

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VREDEKLOOF CID
held at the Vredeloof Worship Centre, Vredeloof, on 01 December 2010 at 19h00.

1. Opening Prayer

Pastor Nico Buys opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer.

2. Welcome

The Chairperson, Mr. Gary Hirst, thanked pastor Buys for the use of their facilities. He also asked for permission to conduct the meeting in both languages. He then welcomed the following people: Cllr. Carin Brynard; Mr. George van Schalkwyk, Director Inter Services Liaison – COCT; Mr. Eddie Scott, Manager Inter Services Liaison – COCT; Mr. Runan Rossouw, Co-ordinator SRA Compliance & Establishment – COCT; Mr. Joepie Joubert, Senior Prof. Officer: Tariffs, SRA's, Research & Special Projects ISL – COCT; Mr. Leon Brynard, CPF Chairperson and Manager of the VCID; Mr. Charl du Toit of SJC Security Services and last but not least, the other Directors, Danie Grobler, Hannes Wolfaardt, Frans du Preez (not present), Jacques du Plessis and Casper Labuschagne.

3. Establishment of Quorum – Attendance

The official membership count is 242 members of which 10% forms a quorum. The meeting agreed that we have more than 25 members present and that the meeting is duly constituted.

4. Manager's Report – Slideshow

Mr. Leon Brynard once again informed all present that membership is not automatic because you pay your levies, or because you voted for the CID, or for any other reason. By law you must make written application. It was advertised from the beginning in the newsletters and on the website. A membership application form is available on the website and also at the office.

He presented his report in the form of a slideshow with before and after pictures. He began with some slides from 2006, just to show what Vredeloof looked like before the Vredeloof Safety Council was formed. He also referred to the saying "you can please some of the people some of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time" – will refer back to this later again.

The main reason why we formed the Vredeloof Safety Council, which was more than a "professional neighborhood watch",

1. Was because of crime - some months we had 17+ incidents and families were traumatized because of the perpetrators coming into their homes
2. To upgrade our area and to get rid of all the unwanted elements

Because of this and because of our mission, "To establish mechanisms and programs whereby property owners and residents are encouraged to participate in the process of a secure and clean neighborhood", we voted and with a majority of residents, then applied for a Special Rating Area. The Vredeloof Community Improvement District (VCID) was approved as a Special Rating Area (SRA) by Council on 26 August 2009, and incorporated as a Section 21 Company on 20 October, 2009.

Alles gaan nie net altyd goed nie en voordat ek oor ons suksesse praat, wil ek ook net 'n paar probleem areas uitwys.

- 1) Straatname wat onleesbaar is en verkeerstekens wat skeef en dof is.
- 2) Sekere areas wat soms oorgeslaan word wanneer die gras gesny word.

- 3) Inwoners wat op parke ry en skade aanrig.
- 4) Rommelstrooiing.
- 5) Ligte en lamppale.
- 6) Haweloses op die R300 padreserwe.
- 7) Veiligheidsrisikos.
- 8) Goeie buurmanskap.

By looking back, we can definitely say that the value that was added through the Vredeloof CID, has borne fruit as reflected in our sharply reduced crime statistics, improved cleanliness and the upgrade of our area. This in turn has made Vredeloof a sought after area to live, work and play in.

I firmly believe that all we have achieved up to now, was not possible without the active support of a host of role players who played a vital role in our success.

Eerstens, ons plaaslike Raadslid – sy het van haar wyksfondse bewillig vir:

- 1) Die geplaveide paadjie en opgradering van Wessel Lourens Park – bankies ens.
- 2) Die verhoogde interseksie by Vredeloofweg en Wessel Lourens Rylaan – spoedkalmering.
- 3) Die sny van parke – 2 addisionele snitte per jaar.

Dan Mnr Johan Snyman van Paaie en Stormwater, vir die herstel van:

- 1) Slaggate
- 2) En die opgradering van 'n gedeelte van Vredeloofweg.

Mnr Willem Myburgh en sy span. Hulle is altyd gewillig en bereid om te help – die lys is te lank om hier op te noem.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Safety and security is still our main focus and it will most probably always be.

