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MINUTES OF KLIPRIVIERSBERG SUSTAINABILITY ASSOCIATION (KLIPSA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2017 at 18:30 HELD AT THE KLIPRIVIERSBERG NATURE RESERVE, ENTRANCE PRECINCT, PEGGY VERA ROAD, KIBLER PARK

1. Welcome and apologies

Andrew Barker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance at the 8th AGM of KlipSA.

Apologies and proxies were noted. A quorum was achieved.

Copies of the agenda were made available.

A list of attendees, apologies and proxies is attached to these minutes

2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 August 2016 and matters arising from those minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Allan Bentley proposed and Morne Brits seconded the adoption of the minutes. The meeting agreed unanimously.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's report for year ended 28 February 2017

Apologies were received from the Treasurer, Sandra Andrew. A copy of the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 28 February 2017 was made available for viewing.

The Chairman reported that there was a net profit of R1390. The net income generated from Sustainable Urban Living and Green Business Platform events amounted to R550. The operating expenses included are functions expenditure of R874, computer expenses at R1612, postage costs for the Post Office box at R410 and conference fees of R1304.

The total assets comprising cash and cash equivalents amounted to R16841 as at 28 February 2017.

Reuben Louw proposed and Lea Brash seconded the adoption of the Treasurer's report and Annual Financial Statement. The meeting agreed unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report for the year ended February 2017

It was noted by the Chairman that this report was for the year ended 28 February 2017 but also included information up to the date of the AGM.

We are pleased to report on the growing recognition of the importance of the Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve and that the value of the biodiversity in the southern areas of Johannesburg continues to gain greater attention and interest. In addition, we continue to receive affirmations and recognition of what KlipSA is achieving with greater recognition of the contribution this area can make to the spatial, economic, social and environmental transformation and growth of Gauteng and Johannesburg.

While our main challenge continues to be securing resources for implementation and management of the various environmentally based initiatives and projects to bring benefits to local communities, we have been able to make great steps forward in this period under review.



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KlipSA's primary focus continues to be the development and promotion of Klipriviersberg Economic and Ecosystem Development Zone (KEEDZ) to guide and realise appropriate economic and social development to protect, promote and enhance the value of the natural biodiversity and resources in the Klipriviersberg region.

Last year we reported on KlipSA, in partnership with SOJO Business and Tourism, initiating a working relationship with the University of Johannesburg (UJ). This relationship has grown stronger over the months with a particular focus on urban agriculture and the opportunities for urban regeneration and addressing economic and social issues.

The highlight of this relationship is being a partner with UJ and the City of Johannesburg as a "Lead City" with Espoo in Finland and Murcia in Spain in an application to the European Union for €11.5 million funding over a five-year period to develop tools and projects to address the sustainability of urban areas through agricultural initiatives. The project application, known as City AgriCulture: Tools for Urban Sustainability (CACTUS), is part of the European Union Horizon2020 initiatives for demonstrating innovative nature-based solutions for cities.

KlipSA has continued to interact and engage with local, provincial and national authorities and agencies, business representatives, community organisations and residents through the year. This has led to greater recognition and strengthening of the support for what KlipSA is trying to achieve through this proactive developmental approach to attract appropriate sustainable social and economic investment into the Klipriviersberg region.

Through the year KlipSA and SOJO have worked together and with UJ to promote appropriate economic and social growth and development in the southern areas of Johannesburg. There are four key projects and related initiatives associated with KEEDZ including:

- Klipriviersberg Agritropolis – Kliprivier Valley has large areas of land owned by the CoJ with agricultural value for establishing further agricultural initiatives located outside the urban development boundary. Unfortunately Joburg Property Company has earmarked most of these areas for housing development. Smart technology using mobile phones and a new application is being developed to link growers with consumers and which can be used for generating orders, managing logistics and ensuring delivery of fresh produce to local consumers.

The shift in the focus to community and urban farming opportunities in existing urban areas is happening through the UJ agricultural, educational and related community farming projects. The aim is to serve the needs of local communities to address food security, provide job opportunities and stimulate local economic development for small, medium entrepreneurs and enterprises and larger corporate entities

KlipSA is also looking at other business funding. Request for members to introduce KlipSA to possible business funding resources. KlipSA is undertaking an analysis of the top 100 businesses on the Joburg Stock Exchange and liaising with UJ regarding project funding.

The sad passing on 8 July 2017 of Chief Adam Mathysen was respectfully recorded. Chief Adam led the Jacksonsdrift Khoisan Development Association (JKDA) and had an amazing vision for the establishment of a Khoisan cultural centre and agricultural project on land owned by the City of Johannesburg. For 18 years he led the community in its quest to secure the property from the City for this project and has been constantly rejected. He was however successful in having the land recently gazetted as a Provincial Heritage Site.



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KlipSA extends its condolences to the family of Chief Adam and the community and will continue to work closely with the JKDA leadership in promoting and supporting the development of the cultural centre and agricultural project as envisaged by Chief Adam.

Tourism strategy – The initiative to stimulate economic growth and development through tourism, sports, recreation and hospitality requires coordination and collaboration of existing tourism related activities, goods and services. This includes the development of future ecotourism and agri-tourism value chains.

KlipSA supports SOJO in promoting economic and social development through the advancement of the existing hospitality, tourism, conferencing, sports and recreation opportunities. The partnerships with national (N12 Treasure Route), provincial (Gauteng Tourism) and local (Joburg Tourism) tourism departments and agencies are being used to promote tourism projects and initiatives for the area with a focus on the environmental and biodiversity opportunities offered for ecotourism as the unique offering from the region.

