

## MELVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM 2016

Minutes of the AGM held on 13 August 2016, at The Heritage Baptist Church

### PRESENT:

#### The Committee

Eric van Gils	Chairman
Derek Milne	Physical Environment
Willem Prinsloo	Physical Environment
JC Burger	Communications
Deryn Graham	Hon. Secretary
Roberto Denkinger	Social
Alf Koch	Liquor Licences
Jeanne Duminy	Heritage

#### Residents:

Per attached list

#### Ward Councillor

Bridget Steer	Councillor Elect
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### APOLOGIES:

Warwick Soulsby	(outgoing Hon Treasurer)
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>	
	EvG welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b>	EvG
	EvG gave a report on the activities of the committee during the last year. The Chairman spoke about improved communications between the Committee and residents on a variety of different platforms. He also emphasised the voluntary nature of the work done by the Committee and the need for more volunteers.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT</b>	WP
	WP reported on the challenges faced in keeping the suburb clean and tidy in the face posed by Pikitup strikes end 2015 and at the beginning of this year and also by the digging by fibre companies. He reported on actions taken to deal with this and on the contract with Amy to maintain Main Rd. Q from Suzanne Brenner re monitoring of illegal dumpers and position of cameras Q re drafting a standard piece of communication for residents who leave rubble on pavements with rules and etiquette of keeping them passable Comment from Wendy Carstens re reinstating 'Onion and Orchid' awards for pavement maintenance. Comment from Reinhold Just with thanks to the committee and a comment on charges on CoJ accounts from Pikitup when they do not fulfil their obligations. It was suggested we get and communicate regulations relating to access to pavements, and that we should exert more control over SPs who dig in the suburb.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>LIQUOR LICENCES</b>	
	EvG outlined the MRA policy on objecting to liquor licenses which is available on the MRA website. Q from Suzanne Brenner re credentials of applicants after it was found that there were irregularities with the directors of one application for a craft beer operation in 27B. Comment from Reinhold Just who emphasised residents' silence implies consent to any application, and urged residents to engage Q re what MRA is doing about premises operating illegally eg Gin & Juice which is contravening the licence it has. EvG referred residents to reporting mechanisms incl to WO Smal at Brixton	

	<p>SAPS Q re publishing the Ts&amp;Cs of licences so residents can complain in the event of contraventions. JD indicated that all premises should have their licences displayed. BS said there is a form citizens can complete anonymously and submit to SAPS which goes to GLB who are then obliged to investigate.</p> <p>EvG appealed for help with this portfolio</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>VAGRANTS</b>	
	<p>EvG outlined the engagement MRA has had with former councillor Amanda Forsythe and the DPU, but that progress in dealing with the issue of vagrants in the suburb was slow and frustrating. Q re identifying hostels where vagrants can go JD indicated that it is up to council to relocate/evict vagrants. Q Kobus Herbst asked BS re moving forward with the DPU.</p> <p>BS committed to getting up to speed on this issue.</p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>FINANCES</b>	
	<p>EvG presented the financials for the year, and asked for assistance with this portfolio as WS is stepping down after 8 years serving the MRA. EvG spoke about the process for MSI members to add on R20 p/m which will be remitted to MRA.</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>MRA COMMITTEE</b>	
	<p>EvG emphasized the current lack of capacity, the need for volunteers even for a few hours a month and spoke about gaps in portfolios, incl introducing a new Land Use portfolio.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>HERITAGE</b>	JD
	<p>JD outlined the Provincial policy on applications for alterations/additions to properties over 60 yrs. and spoke about charges for MRA evaluations incl a discount for paid up members of the MRA. Q re signage – does monitoring signage come under this portfolio? Person offered to do an audit of all illegal signage /advertising in the suburb.</p> <p>JD spoke about the Corridors of Freedom which will have little impact on the suburb. Comment from Reinhold Just re the changes to the suburb as a result of increased mobility and urged residents to look after the suburb. DM said he believed the CoF project was badly managed.</p>	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR ELECT, BRIDGET STEER</b>	
	<p><a href="mailto:Bridget.steer@gmail.com">Bridget.steer@gmail.com</a> BS spoke about the importance of a 2 way flow of information between herself and residents and mentioned the different platforms on which residents can communicate with her. She encouraged more diversity on the committee to make sure the needs of everybody are represented. She committed to moving the vagrant issue forward and spoke about the importance to her of land use issues incl maintaining green spaces. BS to send info on a variety of by laws to MRA for publication on MRA website. BS spoke about a number of '1<sup>st</sup> 100 Days' projects to which the DA has committed in the event it gains control of CoJ. BS spoke about a make over project for 7<sup>th</sup> St. Q re turning it into pedestrian zone but any proposed changes would be put to residents. Q from Kobus Herbst re installation of speed bumps. BS spoke about a new IDP and budget constraints around speed control measures.</p>	

<b>10.0</b>	<b>VOTING IN OF NEW COMMITTEE</b>	
	<p>With the exception of WS all existing committee members are re-standing. There were no objections and all were re re-elected.</p> <p>In addition the following people offered to be involved in the MRA's work and will to be contacted by MRA:</p> <p>Patty Garlick – Writer and journalist able to give some time</p> <p>Suzanne Brenner – Writer able to commit time to MRA</p> <p>Christoph Kruger – Able to work with the committee</p> <p>Reinhold Just – for help but not part of the cte.</p> <p>Paul Mills – Journalist and TV producer with time to help</p> <p>Alex Wafer – Lecturer at Wits specialising in urban geography. Lives near Stones and keen to engage on liquor licence issues</p> <p>Clayton Mott – Works with universities' SRCs and can be a voice of the students</p>	
<b>11.0</b>	The formal proceedings of the meeting concluded but Vumatel came in to answer residents' questions.	