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**MINUTES OF KLIPRIVIERSBERG SUSTAINABILITY ASSOCIATION (KLIPSA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2018 at 18:30 AT GLENVISTA COUNTRY CLUB, GLENVISTA**

1. Welcome and apologies

Andrew Barker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance at the 9th AGM of KlipSA.

17 Apologies and 3 proxies were noted. A quorum OF 20 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 10 August 2017 and matters arising from those minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Frank Diener proposed and Allan Bentley 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 2018 was made available for viewing.

The Chairman reported that there is limited income as we no longer host fundraising events therefore no revenue is generated. The books reveal expenses at R3_749 which includes R1 493 for computer expenses and web hosting. An amount of R806 was spent for the AGM and R1 000 for Chief Adam's funeral contribution. We have a net starting cash balance of R16 841 with a closing balance of R13 260 as at 28 February 2018.

The Chairman noted the urgent need for KlipSA to identify funding opportunities and possible donations. Any suggestions and contributions would be welcome.

Nicky Vakaloudis proposed and Dennis Jane 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 2018 but also included information up to the date of the AGM.

We are pleased to report that 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, KlipSA continues to work with SOJO and UJ without being limited to urban agriculture but also from a business and academic opportunity to grow economic and social development the opportunities. In a proposal with UJ and other organisations to the European Union, we were in the top three for consideration to receive European funding but were not successful. We learned a lot and received recognition for our innovative thinking and methods for the increasingly



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important role of community urban farming in urban development to address food security and poverty. The City's collaboration continues to be a challenge.

Local businesses approach us with requests for assistance and we want to build on network of networks to provide greater support to the community. We encourage any participation and resources.

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.

Working together with SOJO and UJ, we focus on four key projects and related initiatives associated with KEEDZ:

- Klipriviersberg Agritropolis – the Kliprivier Valley has large areas of land owned by the City of Johannesburg with agricultural value for establishing further community-based agricultural initiatives located outside the urban development boundary. Unfortunately, Joburg Property Company has earmarked most of these areas for housing and related development. As a result, we have changed our focus to other aspects of urban agriculture value chain. For example, smart technology using mobile phones and a new application that 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.

Once a month approximately 300 farmers meet at Soweto and exchange ideas and network amongst themselves. 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 in the agricultural value chain.

- 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 in collaboration with SOJO and its members.

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 provincial (Gauteng Tourism) and local (Joburg Tourism) tourism departments and agencies is 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)** - KlipSA continues to promote a world class multipurpose environmental and community centre at the existing Klipriviersberg Recreation Centre and adjacent Entrance Precinct. This project hasn't moved forward at all as we wait for the City to accept the concept. UJ architectural students have been involved in developing concepts and ideas for such a center.

Klip River Wetland Management Strategy – The poor quality of river water flowing in the Klip River needs to be addressed. The flow of water from the inner city at the new Crownwood bridge is highly contaminated with sewerage. This is a concern as the water flows through



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urban areas and is to be used for agricultural purposes. Dennis Jane is working closely with the CSIR on the catchment management and wetland initiative.

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 leading the portfolio. The Chairman thanked the SOJO Chairman Richard Bennet for his constant support, assistance and contributions.

The Business Network Breakfast was started in 2017 and is well supported with various speakers and networking opportunities.

Urban Management and Regional Interface is largely handled by SOJO who looks after urban management and service delivery issues with the various Johannesburg departments and agencies. A SOJO team also clean daily along the main arterial routes where there is membership representation.

City Improvement Districts (CID) are now voluntary associations as the legislation for these initiatives has been challenged regarding rates collections. National Treasury and Johannesburg are addressing the legal framework with representatives from urban management service providers.

Joburg Business Forum (JBF) has collapsed. The City is focusing on regional economic development and small and medium enterprises to achieve the 5% economic growth by 2021.

