



MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 8th June

MONKEY VALLEY- LAPA

WELCOME....and thank you for joining us this evening.

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- We are here to present feedback on our achievements and financials for the past year.....April 2021 to March 2022.
- It has been another eventful year where we have solved many issues pertaining to the valley and yet there are always so many challenges that confront us on a regular basis - both short and long term.
- Your committee has worked incredibly hard to serve the Noordhoek Community.

We will be discussing the following:

- Chairman's and Treasurers Report.
- All actions of the NRPA with a focus on the 2030 Vision, as demonstrated in the portfolio feedback points and to inform you about the re alignment of the Noordhoek Exco with the Noordhoek 2030 vision including Climate Change.
- Vote for 2022 Subs and elect a new EXCO.
- Have a Q & A session.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- To respect the feedback that will be presented by both the Chairman and Treasurer.
- Should you have a concern or query, that you ask this during our dedicated question and answer session.
- That you listen attentively to the presentation pertaining to the Climate Change presentation and any future development of Noordhoek with an open mind.
- That we listen to each other so that we can broaden our understanding of the issues that we are currently experiencing in our valley and any suggestions that can be taken forward within our community.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our accomplishments for 2021/22 are many.

- The NRPA is running efficiently and effectively and is being well managed.
- Our subscriber base is currently 420 members.
- Meetings are held monthly with minutes posted on our website.
- We continue to have sound fiscal policies and are building a base from which to eventually employ a permanent administrative person.
- Communication is good and your Exco has worked on this extensively to increase greater awareness within your community. Our social media is good and the interaction between the members is encouraging.
- As you already know, we conducted an Equestrian Economy audit in 2020 which found that through creating employment, Noordhoek contributes approx. R45 million/year into the Masiphumelele economy. As an extension to this, the NRPA is in discussion with the City of CT not to subdivide our smallholdings as the more these are subdivided, the less opportunity the valley has of creating full time equestrian-related employment. In 2021, your Exco did a Tourism Economy audit of the valley.
- A Tourist economy audit is vital for us to be able to gauge to what extent this contributes to the valley's economy. The outcome of this audit was that approx. R150m - 200m/year is invested into our economy creating jobs for 600 people.

COMMUNICATION PORTFOLIO

This portfolio has been led by Ingrid Altman and ably assisted by Kelly Burke, Joffy Mills, Stephen Cruikshank and Leanne Mitchell.

- Under the guidance of Ingrid Altman, the NRPA website is kept updated on a regular basis with relevant community related information.
- Two added communication channels were established this year to communicate with community members – a WhatsApp group and a monthly electronic newsletter that is emailed to all the members.
- We created social media content to engage with the Noordhoek community, keeping you abreast of all current issues and feedback with regards to issues that have occurred. Via social media we were also able to keep residents informed about issues relating to neighbouring suburbs that they could assist with as well as creating awareness for the projects that the NRPA is involved in.
- News articles relating to the 2030 Noordhoek vision Goals were drawn up and disseminated throughout the year.
- A Tourism survey was conducted and a press release announcing the results was well received by the media, showing Noordhoek as a key tourist destination.
- The NRPA organised a soccer match between Noordhoek Football Club and Hout Bay Football Club as part of the Chapmans' Peak 100 year celebration. The match received great media attention.
- Members were kept informed with developments around the many feeding schemes that are being run from the valley for both the Ocean View and Masiphumelele communities.
- Newsletters are sent out detailing the many environmental and social initiatives active in the valley, and ad hoc information and media statements from the city were posted and mailed as required.

- The NRPA received extensive coverage in the media: Thegoodthingsguy, 567 Cape Talk, The Cape Argus, News24.com, lol.co.za, Ecobalance Lifestyle Magazine, www.social-tv.co.za, www.greenfamilyguide.co.za, Smile FM and the False Bay Echo.
- Going forward: the plan is to continue to align the communication of the NRPA to the 2030 vision, and to work closely and in support with all of the Civic Groups.

CIVIC PORTFOLIO

Patrick Wright heads up the Civic portfolio. Pat has just completed his first year as an Exco member and is also involved with the community Neighbourhood Watch initiatives.

