

MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2011
17:30 at Revenue Red, Atlantic Road, Muizenberg

Present:

Name	Position	Abbrev
Mike Romyne	Chairman	MR
Mark Robinson	Director	MarkR
Elizabeth Milne	Director	EM
Peter Wright	Director	PW
Anthony Dietrich	Director	AD
Janet Annandale	Director	JA
Karen Jordi	MID Manager	KJ

Guests: Graphic design artists Alexi and Daniel
Apologies: Dave D'Alton, Steven Frankal

No	Agenda Item	Decision	Action (Who?)	When
1.	Cleaning & Greening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexi and Daniel presented ideas to improve Muizenberg with dynamic artistic expression in the public spaces. This would bestow upon Muizenberg a legacy of creativity in the public space which would attract visitors to the area. Response from all present was positive and enthusiastic. Discussion ensued around getting buy-in from Council, Intersite (Metrorail) and other property owners; MID to look into this. Discussion also around cost: some work will need to be paid with possibility of offering the space in Muizenberg to lesser-known artists as a launching platform. Way forward to be explored. MR suggested an initial amount of R10,000 be allocated from reserves to JA as a starter. All agreed. 	KJ & JA	ASAP to include in new budget
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes for November were adopted with one small change.		
3.	Matters Arising	In the interest of time efficiency there was no discussion about matters arising.		
4.	Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountant: AD is pleased with Susan Rumsey and suggested we officially appoint her as the accountant; unanimously accepted. All financial reports are up to date and submitted to the City (ISL). AD to prepare the contract. 	AD	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Financials: AD reported on expenditure saying that the budget has been exceeded and will be off-set against reserves. • Reserves: MR asked about the outcome to the point raised at the last AGM about better investment of MID reserves. KJ to follow up. • Financial Reports to ISL & 2012/13 Budget: AD explained ISL's reporting requirements to the Directors and the need to prepare the 2012/13 budget for members to approve at the AGM. EM suggested a separate session to do the financial planning for the new budget; KJ referred to same in November minutes. Again nothing was finalized for a planning meeting to take place. AD explained the difficulty MID is experiencing between reporting on actual expenditure in relation to the existing 2011/12 budget as approved by the members at the previous AGM: the financial reports are up to date but need to be worked into the budget criteria for reports to ISL. MR stated that MID needs to spend the reserves; AD cautioned that the reserves need to be spent on 'Projects' (outside of the budget) over time. He suggested starting a process for long-term project planning and requested Directors to submit project ideas and budgets ASAP. AD posed the question: What is the process around spending money? Discussion ensued around the procedure for spending reserves – the two opposing points of view points are: a) We need to get a mandate from members; b) Members elected the Board to make decisions. • Projects: AD stated there should be no conflict of interest among Directors when contracts are issued for services in respect of projects. ** In light of the BB's financial support request from EM, AD asked that MID set a policy for making financial decisions: A sitting Board needs to agree on expenditure at a Board meeting with decision taken and minuted. The Board cannot continue to make financial decisions via email. In light of the above MR suggested that an EXCO be appointed to make 	KJ	
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		<p>financial decisions outside Board meetings; AD agreed this would be correct forum. MR suggest the Chairman has discretionary spend up to R5,000 plus constitute a procedure in case of emergency. This matter to be discussed further by AD and MR and brought forward to the next Board meeting as a resolution.</p>		
5.	Surveillance Cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 360° Camera: MR reported that the large monitors are up in the GRIT office; Mantella been looking at the cameras to see how best to optimize coverage. Presently no detailed coverage of the beach (sandy section) thus no footage to review when handbags, cell phones are stolen. A 360° Camera mounted above the ablution block near the shark siren would adequately cover this area. MR requested approval for the quote from Mantella that was circulated to the Directors for R5,494.80: Mantella will sponsor the camera; MID to cover installation. MarkR: Muizenberg Beach B/C asking about monitoring of the video footage: request that MID spend money on improving the monitoring process at GRIT's Control Room before purchasing additional cameras. Seconded by PW. • AD suggested a more broad discussion is needed around the various security measures since despite CCTV cameras, handheld radios and GRIT security patrol, there has been a spate of burglaries in Palmer Rd. We need to find a way to link the various security initiatives. • MarkR request that GRIT add extra security officer through the holiday period. AD agreed to this saying there is a problem with security in the Village due to criminals displaced from the beachfront and GRIT not visible in the Village. All agreed. MR will talk to GRIT re extra person to monitor video footage plus additional patroller. MarkR reminded that the people monitoring the video feed need to be trained. 	MR	ASAP
6.	Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PR Strategy: MarkR gave feedback from the meeting with Liz Linsell and Cathy Williams: we need to conduct surveys among the different segments in Muizenberg – Cathy will revert with costs. Liz has done press releases (AIMS, 		

