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BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED IRT PHASE 2A TRUNK ROUTE: PORTION E1, 3.5KM OF GOVAN MBEKI ROAD, MANENBERG & GUGULETHU: FOCUS GROUP MEETING WITH AFFECTED WARD COUNCILLORS AND SUB-COUNCIL MANAGERS
PRE-APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/3/6/7/1/A2/19/3028/18
MINUTES- FINAL

MEETING DATE: 18 October 2018
VENUE: Chand Environmental Consultants, 174-206 Main Road, Plumstead, 7800
TIME: 11h00 – 12h30
ARRANGED BY: Chand
FACILITATOR: Ms. Marielle Penwarden

1. ATTENDEES

FULL NAME	INITIAL	ORGANISATION
Mr. Lunga Bobo	LB	Sub-Council Manager 13
Mr. Raphael Martin	RM	Sub-Council Manager 23
Ms. Marielle Penwarden	MP	Chand Environmental Consultants (Environmental Assessment Practitioner)
Ms. Mellissa McJames	MMJ	Chand Environmental Consultants (Minute-taker)

2. APOLOGIES

FULL NAME	ORGANISATION
Cllr. Bonita Jacobs	Sub-council 14 Ward 45
Cllr. Antonio van der Rheede	Ward 47: Ward Councillor & Sub-Council 11 Chairperson
Cllr. Elton-Enrique Jansen	Ward 43: Ward Councillor & Sub-council 23 Chairperson
Ms. Noluthando Makasi	Sub-Council Chairperson
Cllr. Luyanda Nyingwa	Ward 37: Ward Councillor (apology received during meeting)
Cllr. Khaya Yozi	Ward 39: Ward Councillor (apology received during meeting)
Cllr. Sharon Manata	Ward 41: Ward Councillor (apology received during meeting)
Cllr. Bonita Jacobs	Ward 45: Ward Councillor
Ms. Ardela van Niekerk	Acting Sub-Council Manager 14
Cllr. Mogamat Cassiem	Ward 46: Ward Councillor (apology received during meeting)

3. NON-ARRIVALS/ NO RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

FULL NAME	ORGANISATION
Cllr. Sonwabo Ngxumza	Ward 42: Ward Councillor
Cllr. Sithembiso Mzobe	Ward 33: Ward Councillor
Cllr. Luvuyo Zondani	Ward 38: Ward Councillor
Kayise Nomabukse	Sub-Council 11 Manager
Mlungisi Bafo	PR Councillor: Sub-council 14
Mabatho Kumeke	PR Councillor: Sub-council 14
Patrick Ngqu	PR Councillor: Sub-council 14
Cllr. Nkululeko Mgolombane	Ward 80: Ward Councillor

Refer to **Appendix A** for the full list of all parties invited.

4. AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Recap of the Proposal
3. Recap of the Public Participation Process (PPP) and matters raised previously by Ward Councillors
4. Recap Description of the Site
5. Update on the Basic Assessment Process
6. Update on the Specialist Findings
7. Comments/ Discussion of any Additional Issues
8. Greater IRT Project

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Welcome and Introduction

- a) MP thanked the attendees for their time and patience while waiting on additional arrivals. With no additional attendees, the meeting formally commenced at 12h05.
- b) MP advised that the purpose for this meeting was to provide feedback to the Ward Councillors and Sub-council Managers on matters that arose at the previous meetings, as well as to advise them on the upcoming public advertisement of the proposal and Basic Assessment process.

5.2. Recap of the Proposal

Refer to the attached presentation.

- a) During this component of the presentation, MP highlighted that, at a previous meeting, Councillor Zondani requested that the proposed footprint be narrowed to avoid the housing development presently under construction at the end of the route (refer to slide 13 of the attached presentation), which has since been taken into account.

5.3. Recap of the Public Participation Process (PPP) and matters raised previously by Ward Councillors

Refer to the attached presentation.

- a) MP began by recapping the proposal and the Basic Assessment process (which includes a public participation process- PPP).
- b) MP explained that the PPP underway is required in terms of the Basic Assessment (BA) process and noted that meetings such as this extend beyond the minimum legal requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA).
- c) MP advised that the PPP requirements with respect to water use applications, if any, would also be met through the BA process.
- d) MP reminded attendees that in 2015 the City of Cape Town: Communications Department conducted their own PPP during the draft concept design phase for the greater IRT project and that this BA process only relates to a particular portion of the route namely, Portion E1 and not to the project as a whole.

5.4. Recap Description of the Site

Refer to the attached presentation.

- a) MP explained that the focus area of this Environmental Authorisation process comprises of the proposed upgrades to Govan Mbeki Road (M9) from the corner of Vibra Street to just beyond Sheffield Road.
- b) MP explained the proposed scope in terms of the widening of the road, which includes four bus lanes, NMT lanes, etc. She stated that considerable portions of the proposed footprint falls within the road reserve, however there are portions, which would fall beyond the road reserve.

5.5. Update on the Basic Assessment Process

Refer to the attached presentation.

- a) During this segment of the presentation, MP highlighted that another reason for the feedback session is to advise the Ward Councillors and Sub-council Managers that it is Chand's intention to commence with the advertisement and public notification of the proposal and BA process

within the next month or two (such activities would include site noticeboards and advertisements in the newspaper) and to request that the Ward Councillors serve as a conduit of information for this BA process. She added that the public would be afforded a 30-day commenting period on the report and that it would then be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) for decision-making. She concluded her explanation of the process by stating that the authorities would make a decision in approximately three months and that Chand would subsequently notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) thereof.

