

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Thank you Africa and Matthew for your interesting and relevant presentations!

Let me shed some more light into the matter from the Association's point of view, as Paddy took all sorts of liberties last year, as outgoing Chair and some may remember her words just too well about the complaints and frustrations with the City's services in our areas.

She compared our ratable value of 166 bungalows in Clifton, Bakoven and Glen Beach with 3billion, plus the monthly many millions the community contributes to the often poorly delivered services.

It motivated me as incoming Chair to try further make a difference. With the budget allocation mentioned earlier of R100k per annum, it should not be so difficult to maintain our worn-out well-used beach steps, railings and further focus on areas which need general upkeep?!

So we have defined 3 goals for 2017:

1. Maintain/upgrade/beautify/improve OUR HOOD
2. Increase our presence & voice - towards all stakeholders, especially the CoCT areas where we need support
3. Increase membership & get communities/residents involved

While the Subs is a voluntary contribution, the BOA does work hard in maintaining and upgrading the bungalow area and relies on your monetary support to achieve the objectives of maintaining the heritage status, limiting the events, chasing on maintenance and security and many more issues. You most likely appreciate that the city's main prerogative is upgrading low income townships so every cent spent in Clifton is hard fought.

By paying your subscription you are strengthening our voice and, at the same time we can take up issues on your behalf. We want to be a strong representative community organization.

We are privileged to live in the so-called crown jewels of property, on blue flag beaches and we must further call the City on for support, as this is not only for us who live in the area but for the greater CT population – everyone coming to our hood, enjoying the beaches and surrounds.

The City must fulfill obligations to residents and whilst the municipality must encourage a system of participatory governance, we are in demand too.

Democracy all about taking ownership and it all only works if we pull on the same strings together and make the change happen.

It does not work, if we engage in illegal dumping, dropping our domestic refuse in Council beach bins which subsequently overflow with beach goers rubbish left behind, which blows out to sea in the strong winds and no one cares? Or dumping garden refuse on Victoria Road, as some rubbish truck driving past will pick the unsightliness up? It does not work if we break our own laws and let dog roam free when it's outside the allowed hours.

We called for a beach clean-up day in September and were the only ones out there, even if we all hit the beach every day, for a dip in the ocean, a stroll with the kids or dogs, with friends.

We must assist the City to lift standards as there is always room for improvements and we will remind the City to supply better service levels. The BOA is your voice and whilst we encourage you to list your own personal issues via the City's website link, we are always there to support, if in line with our jurisdiction. Just a quick note that roads/traffic as well as beaches and POS do not fall thereunder and the City is not obliged to call for our comment.

The BOA committee is a bunch of the old timers and several 'newies' who give of their time and energy on a voluntary basis to serve YOUR interests – that's the intention, anyway we do our best.

Whilst scanning last year's Inbox and requests all the following crosses our desk, which gets managed by our secretary (still the only one position we pay a salary to) and all our active Committee members, who each head up a Portfolio:

- 1) Building applications (with PH, also GB representative) where the BOA has undertaken to appoint an impartial professional in Tony Kiley who has built a couple of bungalows but does not work in the area anymore. It came recommended by our previous architect on the Committee and member Vanessa September and we found this process to be serving the community best, as the MC found it improper to deal with those as unqualified and potentially affected neighbors. It has proven to work over the past months where the process has been put into action, whilst

owners have been asked to pay a scrutiny fee for services rendered. Thank you Tony for coming on board and helping out to keep building applications in line with our Heritage and Environmental Guidelines.

- 2) Safety & security issues (with JK and AB) whilst we work closely with SAPS and Camps Bay Community Police Forum, CBW and CBCSI to keep crime to a minimum. The ones of you who attended last year, heard Jason present the Clifton camera project which is now nearly up and running – well done Jason!
- 3) Events (with JK & SG) where we try keep noise pollution to a minimum, curtail the numbers of events per se, the late-night beach and parking area parties and work closely with the Lifesavers in Clifton to inform our residents of their comps
- 4) News (via DB) with our Newsletters and general website content which we would like to encourage all to use (for here and afar) as we post community information on it on a more regular basis, Di is also Vice Chair.
- 5) Interacting with City officials, where DH puts in huge effort to get solid waste removed and all sorts of other issues we've shed light on before and PW who still heads up most of our "special projects" and pushes for an ear through the long hallways of the CoCT.
- 6) All Bakoven related requests where we are happy to now have Mimi on board, sending input our way.
- 7) Our finances (with WC) as our treasurer
- 8) Any legal questions with TM on board which brings me to the
- 9) The proposed re-zoning, sale and development of the Clifton/MC development and the land occupied by the garages, Glen Country Club, Clifton Tennis Club and adjacent sports fields is still seen as a major concern. We act on your behalf and in your best interest and the perfect person to ask for relevant input is SR.
 - a. Please won't you give us a brief synopsis re what's going on, Shayne?

and so on and so forth. Overall, we want to create a sense of pride and community.

The Association is a recognized civic body and this status gives us considerable leverage to get our problems heard. We encourage our members to contact us – Maritsa our new secretary is keen to assist. Unfortunately, she cannot be here tonight but we wish her a long life with us!

Finally, I would like to thank the MC – it is a privilege to represent our community and to work with this professional team who make up our Committee. Committee work is not known for its rewards and is voluntarily and comes at huge sacrifices, meetings in the heat of summer after work, giving up their time with their families to look after your interests. I would like to give them the applause they deserve.

Thank you