Sustainable Development – the Sustainable Development Team has been active throughout the year addressing and participating in urban and environmental strategies, policies and plans for local and provincial authorities. Andrew Barker chairs the team through the processes of development applications and commenting on various city nodal and spatial development frameworks.

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), Frank Diener (Vice Chairman) Sandra Andrew (Treasurer), Nicky Vakaloudis, Morne Brits, Lea Brash and Reuben Louw. 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 261 registered members. 219 on Facebook and 187 on Twitter. The KlipSA NPO registration has been confirmed. PBO registration has been put on hold. The press has not shown much visibility. We need to raise our profile to show what we have been working on.

With regard to the year ahead, KlipSA needs to remain strong and to nurture our natural environment. The Nature Reserve is our jewel and we need to look after it. There is huge opportunity for the community to get involved. The difficulties caused by political dynamics which are affecting the efficiency and effectiveness of government is hampering the realisation of economic and social development.

How can we relate to different issues? What innovative ideas and projects can we get involved in? We need to be proactive and bring young blood into the Association.

During discussion:

- Trevor Sturgess asked how can SEEFF become get involved and would like to contribute R500.



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- Nisha Singh introduced herself as representative of the Glenvista Community forum and informed that the forum is able to allocate a contribution towards projects and initiatives. Also share databases.
- Pravesh Singh commented on the problem businesses have in the south. They don't want to invest in their own area. The attitude needs to change. How do they invest and promote an area as a vibrant place with green space and tourism opportunities. if people are afraid, they won't come to the south because crime is always highlighted.
- Bo van der Lecq suggested that people need to know about conservation issues and how to get involved with endangered wildlife like the Verreaux's Eagles at Meyer's Farm in Alberton.

Dennis Jane proposed Allan Bentley seconded on 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, Dennis Jane and Frank Diener confirmed their availability to be re-elected. Lea Brash, Morne Brits and Reuben Louw have tendered their resignations. Allan Bentley offered to assist with the secretarial work. Nisha Singh and Suvania Naidoo offered as volunteers on Exco.

Nicky Vakaloudis proposed and Dennis Jane seconded the re-election of the existing Executive Committee Members with the addition of Nisha Singh, Allan Bentley and Suvania Naidoo. The meeting agreed unanimously.

7. Appointment of auditors for the year ending February 2019

Auditors Symonds Du Toit Incorporated, assisted by Paperchase were thanked for donating their auditing services for the past year.

Andrew Barker proposed and Nisha Singh seconded the re-appointment of Symonds Du Toit Incorporated 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 2018 at 19:00. In addition, the SOJO AGM would be held on 28 August 2018 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.

The guest speaker, Dr Michael Magondo spoke on the amazing and exciting innovative developments and initiatives taking place with urban farming in the Inner City of Johannesburg. Focusing on the growth and development of youth participation and entrepreneurial skills.

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Chairman: Executive Committee

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ATTENDANCE RECORD

It is noted that a total of 23 people attended the AGM, all of whom were registered members of KlipSA. Three proxies and 14 apologies were received. A quorum was present.

Attendees

Alan Bentley	Malcolm Duthie
Andrew Barker	Margaret West
Boudewyn van der Lecq	Marilyn Swan
Christine Loukakis	Michael Magondo
Delia Barker	Natalie Bentley
Deutrich Swen	Nicky Vakaloudis
Dominic Pryce	Nisha Singh
Frank Diener	Pravesh Singh
Johannes Goliath	Rene de Villiers
Joseph Magwaza	Steve Kench
Les van der Lecq	Suvania Naidoo
	Trevor Sturgess

Apologies

Esmond Erasmus (proxy)
Hendrik Schutte (proxy)
Bets Erasmus (proxy)

Garth Barnes	Helen Duigan
Reuben Louw	Richard Bennet
Judith Taylor	Rory Sheahan
Keith Martin	Kristin Kalesen
Sandra Andrew	Pamela McGurk
Dennis Jane	Jan Helberg
Sue Green	Anthony Duigan