We have a very good relationship with Col. Vos, the new Station Commander for SAPS Brackenfell, WO Waterson, Sector Commander for Sector 1, and WO Erica Crous, who is the media spokesperson and responsible for communication. When we really need them, they normally respond very quick.

We are still busy with “project securing the perimeter”.

Phase 1 is the plant of thorn shrubs (Num Num’s and Kei-Apples) around Vredeloof. Except for the R300 road reserve, we are now finished with the planting. The last part was the bougainvilleas between Vredeloof Road and the N1.

Phase 2 is the service road on the R300 road reserve, which is almost finished and we will soon finish with the planting of the thorn shrubs there.

We erected a higher mast for better communication which in future can also be used for CCTV camera monitoring.

Part of this is also cleaning of the R300 servitude and the re-locating of “homeless people” living there. This is not an easy task and not in our hands as we are dependent on a lot of people and stakeholders.

In conclusion, he referred back to the statement made earlier and said: “We try our best to please most of the people most of the time.”

5. Chairpersons Report – Slideshow

The Chairperson, Mr. Gary Hirst, said that he will not go into too much history of why the VCID has been established, because out of the managers report, he think that seeing is believing. It is also clear of what is happening here in Vredenkloof on a day to day basis.

He believes that one of the most important achievements was the establishment of the VCID and once again would like to thank the residents for this achievement and their continued support. During the public participation process, there were only 7 official rejection letters and 5 of them were only concerns. This is a clear indication that we have a vote of confidence.

What you put in, you get out, and we therefore are enjoying a better lifestyle. We also reached what we aimed for and that is, if everybody pays, everybody plays.

As a result of this all, our crime has dropped drastically and the statistics show that on average, it is very low. We keep track of all incidents and it gets documented in a monthly report.

As the Chairperson I want to report on the following aspects, and it is really nice to see:

- Residents walking in the evenings and in the mornings.
- Young children walking in our streets, eating ice cream alone, because they feel safe.
- Vredenkloof are neat and tidy, the lawns are cut and residents taking pride.
- Armed patrol vehicles and guards on routine patrols – thank you SJC.
- A Control Room that can be contacted 24hrs for any emergency.
- Not many new house perimeter walls being built.
- Residents working in their gardens on Saturdays with windows and doors open.

We however also have a couple of problem areas to focus on:

- Driving styles and not obeying traffic rules.
- Dumping of litter on boundaries of public open spaces.
- Home based businesses that intrude on the residential focus of Vredenkloof.
- Fishing at the two Vredenkloof dams is illegal according to the City Parks policy – birdlife casualties.
- Attend to the Gomes farm development in a responsible manner.

The Future

- Utilise & upgrade of the Dept. of Education ground for Public Open Space.
- Continue with upgrading the perimeter protection.
- Continue to alter our security plans as criminal plans & activity evolves.
- Improve on cleaning and greening of Vredenkloof.
- Improve the relaxation & play facilities for our children.
- Improve on pavements for residents to walk & cycle on.
- Implement resident’s suggestions.
- Promote awareness, co-operation and good relations between Vredenkloof residents.
- Apply for the 2 year extension of the VCID to reduce costs to residents after capital projects completed.

And lastly, thanks to you, my neighbor.

6. Annual Financial Statements

Mr. Danie Grobler presented the financial statements in a power point presentation as follows:

1. Statement of financial position at 30 June 2010 – see attached.
2. Budget - 3 year plan – see attached.
3. Budget 2010/2011 - year 2 – see attached.
4. Budget 2011/2012 - year 3 – see attached.

He explained that we need to adjust the budget as indicated. The total is unchanged and it is just allocated differently. It was accepted with no objections.

7. Auditors and Remuneration

Mnr Leon Brynard verduidelik dat die aangestelde Ouditeure weens werkdruk nie die oudit in tyd kon afhandel nie en was ons genoodsaak om dringend ander ouditeure (Jackson Neethling) aan te stel. Die formaat van die finansieële state het nie aan die Stad se vereistes nl. SA GAAP, voldoen nie, maar het hulle as 'n uitsondering aanvaar. Jacjson Neethling het meegedeel dat hulle nie meer state in SA Gaap format doen nie, en is ons nou genoodsaak om nuwe ouditeure aan te stel. Ons het vewrskillende kwotasies bekom en beveel aan dat ons vir Haumann Rodger, wie ook die Stikland CID se oudit doen, aanstel as ons ouditeure teen 'n fooi van R7,000-00 + B.T.W. Voorgestel vir goedkeuring deur mnr. Danie Grobler en gesekondeer deur mnr. Pieter Kruger.