Traffic lights by the Cape Emporium complex

This year we have seen a culmination of a project that was started in 2019 in close cooperation with Noordhoek Riding Club. The pedestrian/equestrian traffic light on Main Road got off on a rocky start with a faulty button but all is well now and residents and their horses can now safely cross this dangerous intersection. Many thanks to Tim De Villiers of Plumstead COCT Traffic, for his support.

Road Markings and White lines

This has been an ongoing task. White lines on our speed bumps and some stop signs have been painted on request. Work on the lines on Silvermine Road has been completed. We still have outstanding requests for the road markings and lines on Main Road.

Beach-Hurter S/W drainage and road issues

Beach Road has been deteriorating steadily whilst flooding has occurred in both Beach Road and Oak Avenue (Gravel part).

This issue has been logged with sub-council 19 and will be monitored on an ongoing basis until completion.

- Stormwater pipelines in Oak and Hurter Road have been cleaned.
- New kerbs have been put on the southern side of Oak Avenue (Gravel part).
- Grading maintenance was done for Oak Avenue (Gravel part).
- Work is in progress with respect to putting in kerbs along both sides of Beach Road, between Hurter and Avondrust. The kerbing is scheduled to be completed by the middle of June, after which that portion of beach road will be resurfaced.

- On the Verge has constructed a pedestrian path on the southern side of the road, between Hurter and the common.

Septic and conservancy tank issues

Slow responses by the City for septic and conservancy tank cleanings by the “Honey Suckers” has become an issue.

In response to this Exco set up a document detailing the workings and good usage of septic and conservancy tanks and setup a poll to get community input. The document was circulated on social media and is available on our website.

The poll showed us that a large portion of our residents are waiting 2 weeks or more to have their tanks emptied:

A meeting was setup by our Ward Councillor, Patricia Franke including our Civil and Planning departments, the COCT depot and other representatives from the City including a Mayco member. Agreements were made on ways to improve service delivery and we are pleased to see that the number of complaints have come down. We are also seeing the Honeysuckers more frequently in the area.

Beach Parking area and boardwalk

This project was a co-ordinated community project including:

Project Noordhoek who built the boardwalk extension with materials supplied by **The Pole Yard** and, **On the Verge** who did a great job of landscaping and planting appropriate plants.

The city offered advice and gave the appropriate permissions.

Pedestrian walkways.

The aim is to provide a footpath from the common to the beach and also from Beach Road to Oak avenue via Hurter Road. On the Verge has stepped up to the challenge of making a gravel footpath along Beach Road. Hurter is currently in a planning stage and will commence once the current roadworks are complete.

Project Noordhoeked,

Led by Karoline Hanks and Fillipo Farello, have done a magnificent job to keep the surrounding areas of Noordhoek clean from litter.....on the beach, Ou Kaapse Weg and other areas, as well as clearing aliens. The NRPA sponsors some of this work.

- Patrick attended to other road matters such as pedestrian crossings, the Kommetjie Road upgrade and Houmoed Avenue phase 1 and 2.
- You will notice that there is little or NO graffiti or Illegal signage in Noordhoek as removal takes place on a regular basis.
- The NRPA continues to build a good working relationship with the SANParks staff. This is vital as we need to work together. We understand that we cannot stop development but it **MUST** be managed correctly.
- Attended the Far South Peninsula Community Forum meetings with particular input into the Transport Plan.

GENERAL PORTFOLIO

Bas Zuiderberg handled this position and has moved to the Planning portfolio. He handed over to Nico Kruger who now heads up this portfolio.

- **Bus/Taxi Shelters:** In order to bring about some form of dignity to our domestic employees, the NRPA applied to the City to erect shelters at strategic positions. The idea is that during the winter and summer months there is shelter at specific pick up points. While we wait for this to happen, Noordhoek residents continue to place benches in places where commuters gather to wait for their transport.
- Connections were made with most of the civic organisations in our part of the Valley and we now have a database of contacts that is regularly updated. During these interactions the NRPA asks what the problems are that these organisations are facing and how we can help them to become more successful.
- **ALIEN CLEARING/FIRE PREVENTION** – have had several meetings and communications with the large private landowners ie. Amdec and De Goede Hoop who have spent vast amounts of money clearing the land on Chapman’s Peak to assist in keeping Noordhoek better prepared for fires and keep the valley alien free. Together with NEAG we have now mapped all the properties around the valley that have a varying degree of alien infestation and are engaging with each owner on clearing of those aliens.