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		Blue Flag beach & others). A cutting service was suggested but cost is prohibitive; MR suggested using Google Alerts instead. AD suggested students to monitor M/berg news.		
7.	AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio Plans: MR asked that each Director give short report at the AGM on 3-5 things they want to accomplish for the next year. Need to have measurable goals. Additional Directors may be co-opted after the AGM. • Membership Drive: KJ gave update on progress; since there is still quite a bit that needs to be done in preparation for the mail merge it was agreed to outsource this task. The task has taken longer than anticipated and since the end of year holidays are upon us it was agreed to continue at the best pace possible. 	All Directors	16 th Jan 2012
			KJ	On-going
8.	Safety & Security	<p>EM left the meeting early; MR spoke on her behalf and referred to her report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent-a-Cop: is working with GRIT; will stop illegal car washers. Clinton Overmeyer (from LE) will get PDU to respond as required in Muizenberg. No show from SAPS and Metro. Move to address shortcomings in LE via JP Smith's colleague, Michael (Lakeside resident). • Beach Buddies: MR is very impressed and congratulated EM in her absence. BB's are reporting illegal activities among remaining car guards for the Rent-a-Cop to address – MR confident this will work. Asked the Directors to give full backing to the BB's to support the initiative. Discussion ensued around EM's proposal to make BB's self-sufficient. It was decided that this needs better planning. [Refer ** under Projects in Point 4] 		
9.	Date of next meeting	Next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday 10 January 2012 starting at 17h00.		

Meeting Closed at: 21h30



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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 2011**

	ACTUAL₁	BUDGET₂	ACTUAL₃	BUDGET₄	BUDGET₅	<i>actuals vs budgets</i>
	This Month	This Month	Year to date	Year to date	Annual	%
INCOME						
Levy Income	84197	84198	84197	84198	1010364	8.3
Interest Income	759	-	759	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	84956	84198	84956	84198	1010364	8.4

EXPENDITURE

Employee Related	8747	18996	8747	18996	227952	3.8
Buildings	0	4581	0	4581	54972	0.0
MID Manager (gross)	8673	9513	8673	9513	114156	7.6
Street Workers	0	2544	0	2544	30528	0.0
Secretarial Services	0	1000	0	1000	12000	0.0
UIF (Company Portion)	74	0	74	0	0	0.0
Bonus Provision	0	1358	0	1358	16296	0.0
Contracted Services	58945	48750	58945	48750	585000	23.0
Security	43683	39566	43683	39566	474792	9.2
Cleaning	15262	9184	15262	9184	110208	13.8
Depreciation	3277	0	3277	0	0	-
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	-
Services Accounts ex CCT	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rest Paid	0	0	0	0	0	-
Other Operating Expenditure	15336	16452	15336	16452	197412	7.8
Accounting Fee	1800	1980	1800	1980	23760	7.6
Audit Fees	0	967	0	967	11604	0.0
Advertising	0	350	0	350	4200	0.0
Alarm Rental	0	240	0	240	2880	0.0
Bank Charges	718	460	718	460	5520	13.0
Cellphone	704	490	704	490	5880	12.0
Computer Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Functions/Meetings	262	400	262	400	4800	5.5
Internet	200	110		110	1320	0.0
Insurance	227	880	227	880	10560	2.2
Landscape & Garden	1325	3578	1325	3578	42936	3.1
Marketing	4950	800	4950	800	9600	51.6
Newsletter	0	623	0	623	7470	0.0

Postage	0	108	0	108	1290	0.0
Printing & Stationery	938	540	938	540	6480	14.5
Projects	2500	2500	2700	2500	30000	9.0
Rent Paid	1100	1100	1100	1100	13200	8.3
Sundry Expenses	0	430	0	430	5160	0.0
Training	0	180	0	180	2160	0.0
Telephone	316	500	316	500	6000	5.3
Travelling	297	216	297	216	2592	11.4

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	86306	84198	86306	84198	1010364	8.5
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(SURPLUS)/SHORTFALL	-1350	0	-1350	0	0	0.0
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**MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
(INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION NOT FOR GAIN)**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
AUGUST 2011**

