

**FISH HOEK VALLEY
RATEPAYERS &
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
(FHVRRA)**

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2009

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

VENUE: MOTH HALL, CENTRAL CIRCLE, FISH HOEK

DATE: THURSDAY 28 MAY 2009 TIME: 19h30

*****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE*****

THIS IS DUE TO MAINTENANCE ON THE CIVIC CENTRE MAIN HALL

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES.**
2. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26.02.2009.**
The full minutes are available at Fish Hoek Library. Micro-minutes are enclosed herewith.
3. **MATTERS ARISING.**
4. **GUEST SPEAKERS: Aldermen Felicity Purchase and Nicky Holderness.**
Topics: The City Budget for 01 July 2009 – 30 June 2010, with particular implications for the South Peninsula. Also feedback following the election results.**
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT.**
7. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT.**
8. **GENERAL**

** The full draft budget can be viewed on www.capetown.gov.za/Budget/Pages/Budget2009-2010.aspx

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Please note that Annual Subscriptions (**R50 per household for 2009**) became due in January 2009. Your address label/e-mail letter indicates the current status of your subs.

Details of our bank account and convenient points of payment for Subs.

Bank deposits or EFT payments: Indicate: "subs-your initials-your surname" in the payment reference.

A/C Name: FHVRRA. **Bank:** Standard. **Branch:** Fish Hoek. **Branch Code:** 036009 **A/C No:** 374203091

Subs can also be posted to P.O. Box 22125 Fish Hoek 7974, or paid at the following establishments:

Regal Cycles, Wakefords, Weavers, Pennylane (Valyland) and Thundercloud Music (Sun Valley Mall)

Please make out cheques to: "Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association".

An advice to us from you that a payment has been made is always most helpful. An E-mail, Fax or Postal advice to any of the addresses on the Return Slip (over) would be welcome.

We appeal to members in arrears for 2008 to pay these outstanding subs (R40) together with their 2009 subs.

Members unable to afford the subscription fees are advised to contact the Association's Chairperson (Tel: 021-785-1328), in full confidence and no obligation, to discuss a reduced fee.

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Traffic Issues.

Discussions with concerned parties regarding traffic congestion/flow problems in **1st Avenue**, following the opening of Pick 'n Pay at the Arcade, have been progressing.

It has emerged that the originally proposed washing bay on the plans is in fact being used as a generator room! The result is that there is no suitable washing provision and the run-off flows directly into the storm water system, causing an unacceptable bad smell and wet conditions.

The congestion caused by delivery trucks is a danger to both pedestrians and traffic in the area. No original provision was made for trolley storage or for a staff "smoking" room. The red lines on the road in 1st Avenue are also unauthorized and no one will own up to painting these! The Roads Engineer is looking at how to redesign the area to ensure better traffic flow. One possible option is that 1st Avenue may be closed off at Midas Paints with a new access point off Recreation Road, through the parking area, but no firm plans have yet been announced.

At the **Civic Centre** and surrounds, the Moth Hall parking area is likely to be upgraded. Council staff will be parking on the green space at the entrance to the Civic Centre, as an interim measure. There will be approx. thirteen employees at the new Licence testing/renewal station.

Traffic flow on Central Circle, including 5th Avenue, will be assessed and there is a lobby for 5th Avenue to be converted to one-way traffic, down from Kommetjie Road.

Compromises may have to be made by the Tennis and Bowling Clubs.

Traffic Officers are now regularly active in our area, for the first time in many years. They are on the lookout for minor offences such as cellphone use when driving, jumping stop-streets/robots, licence validity and inconsiderate driving in general. They keep very busy.

This bit of progress has been welcomed by most, so those who get caught and booked should not be too peeved by it...just get your driving act together in the interests of all our citizens, especially the elderly pedestrians who can't easily get out of the way of the thundering vehicle jumping the Stop Street and threatening to mow them down.

Safety railing and work progress on the Rocks at Jager's Walk.

At this stage, Council's Health and Safety Officer does not see his way clear to support the popular sentiment that the safety railing(s) on the rocks should be reinstated when the repairs are finally underway. Once the consulting engineer has completed his report, which is expected in June 2009, it may still be possible to include a railing but it will still have to be approved by him.