You will see fire breaks below Chapman’s Peak Drive. Thanks to Bill Liltved who voluntarily clears alien vegetation.

- Nico was elected on the Ward committee together with Joffy Mills and Andrea Marias of NEAG. This committee is chaired by our Ward councillor and is where topics that are pertinent to our Ward are discussed.
- Presentations to the NRPA Exco were done by Kathy Fish from 'On the Verge', Christopher Clarke from the Noordhoek Community Improvement District (NCID) and Peter Snowball from The Sports Facilities Management (FMC).

PLANNING PORTFOLIO

Meetings Attended

Sub Council 19

This is where all local Councillors meet to discuss and present items pertinent to their respective communities.

Far South Peninsula Community Forum

This is where all the civic organisations of the Far South engage with the ward councilors of Subcouncil 19.

SPECIFIC PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS IN NOORDHOEK

GENERATIONS SCHOOL:

NRPA, along with many residents, objected and then appealed against this application, not because we are against a school, but against a school in that specific location. Our appeal was dismissed and after obtaining further legal opinion the NRPA decided against going to court. Generations School has indicated to us that they do not expect to break ground anytime soon. If they do we will engage with them to make process as smooth as possible for the community

- We wish to thank NEAG and ToadNuts for the joint legal submissions and arranging specialists to submit comments – and to the Noordhoek Riding Club for supporting the final submission.

HOUMOED PHASE 1 EXTENSION:

NRPA supported NEAG in their high court application in April 2021 after Minister Bredell rejected initial objections against this part of the Houmoed extension. High court has asked parties to present arguments.

CARAVAN PARK

The application for development of the caravan park was hotly debated in the community and is still under review by CoCT. The NRPA believes the rezoning to SR1 and subsequent subdivision into small plots is wrong and should not be allowed in the middle of Noordhoek's equestrian zone.

LAKE MICHELLE PHASE 8

Evergreen has applied to develop the eighth and final phase. In an irregular move the provincial department of Environmental Affairs allowed Evergreen to provide additional options after being initially refused. NRPA, NEAG as well as the Lake Michelle Home Owners Association have objected to this development and have indicated they would rather see the unique ecology of that part of Lake Michelle rehabilitated without development

CAPE POINT VINEYARDS

NRPA has supported the consolidation of various sections of CPV and the subsequent subdivision into 2 plots. This allows CPV to sell off the portion below the visitor centre to a new owner who has indicated they want to retain the vineyard.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WITH REGARDS TO THIS PORTFOLIO:

The NRPA is not an enforcement agent and will try to ensure compliance where potential land use infringements are taking place via consultation, engagement and only reporting to the relevant authorities if this becomes necessary.

TREASURER

Rob Speedy has led this portfolio for the past seven years.

- Our financial position remains strong. In his report, Rob will table that on 28 February 2022 the Exco had a strong balance sheet with R112 000.
- We concluded the Tax Exemption process.
- A Tourism survey was done to assess the value of Tourism to the local community.
- Acquired a Yoco card acceptance facility.
- NCC finances are now operating independently from the CPNW.

We currently have 222 paid up members (or 55% of our 390 signed up ratepayers). Our full subscriber base is 420.

VOTING AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

The NRPA has had to comply to the new SARS regulations. These have been circulated to all members. We need to vote on the constitutional amendment for Tax exemption.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Was proposed and seconded for subs to remain at R300 per annum.

EXCO nominations for 2022/2023:

Chair: Brad Bing

Civic: Patrick Wright

Planning: Bas Zuidberg

Communication: Ingrid Altman

Treasurer: Daniel Munch

General: Nico Kruger

FUTURE FOCUS 2022

Going forward we will focus on:

- Continue to improve relationships with other interest groups in Noordhoek, whilst focusing and aligning with the 2030 vision. An example of this is that the leadership of the NRPA, with our Ward Councilor, met with the management of the Generations School to get them to partner with Kleinberg Primary School in Ocean View. This is to get this School to use their sporting facilities. This we tied in with our 2030 vision of being #goodneighbours.
- Will continue to develop a specific strategy for each piece of City owned land in Noordhoek.
- Expand the EXCO support team, especially the Civic and Planning portfolio's and,.....
- The NRPA has made their administration more efficient and effective. However the amount of work that goes into running the organisation by dedicated and committed

community members is huge and we want to create a permanent administrative position to deliver an excellent civic service in our community.