	ACTUAL₁	BUDGET₂	ACTUAL₃	BUDGET₄	BUDGET₅	actual₃ vs budget₅
	This Month	This Month	Year to date	Year to date	Annual	%
INCOME						
Levy Income	84197	84198	168393	168394	1010364	16.7
Interest Income	787	-	1546	-	-	0.0
TOTAL INCOME	84983	84198	169939	168394	1010364	16.8

EXPENDITURE

Employee Related	9547	18996	18294	37992	227952	8.0
Buildings	0	4581	0	9162	54972	0.0
MID Manager	8673	9513	17346	19026	114156	15.2
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Street Workers	800	2544	800	5088	30528	2.6
Secretarial Services	0	1000	0	2000	12000	0.0
UIF Co Portion	74	0	148	0	0	0.0
Bonus Provision	0	1358	0	2716	16296	0.0
Contracted Services	58445	48750	117391	97500	585000	20.1
Security	43183	39566	86867	79132	474792	18.3
Cleaning	15262	9184	30524	18368	110208	27.7
Depreciation	3277	0	6554	0	0	-
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	-
Services Accounts ex CCT	0	0	0	0	0	-
Interest Paid	0	0	0	0	0	-
Other Operating Expenditure	12165	16452	27501	32902	197412	-
Accounting Fee	0	1980	1800	3960	23760	7.6
Audit Fees	0	967	0	1934	11604	0.0
Advertising	0	350	0	700	4200	0.0
Alarm Rental	0	240	0	480	2880	0.0
Bank Charges	307	460	1025	920	5520	18.6
Cellphone	888	490	1591	980	5880	27.1
Computer Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Functions/Meetings	33	400	295	800	4800	6.2
Internet	0	110	200	220	1320	15.2
Insurance	227	880	454	1760	10560	4.3
Landscape & Garden	0	3578	1325	7156	42936	3.1
Marketing	0	800	4950	1600	9600	51.6
Newsletter	1200	623	1200	1245	7470	16.1

Postage	0	108	0	215	1290	0.0
Printing & Stationery	0	540	938	1080	6480	14.5
Projects	7345	2500	9845	5000	30000	32.3
Rent Paid	1100	1100	2200	2200	13200	16.7
Sundry Expenses	0	430	0	860	5160	0.0
Training	0	180	0	360	2160	0.0
Telephone	566	500	881	1000	6000	14.7
Travelling	500	216	797	432	2592	30.7

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	83434	84198	169740	168394	1010364	16.8
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(SURPLUS)/SHORTFALL	1549	0	199	0	0	0.0
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**MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
SEPTEMBER 2011**

	ACTUAL₁	BUDGET₂	ACTUAL₃	BUDGET₄	BUDGET₅	actual₅ vs budget₅
	This Month	This Month	Year to date	Year to date	Annual	%
INCOME						
Levy Income	84197	84198	252590	252591	1010364	25.0
Interest Income	789	-	2335	-	-	0.0
TOTAL INCOME	84986	84198	254925	252591	1010364	25.2

EXPENDITURE

Employee Related	10347	18996	28641	56988	227952	12.6
Buildings	0	4581	0	13743	54972	0.0
MID Manager	8673	9513	26019	28539	114156	22.8
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Street Workers	1600	2544	2400	7632	30528	7.9
Secretarial Services		1000		3000	12000	0.0
PAYE & UIF	74	0	222	0	0	0.0
Bonus Provision	0	1358	0	4074	16296	0.0
Contracted Services	52875	48750	170266	146250	585000	29.1
Security	37613	39566	124480	118698	474792	26.2
Cleaning	15262	9184	45786	27552	110208	41.5
Depreciation	3277	0	9831	0	0	-
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	-
Services Accounts ex CCT	0	0	0	0	0	-
Interest Paid	0	0	0	0	0	-
Other Operating Expenditure	42645	16452	70146	49353	197412	35.5
Accounting Fee	3960	1980	5760	5940	23760	24.2
Audit Fees	11910	967	11910	2901	11604	102.6
Advertising	0	350	0	1050	4200	0.0
Alarm Rental	0	240	0	720	2880	0.0
Bank Charges	403	460	1428	1380	5520	25.9
Cellphone	787	490	2378	1470	5880	40.4
Computer Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Functions/Meetings	66	400	361	1200	4800	7.5
Internet	0	110	200	330	1320	15.2
Insurance	227	880	681	2640	10560	6.5
Landscape & Garden	2080	3578	3405	10734	42936	7.9
Marketing	0	800	4950	2400	9600	51.6
Newsletter	0	623	1200	1868	7470	16.1
Postage	193	108	193	323	1290	15.0
Printing & Stationery	791	540	1729	1620	6480	26.7
Projects	20325	2500	30170	7500	30000	100.6
Rent Paid	1100	1100	3300	3300	13200	25.0
Sundry Expenses	0	430	0	1290	5160	0.0
Training	0	180	0	540	2160	0.0