With this time schedule, the repair work *should* be completed and the Walkway up and running for the start of the 2009/2010 season.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Contacts for Subs paid advice to FHVRRRA:

Membership: Allen Rose-Innes: Tel/Fax: 021 782 4279 E-mail: aroseinn@mweb.co.za

Postal Address: P.O. Box 22125 Fish Hoek, 7974.

Chairperson: Janet Holwill: Tel: 021 785 1328 E-mail: jholwill@iafrica.com

RETURN SLIP FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

(Please attach a deposit slip if available).

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Proposed Cellphone and other Masts.

The Draft Assessment Report on the proposed mast at SAPS has finally been received by EXCO from Enviro Africa. An alternative site has been proposed at the Fire Station tower. EXCO have agreed that this is aesthetically preferable and our Councillor is strongly supporting it.

Web Communication Base Station at the Reservoir, off Peak Road: EXCO have objected to the proposed Peak Road mast, due to the close proximity to residences and also on the grounds that it would spoil the visual effect of the mountain.

The **False Bay Hospital** has recently turned down an application to have an antenna erected on the water tower.

EXCO Committee Portfolios: what it is about.

Your EXCO Committee currently consists of the following volunteers. They are listed below with the portfolios which they are currently handling:

Janet Holwill: Chair. Ward Forum and Sub Council Meetings (as necessary), FSCPF meetings (when possible), land-use issues, etc. planning and policy documents with assistance from Exco. General complaints from the public and any public issues concerning the Fish Hoek Valley not handled elsewhere.

Steve Perrett: Greater Cape Town Civic Alliance, land use, planning, zoning, etc.

Allen Rose-Innes: Membership and treasury (in collaboration with Lorna as Treasurer), advice on planning, Ward Forum, Sub Council Meetings (as necessary)

Lorna Fulford: Treasury

Peter Kempster: Newsletter, General Meetings, including guest speaker procurement.

Eugene Williams: Beach issues and marketing

Pat Schultz: Secretarial

Flip Rossouw: Security, Community Police Forum, neighbourhood watches

Bob Lockyer: Security, Community Police Forum, neighbourhood watches

Need for Committee Members: Many long hours are contributed by Committee members in the interests of the Fish Hoek Community at large. There is always a need for extra members to help spread the load, especially those who may possess specialized professional knowledge. Such persons need not belong full time to the Committee, but an indication from those interested that they could stand ready to be seconded on the Committee for specialized projects would be of great value. Please contact **Janet Holwill** on **021 785 1328** if you have any kind of expertise to offer as a contribution to your community.

Complaints Office.

Recently introduced at the Fish Hoek Civic Centre Council Offices is a Complaints System which should be **supported by all**. There is a new computer system now operational to administer it.

Complaints of any description can be recorded and tracked through to conclusion.

There is a Standard Form which has been designed for the purpose of registering complaints.

A copy of this Form appears on the back page of this Newsletter.

Use this if you need to.

The Form needs to be filled in and preferably signed when the complaint is made, but it can also be E-mailed.

Visit the Civic Centre Office (ask for Desiree Mentor), or E-mail it if you have the facility to:

Raquel.Harrison@capetown.gov.za.

Each complaint is logged into the system and given a completion date and a reference.

It is then tracked and followed up.

Our Councillors advise that many thousands of complaints have been registered in the last few months (including accounts queries and other complaints of all descriptions) and a large percentage of complaints have already been dealt with successfully.

**This is a huge and unique PLUS for our local community
and it deserves to be widely known about and used.**

Don't be shy, use it!

PTO >>>>>

Here is your South Peninsula Subcouncil Complaint Form.
Use it to bring the attention of Council to any matter which concerns you.
Have a look...it will be seen that it covers just about everything.
More copies of this Form are available from the Civic Centre Council
Offices.

SOUTH PENINSULA SUBCOUNCIL

FAX: (021) 782 1185

Email: Raquel.Harrison@capetown.gov.za

Civic Building, Recreation Road, Fish Hoek

SERVICE DELIVERY: REQUEST ☐ COMPLAINT ☐

POTHOLE ☐ WATER ☐ LIGHTING ☐ ROADS ☐
SIGNAGE ☐ DRAINS ☐ DUMPING ☐ MOWING ☐
OTHER ☐

DESCRIPTION DETAILS: (Please very specific)

EXACT LOCATION: (where)

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:

NAME
TEL CELL
EMAIL
DATE