

**GREATER LYNFRAE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 26th February, 2020**

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chairman, Roy Henderson opened the meeting & welcomed all present.

Apologies: Stephen Bredenkamp (Treasurer) Sharon Cottle (Ward Councillor)

Resignations:

Chairman, Roy Henderson; Vicechair, Kaz Henderson; Secretary, Val Bennett & Leanne van Rensburg all tendered their resignations.

2019 MINUTES

The Chairman noted that, in the interests of saving paper, a copy of the 2019 Minutes was available to be read at the meeting. Copies are available on line for interested parties.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Propose: Keith Gottschalk

Second: Kaz Henderson

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in the Agenda)

4 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report available at the meeting, copies to be circulated.

5 CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

5i Selling GLCA to the Community

The Committee continued to build on the foundations laid down in 2017/18. Using the slogan ***The Greater Good for the Neighbourhood*** encouraging members of the community to work closely with us.

The Way Forward for the GLCA

Much of the Committee's focus throughout the year involved discussions as to how the GLCA can become more relevant to the Greater Lynfrae Community. A workshop was held on 14th April, 2019 discuss Future Policy, Fund Raising & Community Development. Key issues were seen as: improving Communication with the Community & internal communications within the group. The strength & weaknesses of the GLCA committee were discussed & assessed & future policies/approaches considered.

5 ii Communication & Marketing

Kaz Hendersen has used her contacts with the Press to have articles about GLCA activities published. Thanks to Kaz & Wesley Ford (Tatler reporter) the monthly column in the Tatler, proposed at the last AGM is now established. Issues highlighted include Security & Planning.

5 iii Sub-Committees

The Planning sub-committee is functioning well. Allan Rhodes has resigned, due to pressure of work. The Chairman thanked Allan for his hard work in setting up the Planning sub-committee. Maura Sanderhoff has taken over as chairperson; Madeline Sweeney continues to act as liaison.

The committee consists of a team of seven volunteers, all involved as Town Planners. Their function is to conduct preliminary investigations into plans to be submitted to the City & to consider complaints concerning violations or other problems sent to the GLCA. The sub-committee attempts to facilitate knowledge & an understanding of the City's by-laws.

A Security sub-committee has been considered, but Alexia McCoy, who holds this portfolio feels it is not necessary at this stage

5 iv The Children's Workshop

Since 2000 the GLCA has fought against the development of this school. Despite serious concerns expressed at the MPT, the development has been given the go ahead. The traffic issues remain unresolved. No proposal has been put forward to control the access of tenants of the flats to the main school; nor has Council identified a way in which it can be established if the residents of the flats are, in fact, students, despite the fact that the greatly reduced number of parking bays required is based on the premise that this is student accommodation. GLCA continues to investigate ways of mitigating this potential disaster & we ask local residents, most of whom raised objections to the project, to monitor the traffic. Make notes of time & dates & take photographs. GLCA is not satisfied with the decision & will raise the matter at the Ward Committee.

5 iv Social Gathering in Keurboom Park

A second Event in the Park was held on 16th November. Organised by Michelle Taylor-Smith, the event was a great success & it is hoped to make this an Annual

5 v SAPS Christmas in July

Once more GLCA paid tribute to our hardworking local SAPS. A most enjoyable Christmas Dinner was prepared & served to the officers & other staff of Claremont Police Station.

5vi Halloween

The regular Trick or Treat event was organised by Leanne & much enjoyed by the younger members of the Community.

5vii Tables of Interest

During the course of the year tables were set up in various locations, with a view to informing members of the public about the GLCA & encouraging them to help us. These were not an overwhelming success, but we feel the idea merits further consideration.

5iii Environmental Issues

GLCA tries to be relevant wrt Environmental matters. During the past year Representatives of the Treekeepers' Association were invited to speak at a public meeting organised by GLCA, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Discussions re-Treemapping of the Lynfrae area are underway.

Attempts are made to keep track of tree felling in the area.

On request from members of the public GLCA has investigated a number of issues affecting the community. Leanne investigated the question of whether pools of rainwater in Keurboom Park were a health risk for the many dogs walked here. Leanne contacted local vets, none of whom had treated dogs suffering from illnesses which could be related to the water in the park. Samples were sent for testing & none proved to contain harmful bacteria.

The committee organised Neighbourhood clean ups

6 Talk on the History of the Lynfrae Area by Kathy Dumbrell. A Heritage Practitioner in Private Practice.

Kathy gave a most interesting talk on the area, illustrated with historic maps & photographs. She traced the development of the area, initially an undeveloped area between the more established suburbs of Wynberg & Rondebosch. First signs of development appear in 1891, when Keurboom was part of the Homestead Estate; at this time it was suggested that the area be considered for development. It was not until post- 1901 that a skeleton of the suburb was actually laid down. It is only within the past 10 years that there has been increased densification in the area, due to the sub-division of larger plots. It is possible to super-impose City documents on earlier maps to follow these changes.

Interesting sites include : the old farmhouse, in Chess Road, now used by the Round Table, was once a Wash House. Keurboom Park itself was, in the 1880's, a Municipal Dump.

Roy Thanked Kathy for her interesting talk.

There were questions from the floor, concerning the development of roads & whether the area is suitable for the increased traffic load that densification brings in its wake.

Another question expressed concern re- 'Business Intrusion.' Including the multi-storey buildings allowed on Belvedere Road & a lack of Parking provision.

Kathy commented that officials refused to act re- limitation of storeys.

The issue of noise pollution was also raised. Roy answered that GLCA committee works with the various organisers of events & insists that by-laws are adhered to.

7 AT THIS POINT IN THE PROCEEDINGS ROY ASKED COUNCILLOR IVERSEN TO TAKE OVER FOR ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

Members of the existing committee prepared to stand for re-election:-

Colleen Attwood; Alexia McCoy; Madeline Sweeney; Michelle Taylor Smith.

Councillor Iversen spoke of the importance of Civic Associations & urged members of the audience to volunteer.

The following volunteered & were duly elected:- Carol Scrooby; Jenny Calder; Erika Behr (to be co-opted) & Jasmine Lin.

At this point the official proceedings were concluded

8 REFRESHMENTS; MEET& GREET ; VISIT TABLES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

On behalf of the committee Roy invited members of the audience to stay on for a wine tasting & snacks