

Muizenberg Improvement District

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10 December 2008

At 5h30pm at Revenue Red Office

1. Present

John Cartwright - Chairman
 Melany Bendix
 Sandy Crossley
 Nicolas Edwards
 Truida Prekel
 Arno Erasmus
 Mike Romy
 Dave D'alton - Manager
 Demetri Qually - Councillor

Contractors and/or Visitors:

Allan Dillon & Adrian Theron - Mountain Men, Emil Rorke
 Margaret Dugmore, Elizabeth Milne, Jo-Mark Lippert, Leila Rajah

2. Apologies: None

3. Input from MID Community Members	ACTION
a. Margaret Dugmore gave feedback on the Safer Together initiative, saying they had raised substantial funds for the comfort room at SAPS and torches for patrollers but needed an additional R100 000 towards funding the Watchcom community radio system.. She also advised of the imminent Muizenberg Beach Meander to be held on Saturday 13 December to raise further funds.	MD
b. Joe-Mark Lippert reported hearing rumours of MID's budget being revised. He was advised that this is not the case. He also expressed concern about Church Street declining and that the 'beachhead' established there had been lost.	

4. Security Report	ACTION
a. Adrian reported statistics on crime: October: 8 arrests, November: 4 arrests, year to date: 99 arrests. He reported ongoing problems with SAPS and the premature release of suspects.	AT
b. Adrian said the Mountain Men had recruited new young officers to work in the neighbourhood and that they would be divided into sectors to patrol. MM will be introducing a digital patrol system whereby the patrollers scan a card at certain locations to indicate their route and adherence to schedule.	AT
c. Adrian reported that currently the MM are still on a 12hr foot and bicycle shift.	AT
d. The premises allocated by council in Muizenberg Park are currently being used by the MM as a shift change-over point only.	AT
e. It was suggested that a further letter be written to SAPS in collaboration with various other stakeholders, regarding their inefficiency and requesting an internal investigation into this and the on-going lack of co-operation.	DD
f. Emil Rorke, contracted by MID to oversee the security, crime and derelict building situation in Muizenberg, gave a thorough visual presentation of derelict buildings, squallor and damage to property and the action needed to be taken with regard to absentee landlords and derelict buildings. He also reported that certain	DD/NE/ ER

<p>people operating on the corner of Church and Frankfort Streets were carrying firearms and knives.</p> <p>Sacks building: Emil to check with council on follow-through; building is dangerous, with loose roofing etc.</p> <p>Peter Sims house: Killarney Rd: Thieves have got in from the back, cleaned it out and the premises are now empty.</p> <p>8 Killarney: Possible buyer.</p> <p>17 Church St: derelict building owned by Kevin Musikanth has been vacated and is now empty.</p> <p>16-18 Church St: Now clean, to be barb wired.</p> <p>Don Pepe building: served several notices on health and safety grounds, surveillance to be started.</p> <p>Sorrento flats: MID to write letter regarding cracks, dereliction.</p> <p>Crows nest: Owner contacted, given to end February to paint exterior.</p>	<p>ER</p> <p>ER/NE</p> <p>DD/ER</p> <p>DD/ER</p>
<p>b. A high-resolution, high definition surveillance camera was approved for purchase. Mike, Emil to look into.</p> <p>c. Truida Prekel expressed concern about the tone and way in which Emil spoke about people in the village, and said that if he acts in the name of the MID, courtesy is essential.</p>	<p>MR/ER</p>

5. Manager's Position/new contractors/Management Committee	ACTION
a. Security and cleansing position: 3 month contract given to Emil Rorke.	DD/ER
b. Public Relations position: Truida, John and Nicolas to meet with Dave 15 December to discuss advertisements and process for recruiting and selecting Manager and part-time communication officer, with a closing date of 16 January 2009.	TP/JC/ NE
c. New Manager's position: to advertise for long term candidate with a 1 year renewable contract, closing date also 16 January 2009	TP/JC/ TP/DD
d. New Management Committee of Chairman plus 2 directors to be formed to oversee operational aspects of new contract roles. Committee to meet every two weeks.	
e. Discretionary funds not exceeding R2000 per month approved by board for use by new Management Committee.	

6. Any Other Business	ACTION
a. Dave proposed R600 Xmas Bonuses be given to 6 Living Hope cleaners and a smaller amount for their supervisor. The board approved.	DD
b. MID budget to be looked at and new categories included by 31 January 2009.	all

7. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 January 2009	
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8. Closure.

SIGNED _____ DATE: _____