years



Kadri Nasiep is the Executive Director, Energy for CoCT with extensive experience of electricity generation and supply

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24 Carlton Road

This is a proposed gated community of two-storey cluster residences facing the wetlands. We have objected to two Basic Assessment Reports for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and to the City's related planning departures. Five of the 23 units are located within the wetlands (15m conservation buffer), the complex lies within the floodplain buffer zone, which is also a Critical Natural Asset; 300m² of indigenous vegetation will have to be cleared; back-filling will canalise this portion of the Silvermine River.

Fish Hoek Valley Museum

The Fish Hoek Lions Club took on the Museum as their project. This will include ongoing maintenance of the grounds and house including an electrified fence enclosing the back portion of the property. The City's Centralised Facilities Management & Maintenance in their Property Holding Directorate has stated that funding has been re-allocated for the portion of fencing in front of Fish Hoek museum.

Donations

FHVRRA made donations to:-

1. Nerina Gardens generator repair and electrical efficiency drive
2. U Turn
3. The Net
4. The "Garden of Remembrance" via Collaborate which employs ex "homeless" to clean
5. The Fish Hoek hospital trust
6. Riverine Rovers / FOSNA for Silvermine
7. Sun Valley Eco Watch

Nerina's "Lights for Nights" fund-raiser aims to cut costs and better equip the facility during load shedding. They will procure rechargeable bulbs and emergency lighting for passageways, two inverters [battery chargers and batteries] in order to reduce their dependency on their diesel generator, which will be prioritised to just supply essential key areas, such as fire alarms, CCTV system, the kitchen, laundry and nurses stations.

The Galley / Bistro Lease

There may be an opportunity for reviewing the current lease, which has been extended monthly for years now at the old rate. Many responders to our direct email and Facebook page's prompt, suggested splitting the venue amongst several non-franchise (entrepreneurial) vendors. Additional space could be made available if a second floor or deck and several beach huts were built. The food theme could be expanded to include coffee shop, health café, real ice-cream shop, burger and milkshake, beach accessories market (including umbrella rentals). Food trucks could be allowed in designated parking areas. Proposals are that the tenants do the maintenance for the clock, beach camera, buildings, ablutions and clean bin area. The City should provide lockers and remove the entrance fee kiosk. Law Enforcement building should have larger windows and no chairs, to encourage patrolling.

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Shoprite Liquor Shop Signs

Shoprite wants to erect a new large sign (10.5m²) on Main Road telling us there is a Shoprite Liquor Shop nearby. We say nearby as the sign is located on the Shoprite building facing Main Road and not actually on the liquor shop at the Triangle Building on Dunster Avenue. Fortunately, it is not illuminated. They are now [finally] asking for forgiveness for erecting the six existing signs without City approval. For this infringement, they had to pay an administrative and public participation fees.

Sun Valley Cellphone Mast

SBA Towers Pty Ltd wants to erect a 25m free-standing cellphone mast tower at 32 Corsair Way, Sun Valley. As you know, Corsair Way is the main road for Sun Valley. Neighbours and users of the public space feel that a 25m cellphone tower in front of the children's play park and Sun Valley primary school will be unsightly and present a health hazard. There is good cellphone coverage already in this area, but less so on Ou Kaapse Weg (ex. for traffic reports during a crash). We have proposed other sites in Sun Valley.

Southern Planning District Spatial Development Framework (SDF) - Development of the Fish Hoek Sportsfield

Future use: Potential residential, office or recreation related infill.

Our FH sports field has some history:

- An application to build a few houses and a Curro school was submitted 5 years ago.
- The condition was that an astro turf for hockey would then be built by this project.
- It since died once Fish Hoek Primary school built their own astro turf in conjunction with the high school, which also allows the clubs to play on it in a managed way.
- The Generations school went ahead and private schools captured the market and this has [arguably] effectively done away with the urgent need for additional schools in the valley.
- Upgrade of club houses as quid pro quo into joint shared club house like Clovelly with offices for therapeutic users and restaurants / bar was also part of the proposal.
- The SDF includes a portion west of Silverglade for residential on the old hockey field which has serious holes and ankle breaking risks, so the City flagged that portion on the map for the SDF to allow or facilitate potential development if the project was ever resurrected.
- The hockey club were then desperate for a field that they could use throughout the season and not have to travel to Wynberg to play league games and have competitive matches. This was why they wanted an astro turf. If this did get built, then that field would no longer be necessary.
- As it has proven with the loss of the fields temporarily in Masi, the need for sports fields is an essential part of community life. It would be better to recommend that this component of the fields stays for recreation.

That the City keeps including this development in their five-yearly SDF concerns many nearby residents as indicated by their vocal opposition.

We also took the opportunity of proposing our initial thoughts on a zoning overlay for Fish Hoek.

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Closure of railway line south of Fish Hoek

This same SDF proposes the closure of the railway line from Fish Hoek station southwards to create opportunities for connecting between our beach front and CBD and to develop a transport connection to Simon's Town. It further states that our commercial node needs to be redeveloped to improve the general character of central Fish Hoek. We note internal and other ongoing ideas, including use of the railway line from the corner of the beach, Dolphin Park, for a Tramline, bicycle and walking route, also potentially allowing residents along the coastline there to crossover directly to the shoreline.