Telephone	303	500	1184	1500	6000	19.7
Travelling	500	216	1297	648	2592	50.0

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	109144	84198	278884	252591	1010364	27.6
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(SURPLUS)/SHORTFALL	-24158	0	-23959	0	0	0.0
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**MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
OCTOBER 2011**

	ACTUAL₁	BUDGET₂	ACTUAL₃	BUDGET₄	BUDGET₅	actual₅ vs budget₅
	This Month	This Month	Year to date	Year to date	Annual	%
INCOME						
Levy Income	156689	84198	409278	336788	1010364	40.5
Interest Income	766	-	3101	-	-	0.0
TOTAL INCOME	157455	84198	412380	336788	1010364	40.8

EXPENDITURE

Employee Related	11947	18996	40587	75984	227952	17.8
Buildings	0	4581	0	18324	54972	0.0
MID Manager	8673	9513	34692	38052	114156	30.3
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Street Workers	3200	2544	5600	10176	30528	18.3
Secretarial Services	0	1000	0	4000	12000	0.0
UIF Company Portion	74	0	295	0	0	0.0
Bonus Provision	0	1358	0	5432	16296	0.0
Contracted Services	55911	48750	226177	195000	585000	90.2
Security	40649	39566	165129	158264	474792	34.8
Cleaning	15262	9184	61048	36736	110208	55.4
Depreciation	3277	0	13108	0	0	0.0
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Services Accounts ex CCT	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Interest Paid	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other Operating Expenditure	7950	16452	78096	65804	197412	632.0
Accounting Fee	0	1980	5760	7920	23760	24.2
Audit Fees	0	967	11910	3868	11604	102.6
Advertising	0	350	0	1400	4200	0.0
Alarm Rental	0	240	0	960	2880	0.0
Bank Charges	556	460	1984	1840	5520	35.9
Cellphone	388	490	2767	1960	5880	47.0
Computer Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Functions/Meetings	0	400	361	1600	4800	7.5
Internet	200	110	400	440	1320	30.3
Insurance	227	880	909	3520	10560	8.6
Landscape & Garden	0	3578	3405	14312	42936	7.9
Marketing	2250	800	7200	3200	9600	75.0
Newsletter	0	623	1200	2490	7470	16.1

Postage	0	108	193	430	1290	15.0
Printing & Stationery	0	540	1729	2160	6480	26.7
Projects	2500	2500	32670	10000	30000	108.9
Rent Paid	1100	1100	4400	4400	13200	33.3
Sundry Expenses	0	430	0	1720	5160	0.0
Training	0	180	0	720	2160	0.0
Telephone	229	500	1413	2000	6000	23.5
Travelling	500	216	1797	864	2592	69.3

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	79085	84198	357969	336788	1010364	35.4
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(SURPLUS)/SHORTFALL	78370	0	54411	0	0	0.0
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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 2011**

	ACTUAL₁	BUDGET₂	ACTUAL₃	BUDGET₄	BUDGET₅	actual₃ vs budget₅
	This Month	This Month	Year to date	Year to date	Annual	%
INCOME						
Levy Income	84197	84197	493475	420985	1010364	48.8
Interest Income	794	-	3896	-	-	0.0
TOTAL INCOME	84991	84197	497370	420985	1010364	-19.2