Klipriviersberg Sustainable Environmental Education Centre (KlipSEC)
KlipSEC is the establishment of a world class multipurpose community centre at the existing Klipriviersberg Recreation Centre and adjacent Entrance Precinct. The centre would include facilities for environmental education and research, a tourism node and linkages to the N12 Treasure Route, social and community services, sports and recreation

Klip River Wetland Management Strategy – To address the high levels of pollution in the Klip River a management strategy is required to address the quality and quantity of water. This is especially important if the water is to be used for agricultural purposes.

The Chairman reported on the activities of the portfolios and thanked everyone who participated in the different portfolios.

Sustainable Business – This is undertaken in partnership with SOJO Business and Tourism with Nicky Vakaloudis, CEO of SOJO needing the portfolio. The Chairman thanked the SOJO Chairman Richard Bennet and SOJO assistant Jeannine Treyvellan for their constant support, assistance and contributions.

Green Business Platform is also partnered with SOJO and other role players. This activity is on hold subject to a major review and attempt to find new sponsors and participants.

Urban Management and Regional Interface – is largely handled by SOJO who looks after urban management and service delivery issues with the various CoJ departments and agencies.

City Improvement Districts (CID) – the legislation for these initiatives has been challenged regarding rates collections. Existing CIDs are now operating voluntarily. National Treasury and CoJ are addressing the legal framework with representatives from urban management service providers.

Joburg Business Forum (JBF) – the JBF plenary committee meets monthly as to the subcommittees for Rates and Taxes, Trade and Investment, Transportation, Tourism and Sustainability. KlipSA and SOJO are active participants in this important interface between business and the CoJ.

Sustainable Development Team (SDT) – the SDT has been active throughout the year addressing and participating in urban and environmental strategies, policies and plans for local and provincial authorities. This has resulted in a Special Control Zone for the KlipSA area being included in the Gauteng Environment Management Framework. Submissions have also been made to the municipal Integrated Development Plans, Joburg Spatial Development framework. In addition, there has been ongoing participation, reviewing and commenting on town planning and environmental authorisation applications and processes. Members of the SDT are also active participants in various wetland and catchment forums. The Kliprivier Nature Reserve Forum was also established with Joburg City Parks



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& Zoo and various community organisations and residents and is chaired by Frank Diener. Through this forum, a careful watch is being kept on the management and development of the Reserve.

Sustainable Urban Living – the activities of this initiative had been put on hold subject to the review of its activities and introducing new members.

The Executive Committee consisted of Andrew Barker (Chairman), Nicky Vakaloudis (Vice Chairman) Sandra Andrew (Treasurer), Morne Brits, Lea Brash, Reuben Louw/Malcolm Vermuelen and Frank Diener. For a short while the Committee had a secretary who left for personal reasons. The Chairman acknowledged all the Committee members for their contributions and participation with grateful thanks for the ongoing support.

KlipSA has 266 registered members. The KlipSA NPO registration has been confirmed.

KlipSA has ongoing support from the local press and a series of articles have been published in the SA Landscape Journal with a special feature included in Sunday Times magazine insert.

With regard to the year ahead, KlipSA is looking to strengthen its position. KlipSA has limited resources and is not able to address everything therefore will be focusing on more important issues. The Chairman acknowledged the involvement and participation of community members in the various portfolios who have provided valuable input. However, there is a need involve the younger generation and to a greater extent.

Frank Diener proposed and Sharon Ramborosa seconded the adoption of the Chairman's report. The meeting agreed unanimously.

6. Election of Executive Committee Members

The existing Executive Committee members, namely, Andrew Barker, Nicky Vakaloudis, Sandra Andrew, Morne Brits, Lea Brash, Reuben Louw, Dennis Jane and Frank Diener confirmed their availability to be re-elected. Jean Korsten will be assisting with the secretarial work.

Albert de Beer proposed and Allan Bentley seconded the re-election of the existing Executive Committee Members with the addition of Jean Korsten. The meeting agreed unanimously.

7. Appointment of auditors for the year ending February 2018

Auditors Eugene Symonds assisted by Paperchase were thanked for donating their auditing services for the past year.

Andrew Barker proposed and Dennis Jane seconded the re-appointment of Eugene Symonds assisted by Paperchase as the Auditors. The meeting agreed unanimously.

8. General and any other business

Notice was given that the KNRA AGM would be held on 17 August 2017 at 19:00. In addition, the SOJO AGM would be held on 30 August 2017 and Nicky Vakaloudis could be contacted for details

9. Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.



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The guest speaker, Nickey Janse van Rensburg, Manager: Process Energy and Environment Technology Station, Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment at the University of Johannesburg; presented a most interesting and enlightening talk on current research and projects relating to urban agricultural initiatives being used to urban renewal and sustainability.

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Chairman: Executive Committee

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Date

ATTENDANCE RECORD

It is noted that a total of 24 people attended the AGM, all of whom were registered members of KlipSA. Four (4) proxies were received: Frank Diener, Hendrik Schutte, Delia Barker and Sandra Andrew. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Andrew Barker – chair of KlipSA
Nicky Vakaloudis – Exco of KlipSA and CEO of SOJO
Dennis Jane – Exco of KlipSA
Trevor Sturgess – SEEFF
Charles Cator
Willie van der Schyf
Margaret West
Albert De Beer
Natalie Bentley
Alan Bentley
Caesar Mathebula
Mark Roux
Sue Green
Rory Sheahan
Reuben Louw – Exco of KlipSA
Lea Brash – Exco of KlipSA
Morne Brits – Exco of KlipSA
Rene De Villiers
Richard Bennet
Hannes Venter
Warick Aven
Calum Burton
Jean Korsten – Secretary of KlipSA
Nickey Jansen Van Rensburg (guest speaker)

Apologies:

Anthony and Helen Duigan