

# VILLAGE EAST PRECINCT PARTNERSHIP MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEMBER MEETING



DATE: 25 February 2019  
TIME: 09h30-11h00  
VENUE: Eyethu House, 270 Marshall Street

CHAIR: Anne Steffny  
ATTENDANCE: As per the attached Attendance Register  
APOLOGIES: Andrew Shaefer (Trafalgar), Dewald van Reenen (ABSA),  
Andrew Luke (GAPP), Celestine Mouton (JDA), Ishmael Mkhabela, (ICDA)

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairperson welcomed everyone. She indicated that a number of stakeholders had approached the JICP to put in place a formal structure to address the many challenges facing the South-Eastern part of the Inner City. In response to this, the JICP established a Subcommittee and invited stakeholders from civil society, the public and private sectors to participate in this initiative.

## 2. Precinct Boundary

David van Niekerk (DVN) presented a number of precinct boundary options based on the boundary of the JDA's Gandhi East Urban Development and Design Framework as well as contextualising a wider precinct based on strategic spatial elements and walkability.

**It was agreed** that the boundary should be utilised to involve a broad range of stakeholders within the precinct and in the wider surrounding area. This should include Maboneng (East), Gandhi Square (West) and extend southwards to Albert Street.

**It was further agreed** that as part of the precinct planning process, additional mapping should be undertaken, including the various CID boundaries and to highlight aspects such as, ownership, community assets ("actors with agency"), social facilities, people densities, land use, challenges, such as Bad buildings, etc.

It was confirmed that this Partnership will not replace the CIDs, but would rather work with them on precinct management matters and that the existing formal relationship between the CoJ and the JICP would be extended to focus on this part of the Inner City.

### 3. Constitution

DVN highlighted a few of the more important aspects of the Draft document that was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was confirmed that the Partnership is not a body that will be incorporated and that it will not have the authority to represent its members. It's focus is to get area-based stakeholders to share information and work together on priorities facing the area.

No objections were raised on the Draft document and it was agreed that it was sufficiently generic. DVN will update the Constitution to reflect the boundary discussion and to clarify that funding is not a membership requirement after the first year.

Organisations requiring authority to approve the Constitution will revert in this regard once this has been obtained.

Stuart Thomson, MCA, offered to share recent governance related documentation prepared for Maboneng.

### 4. Operations Funding

The Chair mentioned that Places for People (DVN) has been appointed by JICP to facilitate the operations of the Partnership. The costs of the first year have been covered. It was once again confirmed that no commitment on operations funding is required from anyone after the first year.

It was further clarified that project funding will be sourced from donors, CSI funders, the public and private sector, as part of the process of precinct planning, project identification and conceptualisation. Membership of the Partnership does not bind anyone to contribute in this regard.

### 5. Membership Applications

Ten membership applications were received prior to the meeting.

**It was agreed** that the CoJ is already formally represented via the CoJ/JICP Terms of Reference via the City Manager and the Inner City Office and individual departments or entities will therefore not be required to submit individual membership applications. In addition, the MMC for the Inner City is the Patron of the Partnership and will be a co-signatory of the Constitution.

## 6. Governance Committee Composition

The following nominations in the categories of Civil Society, Public Sector, Small and Medium Private Sector and Corporate, were received:

- Vincent Labuschagne, Zahavi Estates
- Nic Barnes, JPOMA
- Solomon Ramalamula, Take Shape Properties
- Stuart Thomson, Maboneng Civic Association
- Ishmael Mkhabela, Interfaith Community Development Association
- Krishni Gounden, CoJ Inner City Office (Office of the City Manager)
- Yasmeeen Dinath, JDA *(To be confirmed)*
- Carel Kleynhans, Divercity/ABSA Precinct Association
- Gary Aremband, OPH *(To be confirmed)*

## 7. Other stakeholders

Everyone was requested to advise DVN on any other stakeholders or colleagues that need to be invited to the Partnership.

## 8. Precinct Planning and Projects

**It was agreed** that, as outlined in the Draft Constitution, precinct planning, in addition to the Gandhi East Framework, will be undertaken aimed at the identification of projects.

Danielle Labuschagne from GAPP indicated that their appointment by JDA included the public realm upgrade of Main Street from Gandhi Square (Eloff) to End Street. Yasmeeen Dinath, JDA, indicated that they will share a progress update with DVN for circulation to the members by 1 March 2019.

Nobuntu Ciko Duze, CoJ Transport, mentioned that service providers have been appointed for the Inner City Transport Masterplan and that this Partnership will be consulted as one of the stakeholder groups as part of the process. She also indicated that CoJ project prioritisation will be discussed with

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this Partnership, e.g. the Fox Street public realm upgrade, identified as part of the Gandhi East Framework.

## 9. Next steps - Member feedback and Project Team

DVN reported that a meeting of the Governance Committee will be scheduled as soon as possible. The first task of this Committee will be to assemble a Partnership Project Team and their first task would be to recommend a Work Plan.

Members will receive email notifications with links to the JICP website and member meetings will be called from time to time to engage with the wider membership group.