EXPENDITURE

Employee Related	8747	18996	46934	94980	227952	20.6
Buildings	0	4581	0	22905	54972	0.0
MID Manager	8673	9513	43365	47565	114156	38.0
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Street Workers	0	2544	3200	12720	30528	10.5
Secretarial Services	0	1000	0	5000	12000	0.0
UIF Company Portion	74	0	369	0	0	0.0
Bonus Provision	0	1358	0	6790	16296	0.0
Contracted Services	60411	48750	286588	243750	585000	113.5
Security	45149	39566	210278	197830	474792	44.3
Cleaning	15262	9184	76310	45920	110208	69.2
Depreciation	3277	0	16385	0	0	-
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	-
Services Accounts ex CCT	0	0	0	0	0	-
Interest Paid	0	0	0	0	0	-
Other Operating Expenditure	26798	16451	103735	82255	197412	856.9
Accounting Fee	0	1980	5760	9900	23760	24.2
Audit Fees	0	967	11910	4835	11604	102.6
Advertising	3288	350	3288	1750	4200	78.3
Alarm Rental	0	240	0	1200	2880	0.0
Bank Charges	429	460	2413	2300	5520	43.7
Cellphone	428	490	2326	2450	5880	39.6
Computer Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Functions/Meetings	2186	400	2448	2000	4800	51.0
Internet	227	110	400	550	1320	30.3
Insurance	0	880	1136	4400	10560	10.8
Landscape & Garden	1130	3578	4535	17890	42936	10.6
Marketing	0	800	7200	4000	9600	75.0
Newsletter	0	623	1200	3113	7470	15.1
Postage	193	108	193	538	1290	15.0
Printing & Stationery	433	540	2161	2700	6480	33.4
Projects	16369	2500	49039	12500	30000	163.5
Rent Paid	1100	1100	5500	5500	13200	41.7
Sundry Expenses	218	430	218	2150	5160	4.2
Training	0	180	0	900	2160	0.0

Telephone	298	500	1711	2500	6000	28.5
Travelling	500	216	2297	1080	2592	88.6

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	99233	84197	453642	420985	1010364	44.9
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(SURPLUS)/SHORTFALL	-14242	0	43728	0	0	0.0
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**MUIZENBERG IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
DECEMBER, 2011 .**

	ACTUAL₁	BUDGET₂	ACTUAL₃	BUDGET₄	BUDGET₅	actual₃ vs budget₅
	This Month	This Month	Year to date	Year to date	Annual	%
INCOME						
Levy Income	84197	84198	577671	505182	1010364	0.0
Interest Income	771	-	4666	-		
TOTAL INCOME	84967	84198	582338	505182	1010364	0.0

EXPENDITURE

Employee Related	17471	18996	64405	113976	227952	0.0
Buildings	0	4581	0	27486	54972	0.0
MID Manager	8673	9513	52038	57078	114156	0.0
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Street Workers	0	2544	3200	15264	30528	0.0
Secretarial Services	0	1000	0	6000	12000	0.0
PAYE & UIF	125	0	494	0	0	0.0
Bonus Provision	8673	1358	8673	8148	16296	0.0
Contracted Services	56323	48750	342910	292500	585000	0.0
Security	41061	39566	251338	237396	474792	0.0
Cleaning	15262	9184	91572	55104	110208	0.0
Depreciation	3277	0	19662	0	0	0.0
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Services Accounts ex CCT	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Interest Paid	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other Operating Expenditure	37021	16452	140755	98706	197412	0.1
Accounting Fee	4590	1980	10350	11880	23760	0.0
Audit Fees	0	967	11910	5802	11604	0.0
Advertising	-2100	350	1188	2100	4200	0.0
Alarm Rental	0	240	0	1440	2880	0.0
Bank Charges	501	460	2913	2760	5520	0.0
Cellphone	388	490	2715	2940	5880	0.0
Computer Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Functions/Meetings	0	400	2448	2400	4800	0.0
Internet	233	110	852	660	1320	0.0
Insurance	227	880	1363	5280	10560	0.0
Landscape & Garden	23660	3578	28195	21468	42936	0.0
Marketing	2100	800	9300	4800	9600	0.0
Newsletter	0	623	1200	3735	7470	0.0

Postage	0	108	193	645	1290	0.0
Printing & Stationery	0	540	2161	3240	6480	0.0
Projects	5322	2500	54361	15000	30000	0.0
Rent Paid	1100	1100	6600	6600	13200	0.0
Sundry Expenses	0	430	0	2580	5160	0.0
Training	0	180	0	1080	2160	0.0
Telephone	0	500	1711	3000	6000	0.0
Travelling	1000	216	3296	1296	2592	0.0

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	114092	84198	567733	505182	1010364	0.0
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(SURPLUS)/SHORTFALL	-29124	0	14605	0	0	0.0
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Cameras

Teuns Schamrel and I have reviewed the MID camera installations in terms of their impact on crime in our area. **Our conclusion is that areas with camera coverage have become virtually crime free.** In the case of Church Road the impact is almost purely from the camera coverage, reasonable monitoring and the resultant response to suspicious behaviour. In the case of the beachfront and Beach Road, the impact of the cameras is enhanced by the presence of the Beach Buddies. There have been no thefts of cars and no break-ins into cars on the beachfront in the last several months.

