

GEKCO AGM

15 April 2014



Chairman's Report



‘The Importance of Urban Conservation’

Events 2013/2014

Snare Clean Up

Filmed by 50/50

City of Joburg

Sector 4

SAPS

Bontle ke Thlago – Diepsloot



Mandela Day / Human Rights Day

MANDELA DAY CLEAN UP

185 Participants

Businesses / Organisations

City Parks

Kwena Molapo High School



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

The right to a healthy and safe environment

Bontle ke Tlago – Recycling education

WASSUP – Repairs to toilets

GEKCO, Diepsloot Arts and Culture.

Noweto Chamber

Shumbashaba Officials visit

November 2013

Representatives from Region A, Department of Health, Diepsloot councillors, and Department of education had a chance to experience a Shumbashaba session and learn how horses can heal



Recycling

Events

Standard Bank family day

Colour me crazy run

Africa Cycle Fair

Wet Waste Bokashi Recycling Bins at Midfeeds

Seperation@Source

Pilot in Glenferness and Kyalami Ridge
with Pikitup and Bontel ke Tlhago

Planning Scoping Session

Andrew Barker, town planner

Sunset Boma 12 October 2013

- GEKCO, Glenferness, KEROA, Beaulieu, Saddlebrook, Dainfern, Individuals from Sun Valley, Chartwell, Crowthorne, Diepsloot
- Formed groups to deal with burning issues, provincial roads, and planning
- To give input into Northern Development Framework
- Submission made to Community Based Planning – Feb 2014
- City of Joburg prepared a draft Spatial Development Framework (SDF) in 2013

Representations to City / Province

- City of Joburg - Region A
- Development Planning
 - Presented Green Neighbourhood project
 - RSDF amendment objection
- Provincial Roads
 - Input into 25 year Transport plan
- City of Joburg – Environment and Infrastructure
 - Joburg water; consider alternatives to piped sewage
- IDP – Draft IDP review April 2014

Motivations presented

- Green Neighbourhood project brief
- Equestrian survey and Legacy document
- Biodiversity species list and Ecology document
- Residents' survey 2012
- Community plan 2012
- Environmental Management Framework (EMF)
- Roads alternative – Malcolm McKenzie
- **Still needed: Economic study / Social impact study**
Wetland delineation and biodiversity verification

Successes

- Cycle lanes will be constructed on R511 and R55
- Green Tariff for conservancies under discussion
- Blue Hills Estate taking on Eskom and winning
- Development planning recognises the area is a vital and unique asset to the City of Joburg
- Summit college – Eco certification

Environmental transgressions

- Riversands / Kleve
 - 3 visits by Green Scorpions, illegal building
- Bridle Pass wetland
- Glenferness wetland
- Crowthorne pump station
- Events in the area
 - Riversands
 - Blue Hills Equestrian estate

Objections

Funds were raised for the following, thank you to the Residents' Associations for your support and collaboration. GEKCO prepared submissions with the assistance of:

- **Objection to K56 Scoping report** – Sharon Meyer, Envirokey
- **Objection to Sewage line** – Warren Kok and Sharon Meyer, Zitholele
- **Retail Africa Tribunal hearing** – Rob Fowler, town planner
- **RSDF amendment** – Rob Fowler

Other submissions:

Tanganani Ext 14

Blue Hills X76

Riversands EIA

Way Forward

- Mapping of area
- Next session with community to get input on planning for the area
- Membership drive
 - Reason for Constitutional changes
 - What is a conservancy
 - Biodiversity agreements

THANK YOU