Unlawful Entry on Premises Bill

Although the intention of this bill is to replace colonial / apartheid era legislation, it does allow for arrest for unlawful entry on a premises (property and buildings) even if the intruders have already erected or occupied housing. Although it is not a requirement, posting a sign using graphics with an oblique line near an ordinary point of access to the premises might be advisable to explicitly state that permission to enter the premises has not been authorised. The onus is on you to request unlawful intruder(s) on your premises to leave immediately. Failing their departure, inform SAPS.

Implementation of non-automatic liquor licence renewals

From 2023 the Western Cape Liquor Authority wishes to regulate liquor more effectively. Licence holders who are non-compliant will have to apply to renew their licence and show that **it still serves the public interest**. This empowers communities to take action against problematic licensed establishments with an opportunity to comment on whether these errant licence holders should be allowed to continue trading. Alcohol is regulated because it is a toxic and psychoactive substance with dependence producing properties. It causes significant harm to individuals, families and communities resulting in significant social, health and economic burdens on society. In the Western Cape, alcohol is linked to over 50% of murders and road deaths indicating that alcohol harms. Non-automatic licence renewals reinforce the concept that a liquor licence is granted as a concession to trade alcohol, provided the licence is operated in a manner that is mindful of the public interest. This differentiated approach to licence renewals will enhance the role of regulation in reducing alcohol related harms and creating safer communities in the Western Cape. It rewards good behaviour by allowing compliant licensees to renew their licence automatically, while introducing adverse consequences for errant behaviour. Members of the public will be able to submit comments to Cllr Kuhl in relation to the licensed establishments identified for non-automatic licence renewals in October.

Removal of pavement vegetation

We have recently received a number of requests for the removal of vegetation from pavements in various areas of our valley. Unfortunately, funds will only be available from July 2023 from Cllr Kuhl's ward allocation. She will most likely get EPWP to do the work.

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Home composting containers

With Western Cape Government;s intention to reduce by 50% the organic waste from reaching the landfill sites, we requested the distribution of free City containers in order to do home composting. Judging by the long queues, we think this suggestion was well received.

What to do with electronic waste/e-waste

What is e-Waste? Electronic waste includes old cell phones, computers, printer and toner cartridges, white goods – fridges, brown goods – radios, TVs, etc.

E-waste can be disposed of in the following ways:

- resell;
- re-use;
- recondition – upgrade;
- recycle – material value;
- taken to a permitted hazardous landfill;
- taken to the Wynberg Council Drop-off facility; or
- taken to e-Waste facilities located in Cape Town and surrounding areas.

Do not illegally dump electronic waste.

Inappropriately landfilled electronic waste causes human health and environmental concerns due to the hazardous elements and compounds that are found in the manufacturing of the products such as lead, arsenic, mercury, cadmium, etc.

What to do with household hazardous chemicals

What are household hazardous chemicals? These are found in air fresheners, all-purpose cleaners, ammonia liquids, bleaches, bath soaps and cleaners, drain cleaners, detergents, disinfectants, carpet shampoos and upholstery cleaners, furniture and floor polishes, metal cleaners, oven cleaners, surfactants, spot and stain removers, window cleaners, etc.

- Do not discharge in your sink (may be corrosive) and especially not in stormwater drains as they lead to our beach causing pollution.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Keep the products in their original containers.
- Do not store near each other and especially, do not mix them (can be explosive or produce toxic fumes).
- Store in cool areas away from foodstuffs
- Household hazardous waste and substances can be disposed of using Council owned and operated landfill sites (rated H:h) or contracting licensed privately owned and operated hazardous waste disposal facilities (rated H:H).
- Vissershok H:h landfill is permitted to accept hazardous waste with classification ratings of 3 (moderate risk) and 4 (low risk) waste types

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- Privately owned and operated licensed Waste Disposal Companies such as Enviroserve or Wasteman (H:H) accept waste with classification ratings of 1 (extreme risk e.g. Mercury metal or Asbestos), 2 (high risk e.g. Bleaching Powder) as well as 3 (moderate risk e.g. Caustic Soda Solution) and 4 (low risk e.g. Sulphuric Acid).

Food safety during load shedding

Tips for refrigerated items include:

- Setting your fridge temperature for 4 degrees or lower. If the door of the fridge is not opened during a power outage, food should stay cold for about four hours.
- If the freezer is full and the temperature is at -6 degrees or lower, the food should stay frozen for about 48 hours if the freezer is kept closed as much as possible.
- If the freezer is half full, it should stay frozen for about 24 hours. Try and pack frozen foods as close as possible to assist in maintaining core temperature for as long as possible and consider freezing water in plastic containers to fill the freezer and place in your fridge.
- Frozen food, with the exception of fish and seafood, may be refrozen if it is only partially thawed and not above 5 degrees.
- If possible, invest in a kitchen thermometer that can measure the temperatures inside your fridge and freezer.
- Food that is likely to leak if thawed, such as raw meat, should be packed at the bottom of freezer shelves to prevent cross-contamination
- If juices have leaked from packages of raw meat, the area must be properly cleaned and disinfected.

The public is also advised to monitor food for any signs of spoilage. Do not taste the food, as this could lead to food poisoning.

Discard any foodstuff that have a bad odour, is discoloured or showing any change in texture.

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