There will come a point in the growth of the network when it is not viable for the GRIT controller to handle telephone and radio control simultaneously with camera monitoring. At that stage, a second person will have to be employed in the control room, so that they can alternate. This additional cost should be built into any agreements MID may make with people wishing to acquire cameras and have us monitor them.

Rent-a-Cop

Nathan Simmons started work on 5 December. He is still working in tandem with an experienced LE officer, as his registration, cards, etc., have not yet been issued. He spends all his time on duty with the GRIT personnel, either the foot patrol or the response vehicle. He works 8 hours a day (at times agreed between us and him) for a 12 day stretch and has two week-ends off a month. Our key focus initially is on by-law breaches that are associated with crime, e.g. street car washing that covers for drug dealing and also monitoring streets for possible break-in times, etc., both on the beachfront and in the Village.

We will also be able to deal with unruly public behaviour, public drinking and drunkenness, public indecency and other by-law breaches associated with homelessness and addiction. We do, however, need to remember that we can't expect a Law Enforcement officer to apply the law to some individuals and not to others, nor can we ask him to apply the by-laws we like and to ignore those we may not like. Residents will face possibly unpopular fines for things like illegal parking, dogs off lead in the streets, and so on.

Security Collaboration

Areas like the Checkers car park pose a potential problem. Wain Carew Security Services, the contractors to Diamond Property Management, profess a willingness to co-operate, but have shown aggression towards GRIT personnel when they attempt to shop at Checkers. Tenants and the property owners could benefit considerably from the intervention from time to time of the MID rent-a-cop, but our agreement with Law Enforcement is that he will at all times work alongside GRIT personnel, mainly for his personal safety. Similar problems arise at Cinnabar where Mountain Men are the contracted security service provider. Orbis have bought a compatible radio, which is currently being programmed onto our channels, so collaboration will be easy.

Mike and I are planning a meeting of security service providers in January to discuss possible collaboration in regard to cameras, radios, the MID rent-a-cop and the behaviour of their personnel in our area.

Neighbourhood Watching

Displacement of crime from the beachfront and other areas under camera surveillance has produced an **upsurge of activity** in streets like Wherry and Albertyn Roads, Palmer Road, Rhodesia Road, etc. This has awakened a new awareness of the importance of neighbourliness and vigilance. The three streets mentioned have all embarked on various forms of increased local collaboration to combat unwanted activity in their area. This is very welcome. The details of how each group responds is likely to vary somewhat.

Beach Buddies

Collaboration between the Buddies and GRIT has been excellent, with GRIT providing virtually instant back-up when called. There have not been many instances, and even fewer where back-up from SAPS was also needed. SAPS, too, have been very supportive. We have just yesterday provided Law Enforcement and GRIT with the names of specific individuals who pose a security risk on the beachfront. We hope that we will be able to persuade them to move on!

Practical community support for the project, apart from "car guarding" tips, remains poor.

Mike has suggested that the monies budgeted but not spent on the rent-a-cop be allocated or paid over to the Beach Buddy project. The months in question are September, October and November. If we are also being "given" December and begin payments to the City only in January, this amounts to R40 000. My intention is to use the funds to capitalise various money-earning initiatives the Buddies have in mind, and which are permissible in terms of City by-laws (which hiring out loungers and deck-chairs would not be!).

1. A waterless, eco-friendly "car wash" on a spot Edwin Genade has identified as possible;
Needs an awning or gazebo under which to work when cleaning cars;
2. A window cleaning service for beachfront businesses
Needs chemicals for this and the car cleaning service (start-up supplies only)
3. A First Aid Station where items such as sun screen, hats, etc., might also be sold.
Needs a caravan or camper van to house the station and possible stall, plus Start-up stock for such a stall, as well as first aid consumables and equipment.

R40 000 would comfortably cover launch costs for all the above, except the caravan or camper for a First Aid Station. Caravans in reasonable condition cost in the region of R25 000. There is currently for sale on the beachfront a VW Kombi camper which is perfect for the purpose, newly re-sprayed white. The asking price is R45 000 o.n.o. I would like to pay out of reserves what is not covered by residue of the R40 000 rent-a-cop savings. The vehicle to be MID property, or donated by MID to a suitable paramedical organisation.

Given this leg-up, the Buddies would be a sustainable business and should be able to continue without any further future assistance from MID.