

**MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2011 at 17:30**  
**at Revenue Red, Atlantic Road, Muizenberg**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Abbrev</b>
Mike Romyn	Chairman	MR
Mark Robinson	Director	MarkR
Elizabeth Milne	Director	EM
Janet Annandale	Director	JA
Peter Wright	Director	PW
Steven Frankal	Director	SF
Karen Jordi	MID Manager	KJ

**Apologies:** Dave D'Alton, Anthony Dietrich and Tony Rozemeyer

<b>No</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action (Who?)</b>	<b>When</b>
1.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes were adopted; proposed by MR and seconded by EM.		
2.	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Beachfront Parking Application:</b> SF reported that this process has come to a standstill due to council procedure.</li> <li>• <b>Articles of Association:</b> Peter Dugmore has returned from vacation – KJ follow up with AD.</li> </ul>	KJ	
3.	Safety & Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Beach Buddies:</b> EM gave detailed summary of the project and developments to date:-               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enthusiastic response from law enforcement agencies including SAPS, Metro &amp; local Law Enforcement office.</li> <li>• A meeting was held with existing car guards attended by EM, Teuns Schamrel, KJ, Jakes Jacobs, TR (first part) from MID; and Col. Mouton from SAPS, Sgt. Simons from Metro Police, Insp. Sinclair from Law Enforcement.</li> <li>• The law enforcement bodies were put on notice that in failing to do their respective jobs they have enabled the illegal car guards to prosper at the expense of the community. The car guards were alerted that a) by offering a security service without a permit, and b) by directing traffic on a public road, they are breaking the law and were given notice that this will no longer be allowed.</li> <li>• All three law enforcement bodies agreed to offer back-up support to the Beach Buddies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRIT and Orbis (the security provider at Muizenberg Beach) will support the Beach Buddies together with MCSI via radio link.</li> <li>• EM wants to get Metro and Law Enforcement officers on the same radio frequency; any one can then call SAPS for back-up.</li> <li>• Beach Buddies needs to be a collective business (not employment); donation earnings will be pooled and shared among the team. This will create a 'cash-free' beach which will expose any illicit dealings.</li> <li>• The project can legally be run under MCSI as an extension of the N/Watch.</li> <li>• MarkR will organize the uniforms; these will be distinctive with Muizenberg branding and will set the Buddies apart</li> </ul>	MarkR	Ready for Sept launch
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rent-a-Cop:</b> SF referred to the Memorandum of Agreement that was circulated to the Directors. A proposal was tabled for an initial 6 month contract with 1 officer to start beginning Sept in support of the Beach Buddies launch; total cost: R55,000 (6 days / week). MID will establish shifts (40 hr week with up to 40 hrs additional overtime); GRIT will detail day-to-day duties. Board mandated SF to sign 6 month contract. SF will motivate businesses to come on board to support a second officer.</li> </ul>	SF	ASAP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Muizenberg Park:</b> (discussed before PW arrived). MarkR raised the matter of security in the Park in relation to the Rent-a-Cop. Rent-a-Cop will be daytime patrol and will be needed on the beach to support the Beach Buddies; the park guard is a night-time service. KJ reminded the Directors that GRIT's initial 3 month contract to guard the park ends mid July. EM advised on discussion with neighbours (outside of MID area) and the possibility of them taking over the cost of the guard in the park. A unanimous decision was taken to extend GRIT's contract to guard the park until the end of August to coincide with the appointment of the Rent-a-Cop. EM will meet with Teuns to clarify the various components of MID's contract with GRIT.</li> </ul>	EM  EM	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vagrants:</b> MR asked about progress. EM gave outline of future projects to address vagrants and street children; she explained that both need a co-ordinated approach and advised that her time is presently devoted to setting up the Beach Buddies. A volunteer is conducting a census and interviewing vagrants. MarkR asked about the prosecution process. EM is meeting with Dave D'Alton when he returns from recess and will find someone to drive and co-ordinate this process, if necessary.</li> </ul>		
4.	Cleaning & Greening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Budget:</b> has been circulated by JA to the Directors. MR asked for a breakdown of capital expenditure and monthly expenditure, and showing additional monthly expenditure. JA to circulate via email for Directors approval.</li> <li>• <b>Railway line:</b> MR suggested JA engage with PRASA wrt the condition along the railway line. SF suggested notice is given to Intersite to clean up the tracks. He offered to invite Riana Scott (PRASA PR) to meet with him and JA, to see the condition first hand. KJ advised the meeting of the forth-coming SAPS Joint meeting (Aug) which will focus on Metrorail. EM suggested community demonstration clean-up along the tracks if no response from Intersite/PRASA.</li> </ul>	JA	
5.	Beachfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maintenance:</b> MR raised the matter of MID to fund Edwin Genade's casual staff again (they are laid-off by council during the winter months).</li> <li>• <b>Surfer's Circle:</b> PW advised there has been no development.</li> <li>• <b>Childrens' Play Area Proposal (by Lloyd):</b> KJ gave brief outline of the proposal; she has discussed with Edwin Genade who would like MID to give vote of approval. KJ to meet with PW to discuss details. MR mentioned another proposal to redevelop one of the swimming pools as a model boating facility. EM suggested MID collate all the beachfront proposals and invite public to comment.</li> </ul>	SF & JA	
6.	Portfolios & Budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marketing:</b> MarkR will design signs for Beach Buddies; this cost to come out of the Security budget. KJ advised that cost for CCTV camera signage has been allocated to Marketing. MarkR</li> </ul>	KJ, JA & PW	

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		<p>asked that future costs for signage be allocated to respective budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Beachfront:</b> PW cannot determine future costs at this stage; the statue at Surfers Corner will incur fees from the engineer and the surveyor.</li> <li>• <b>Business Development:</b> SF gave outline of new developments on the beachfront: the vacant lot opposite Knead will be developed for retail; the ground floor sea-facing residential units in the Empire Building will be converted for two retail outfits, a surf shop and 'Lucky Fish'. The latter will be completed and businesses operational before December.</li> </ul>		
7.	Other Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Problem Buildings:</b> KJ gave background on Chris Taylor's role and function. MR stated that the 'bad buildings' in Muizenberg have been resolved and that a new approach is needed to focus on general neglect and unsightly condition. This requires someone to apply consistent pressure and harass negligent owners. EM will ask if Derek Harrison from MBI is interested; KJ will ask if Margaret Dugmore is interested</li> <li>• <b>Council's Beachfront Maintenance Team:</b> MR proposed that MID continue to fund Edwin Genade's staff. The Board approved the funding of two workers at R200/week until council re-engage their services. KJ to liaise with Edwin.</li> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Watch:</b> EM stated that this is a resource that MID is not making good use of. EM will circulate the proposal as per the Safety &amp; Security budget for the Directors' consideration.</li> <li>• <b>Public Meeting:</b> After some discussion it was agreed to host a public meeting on Tues 23 August from 5-7:00pm. KJ to send invites with request for issues to be tabled and for RSVP to determine viability. MR would like representatives from other local organizations to attend so they can answer on specific issues.</li> </ul>	EM	
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10.	Date of next meeting	Next Board Meeting will be on Thursday 11 August.		

Meeting Closed at: 20h30

