



Craigpark™ Residents' Association (CRA)

AGM - MINUTES

Tuesday 30 May 2023, 1730 hours

Held at Craighall Primary School, Craighall

1. Welcome

Markus Borner (MB), Chairman of the CRA, welcomed all those present to the 2023 AGM of the CRA. The presentation would be put up on the website after the AGM, together with the minutes.

Thanks must go to Samantha Herman, Caron Askew and the team for putting together this AGM. Thanks also to Ari from Pick 'n' Pay and Martin from Dry Dock Liquor in Parkhurst, for the donation of food and drinks. The voluntary contributions for the AGM were used towards refreshments, in addition to a R2,000 donation made to Craighall Primary School for use of their premises.

We must learn to work as a team in Craighall, Craighall Park and Dunkeld West as we can no longer rely on politicians to maintain our infrastructure and together with our councillors. The objective is to spread the wings of the CRA and improve the area where we live. We cannot act in isolation but must act as a community. It is important to get as many residents as possible to join the CRA.

2. Attendance Register

See attached sheet for attendance.

3. Apologies

See attached sheet for apologies received.

4. The Year in Review (Richard Hawkins, Vice Chairman of the CRA)

- a. **2022 AGM Minutes** – Minutes from the AGM on 14 September 2022 were proposed by Peter Le Motte, seconded by Helin Kuhn, and approved by the meeting.
- b. **2022 Annual Financials** – These were proposed by Florian Willfort, seconded by Nick Hall and approved at the meeting.
 - i. R1m cash was deposited in Standard Bank.
 - ii. CRA needs to increase membership in order to have more funds to carry out improvements and projects
 - iii. Costs incurred by the Town Planning portfolio are important in the plan against high density building and preserving the residential nature of the suburb
 - iv. Environment costs are incurred in the employment of 2 gardeners in the suburb, and related expenses
 - v. R2.6m quote from Clearvu to fence around the Florence Bloom Bird Sanctuary in Delta Park. Would need to look for donations for this project
- c. **Portfolio feedbacks** – as described in the presentation (pages 10 to 20 inclusive)
 - i. A big thank you to Joss du Trevou for running with the Pothole Repair initiative. Donations of R50 400 have been received so far for this project
 - ii. CAP is the contracted Public Space Security (PSS) and preferred armed response in Craigpark.



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d. Voting and Noting

- i. Jonathan Collins (Environment with Caron Askew) and Sheena Pizarro (Town Planning) have joined the CRA committee.
- ii. Their nominations were approved by the meeting.
- iii. There are 3 vacancies on the CRA committee for any further nominations.
- iv. No further nominations were received at the meeting.

A copy of the AGM presentation is attached to the minutes for reference.

5. Guest Speaker – Wayne Duvenhage, CEO of OUTA with Markus Borner

- a. Communities must work together. Success is easier to achieve with all communities working together.
- b. Local government continues to deteriorate and collapse and while this is a political issue, RAs need to hold local government to account and to be effective. It is very important that RAs network and collaborate together. Furthermore, it is important to empower local communities. CAN (Community Action Network www.can.org.za) has been set up which is a vehicle for active citizenry. Further development of this initiative will follow.
- c. Question (Rohan Badenhorst) – In our civil society, what is the state of rule of law?
Answer – South African has a good constitution and a respect of law. Government does not always work together with society, which is challenging. Active communities are strong and if government is irrational and does not act in terms of the law, then courts should rule in the citizens' favour, when challenged in a court of law.
- d. Question (Rohan Badenhorst) – Is there a Soviet era of insurgency at present in South Africa?
Answer – There is a definite government agenda, but it is not clear cut. Corruption is being challenged. It is a democratic society. Civil society must ensure that voters come to the polls. The voting electorate at the 2024 general elections must be above 50%. The ruling party has its back against the wall. South Africa cannot afford to alienate its trading partners. Citizens must get involved, participate and support.
- e. Question – If Andre de Ruyter returns to South Africa, will you ask him to join OUTA?
Answer – OUTA has worked with Andre de Ruyter in the past. OUTA do not know if he will return to South Africa
- f. Question (Kim Stapylton Smith) – How do the various RAs join together? 24 hour hospital being planned on the corner of Jan Smuts Avenue and Eastwood. This would be an institutional change to residence with 24 hour ambulances, helipads and incinerators
Answer – CAN is organising RAs to join together. It is a costly exercise and requires monthly payments for website, specialised staff etc. Hence it is important to get as many as possible to join the CRA in order to join these fights



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- g. Markus Borner thanked Wayne for his time and advice. Kath Gerakaris (local Gerakaris Family Wines) donated a 2 bottle pack of their premium wine as a thank you.