- b) MP stated that it is presently anticipated that the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) would be released for public comment by the end November, but that she acknowledges that the annual shutdown period and festive season is fast approaching. MP added that, given the approaching festive season, should the BAR and application not be ready in time, the advertisement of the proposal and process would occur in the new year so as to avoid any PPP during the holidays.
- c) LB recommended that the PPP commence in mid-January 2019, rather than earlier in the month, in spite of the annual shutdown period concluding early in January. MP noted the recommendation made, adding that this approach would delay the submission of the application to the DEA&DP.
- d) LB and RM advised that MP present this presentation at a sub-council meeting/ activity day as Ward Councillors are required, by law, to attend them. They added that they would keep in touch with MP with regard to applicable dates and getting this presentation on the agenda. MP acknowledged their suggestion and stated that she would consider it when the time comes, cautioning that the sub-council meetings may take place subsequent to the advertisement of the proposal. LB and RM responded that this would not be a problem.

5.6. Update on the Specialist Findings

Refer to the attached presentation.

- a) MP advised that subsequent to the suggestions made and additional information received from the Ward Councillors and Sub-council Managers at the previous meeting, a meeting was held with local heritage and cultural representatives to obtain more information on local sites of significance to the community, sites that would not traditionally be identified by Heritage Western Cape.
- b) MP added that this meeting resulted in further updates to the heritage report.
- c) MP highlighted that, subsequent to the previous meeting, engagement with the Department of Water and Sanitation has occurred and is ongoing, with a view to authorising the proposal under a General Authorisation.
- d) MP reported that five wetlands were found along the route, but they were not considered ecologically significant, with the exception of Edith Stephens Nature Reserve. She emphasised that Edith Stephens Nature Reserve is very important and that it would not be encroached upon by the proposed development. MP added that significant measures are proposed in order to protect Edith Stephens Nature Reserve from stormwater run-off and noted that all stormwater run-off would be directed to the Lotus Canal, away from the Edith Stephens Nature Reserve (refer to slide 38 of the attached presentation).
- e) RM expressed concern regarding potential encroachment into the Fezeka Building property and MP confirmed that the proposal footprint would only extend to the property boundary. RM added that this building could become a great tourist destination.
- f) MP also stressed that, with regard to the removal of trees, the need for obtaining the necessary permits, as well as appropriate liaison with City of Cape Town Parks Department, would be included in the Environmental Management Programme and, as such, form a condition of authorisation.
- g) MP explained that further cultural and heritage sites have been identified and recorded however they would not be affected by the proposed development. LB expressed appreciation at a great job being done to preserve what is there, adding that there exists a property across the railway line at the Lotus Canal where initiation ceremonies take place. He stated that the community would like to enclose the area by planting some trees and that the site be used as an initiation school. MP responded by saying that the proposed road footprint would not encroach on that site and also advised that, in order to realise the community's request, further internal discussions with the relevant branches of the City of Cape Town should be initiated. MP

concluded that this site would be added as one of importance to the Basic Assessment Report.

Post-meeting note: Refer to Figure 1.



Figure 1 Proposed Initiation School Site (note that this map has been compiled subsequent to the meeting to add clarity to the minutes)

5.7. Comments/ Discussion of any Additional Issues

No additional issues other than those raised in sections 5.5c), 5.5d), 5.6e), and 5.6g).

5.8. Greater IRT Project

- a) MP reminded attendees that this Basic Assessment process applies only to a particular segment of the route and is being conducted as a result (and in terms) of the proposal triggering environmental legislation.
- b) MP advised that confirmation has been obtained that issues on the greater IRT project must be addressed through appropriate channels via the City of Cape Town: TDA Communications Department. She added that business cards for the correct contact have been stapled to the copy of the presentation handed to attendees. **Post-meeting note:** Refer to Figure 2 for a copy of the business card.



Figure 2 Business card showing correct contact details for issues/comments relating to the greater IRT Project

- c) MP added that it is the intention of the City of Cape Town: TDA Communications Department to give further feedback on the greater project, but could not commit to a timeframe on their behalf.
- d) MP requested that the Councillors and Sub-council managers disseminate the correct contact information for this process. RM acknowledged that all questions have to be directed to the City of Cape Town: TDA Communications Department.

5.9. Actions

The following actions and the respective responsible person(s) have been extracted from the meeting and are tabled below.

No.	ITEM	ACTION
1	Suggestion that this presentation be made at the Sub-council Activity Day/sub-council meeting. Invitation to the activity day/sub-council meeting is to be extended to MP and the City of Cape Town: TDA. RM and LB would be responsible for arranging the meeting and liaising the MP in this regard.	RM LB
2	Consider commencing with the advertising of the proposal in mid-January (rather than early January), should documentation not be available in time for the 30-day process to conclude before the festive season.	MP
3	Update Basic Assessment Report to include the importance of the site north west of the corner of Govan Mbeki Road and Duinefontein Road (as depicted in Figure 1) as a potential initiation school for the local community.	MP

5.10. Close

- a) MP thanked attendees once more for their time and contribution to the discussion, and closed the meeting at 12:35.