8. Members and residents input and suggestions

The Chairperson explained that the residents don't give enough input. It is important to get more feedback and he therefore asked the residents to send us their wish list via e-mail, normal letter, phone us or go and see Leon Brynard.

Mr. Leon Brynard asked the Chairperson to allow for someone who wants to give input tonight. It was decided that those who wants to, can speak to the committee afterwards.

Een van die inwoners wat soggens vroeg draf bedank die sekuriteit wie soggens seker maak dat hulle veilig is.

Mnr. Leon Brynard vra toestemming om namens een van die inwoners, Mnr. Mike Chemaly, wie nie vannaand hier kan wees nie, 'n punt te opper. Mnr Chemaly voel bekommerd dat die oprigting van die razor wire die waardes van eiendomme negatief kan beïnvloed. Hy is nie negatief nie en ondersteun ons, maar voel wel bekommerd dat dit afbreuk aan ons woonbuurt kan doen . Mnr Brynard verduidelik ook dat ons baie opsies oorweeg het en dat die razor wire die mees koste effektiewe manier is. Met die doringstruik, wat ook ter beveiliging geplant word, behoort die razor wire binne 'n paar jaar nie meer sigbaar te wees nie.

9. New Director nominations

The Chairperson mentioned that all current Directors are willing to serve another year, but additional Directors can be nominated. Office bearers will be elected at a board meeting. He asked for new/more nominations, but no one was nominated.

10. Thanks

Mr. Casper Labuschagne thanked the Chairperson for the honor to acknowledge certain role players for their valuable role in making the Vredeloof CID a roaring success.

- Our guests of honour from the City of Cape Town, Mr. George van Schalkwyk, Mr. Eddie Scott, Mr. Runan Rossouw and Mr. Joepie Joubert. These gentleman assisted us with their valuable advice, sacrificed their time which they could have spent with their families to attend our meetings and always answered our many questions – thank you for that.
- Mrs. Carin Brynard, ward counsellor for ward 102. We are fortunate to also have her as a resident in Vredeloof. He thanked her also for the valuable role that she played in many ways in establishing the CID.

- He thanked the 3 gentleman, Mr. Gary Hirst, Mr. Danie Grobler and Mr. Leon Brynard for their hard work that they and their families had put in to form the previous VSC, which lead to the birth of the Vredeloof CID.
- He thanked Leon, who is now the manager, for all his hard work and the way he is every day trying to keep everybody happy, especially Gary. To Gary and Danie who also put in a lot of their own valuable time and effort – thank you. To fellow members, Jacques du Plessis, Hannes Wolfaardt, Oom Frans, Alan Horstmann and our two previous members who since left, Johann Klindt and Andre du toit – thank you very much.
- To every Vredeloof resident who supported us over the years, especially those who supported us from the beginning in many ways i.e. donations, getting the support, etc.
- Paster Nico Buys for always availing his facilities and also Mrs. Violet Lourens of Mushet Manor, for availing her facilities for some of our meetings.
- Thank you to our Bookkeeper, Mr. Pieter Venter, for his diligence over the years.
- Thank you to our security staff, each and every one of them who work in Vredeloof, sometimes severe conditions, for keeping us safe.
- Mr. Charl du Toit of SJC who is currently doing an excellent job.
- He also thanked our previous service providers, HRF and Comwezi, who sometimes also carried us financially when times were tuff under the VSC.
- A big thank you also to the Brackenfell Police for being there and assisting us when needed.
- Once again, thank you to all the residents, especially those who attended the meeting and paying their municipal accounts – that is our bread and butter.

11. Closing

The Chairperson thanked all again and adjourned the meeting at ±20h00.

Approved:

Chairperson

Date

Executive Officer