- We will continue to support the avenue to create a Noordhoek Community Improvement District (NCID) also referred to as a Special Ratings Area (SRA), billing system for all properties in Noordhoek.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Noordhoek Common

- Swings require maintenance
- Suggest more snap scan posters for donations

Noordhoek Farm Village

- Parking solution

Honey Suckers

- Request to stop bribing drivers as this causes backlog
- Comments on quick response
- Request to redesign dumping as overspill causes smell to surrounding area

Septic tanks and Soak Away

- Sian Smit was to assist to ensure bylaw for soak aways

Sub-divisions

- Mark Marinus would like to assist to come up with rational argument to change current zero outcome

Wednesday Market / Teenagers

- Teenagers venturing to common
- Safety issue with crossing road in dark, drugs, vandalization
- Kathy Fish wants to be involved in solution to combat this problem

Speed Humps

- Request to add in Haven Drive.

Bus shelters

- Anthony Black would like to assist to make this a reality

THANKS AND CLOSE

A great deal of time goes into running the NRPA. We are extremely grateful for the support of the following:

- Judy Sole, Tracy De Breuyn and the Monkey Valley team for the continued use of their facility.
- Our Ward Councilor, Patricia Franke for her ongoing support with the City of Cape Town. Also Simon Liell-Cock who continues to play an important role within the community....and the:
- 2021/2022 EXCO & the support team for their unselfish service to the Noordhoek community.

SPECIAL THANKS:

The civic groups that make an effort to protect and shape Noordhoek. I'd like to make special mention of a few groups:

NEAG: To the efficient Chairperson, Dr Andrea Marais and her team for the enormous amount of work that they do. Their input with regards to Houmoed Road, Generation Schools and the general well-being and oversight of the natural environment – which aligns nicely with “Tread lightly” - is always appreciated.

All the security Groups: What can we do without them? Our entire vision is underpinned by a sense of feeling safe and secure, and we're incredibly lucky to have such a well organised, highly effective bunch keeping a handle on this. Here we have to thank **Patrick Wright and John Parker** and also Merle Melville and the team of DASCRO, Craig Guthrie from the San Michel NW and the Danieldale NW team for their contribution to all things community. The forum is a big effort; they support the NRPA, the security groups and community centre project. They are always there, and their contribution is visible and appreciated.

Lynn Brown: for assisting in the organisation of the sessions to update the Noordhoek 2030 vision.

Toadnuts: Suzie and Alison Faraday for being the champion of a uniquely Noordhoek Species. They've been heavily involved in the Houmoed Road development debate and have spent a huge amount of time and effort there.

Common Committee: To Chris Strangeways-Dixon and his Common Committee for taking charge of what is the 'heart' of Noordhoek.....planting trees, keeping the Common clean and for making it a wonderful space for all of us to make use of.

On-the-Verge: Kathy Fish does an incredible job looking after many of our public spaces, clearing them up and planting indigenous plants.

Project Noordhoeked: Karoline Hanks drives this incredible programme. It takes up an amazing amount of time and effort that makes a huge difference to the valley. It's a great example of what single-mindedness and community support can achieve. She's constantly on the go and keeping Noordhoek and surrounding areas clear of anything that doesn't belong in our natural spaces.

There are many others who contribute to making this valley so exceptionally special and we thank them too.

TO CONCLUDE. GOODBYE TO:

- As a voluntary organization, Exco members come and go and we say thanks to Jon Lijnes and Sian Beyers for their contribution. For the past 7 years your community has been served by an individual who has kept a tight rein on the finances....Rob Speedy, thank you very much indeed for your efficiency and commitment to the Noordhoek community.
- We thank them all for what they have unselfishly contributed to our community over the past year.
- Finally – huge thanks to the Noordhoek Community, we **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT.**

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:
Angela Gomes (Admin)

MINUTES APPROVED BY:
Brad Bing (NRPA Chair)