6. Membership (Samantha Herman) and Closing

- a. Launched new CRA website. This digital platform is a hub of information, news and community engagement. The website includes up to date suburb-related news, latest developments in the neighbourhood, upcoming events and important announcements
- b. Website features a convenient membership sign-up capability, designed to make the process smoother and more accessible for all. Introduction of a new monthly subscription option, replacing the old annual manual payment method. This change provides flexibility and convenience to all residents, allowing them to contribute to the community in a way that suits their individual needs
- c. CRA aims to enhance and improve the suburb. Being a paid up member of the CRA plays a crucial role in supporting the initiatives aimed at maintaining property values, ensure good security, a clean and green suburb and address community issues
- d. New website offers an exciting opportunity for CRA member local businesses to showcase their services and products through a dedicated article on the website. This initiative aims to support and promote the local economy, encouraging residents to discover and patronise the businesses in the suburb
- e. Security – crime rates are the lowest for 5 years
- f. All residents should take the opportunity to become a member of the CRA. By doing so, they will become a contributor, a change-maker, and a catalyst for positive transformation in the suburb. Together we can achieve great things.

7. **Thank you and Close** – Samantha thanked everyone for attending and for their participation. There were snacks and drinks! AGM closed at 1910 hours.

ATTACHMENTS

AGM – Attendance:

CRA Members:

Markus Borner, Richard Hawkins, Samantha Herman, Caron Askew, Joss du Trevou, Fran Swart, Paulette Malcolm, Lance Drake, Ashleigh Parry, Bruce Sparks, Martin Williams, Chris Lund.

Alan Bulafkin, Alison Williams and Mr Williams, Alisoun House, Alistair Carter, Alizanne Wilkins, Allan Ridley, Andrea Rosen x 2, Andrew Munro, Andrzej Kucio, Angela Meneses, Ari Miltiadou, Avril Chambers x 2, Beverley Wright, Brenda Wainwright, Brenda Yates, Bruce Berry, Bruce Bowden, Chris Becker, Christopher Li Green, Cobus du Plessis, Diana La Roux x 2, Diane Hall, Dianne Webb, Dwaine Brooks, Fleur Morris, Florian Willfort, Gareth Elfick, Georgie Bowden, Guy Shand, Hannah Pirnie, Harry Rosen, Helin Kuhn, Jeff Boulton, Jenny Arthur, Jenny Laithwaite, JL Reyneke, John Amsell, John Herman, John Kempe, Juli van Zyl, Julian Nagy, Julie Gehle, Karen Simpson, Karin Simpson, Kate Langlois, Kath Sunley, Kath Gerakaris, Keshnee Ramsurjoo, Kevin Robertson, Kim Stapylton-Smith, Krystyna Kucio, Laura Simpson, Leigh Hermon, Liz Delmont, Louise Cosgrave, Lucia Poorter, M Smit, Magda Miltiadou, Mahlwane Magale, Mareet Jooste, Marlene Hardisty, Mart-Marie Archer, Matthew Pirnie, Michael Elliott, Michael Treherne, Mike Askew, Mike Simpson, Mike Deewing, Monica Ross, Murray Heyns, Paul Fletcher, Peter le Motte, Petra Joslin, Petrus le Roux, Pholoso Matloga, Pippa Mullins, Pippa Robert, Raz Cohen, Richard Frantz, Rob Joslin, Robert Ross, Robyn Christie, Rochelle Keene, Rohan Badenhorst, Roscoe Gehle, Roxanne Ashleigh Potts, Ruth Ward, Sally Jacques, Samson Matloga, Simon Leppard, Stephen Guldenpfennig, Stephen Stapylton-Smith, Stuart



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125 in attendance.

AGM – Apologies received:

Cathy Colley, Linda and Albert Lewies, Lorna Kwint, Pat Saffy, Sheena Pizzaro and Suzanne Poorter

END.