

**SUNNINGHILL COMMUNITY NPC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2021**

**ZOOM MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021 @ 18h00**

**ATTENDING :** SUNNINGHILL RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION: Linda Gildenhuis, (Chair), Bruce Lawson, Chrissie Lowe.

**APPOLOGIES:** MIKE GOODMAN, GIRISHA MAHARAJ, WIKUS PRETORIUS.

**LINDA GILDENHUIS OPENED THE MEETING.**

\*Please note that the Sunninghill Community Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting is a closed meeting for members only. The information sent out in the pack is confidential to members only and may not be shared by way of email or social media\* We had 55 people register with 9 proxies

Each person that registered was sent the AGM pack.

Questions on the Directors reports will be answered first.

Residents were asked to type in any questions they should need to ask.

Then we will move on to general and then we will launch the voting process.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT.**

LG) Read a summary of the report and asked for questions

*No questions were asked on the Chairman's report.*

**OPERATIONAL REPORT.**

BL) Read a summary of the report and asked for questions, *no questions were asked.*

**SECURITY REPORT.**

LG). Read a summary of the report and asked for questions,

*Question: A resident asked how the suburb was divided up.*

LG) explained that it is divided up into Sunninghill Estates and Sunninghill Park. She explained how each of the two sections was run individually regarding finance, so that one area does not subsidise another. She explained the number of Sunninghill Community CCTV cameras and Savika Armed Response vehicles paid for by Suncomm in each section. Each area pays for their own security. Sunninghill Gardens was also a member of Suncomm but had their own Association and ran their own finances but contributed towards Sunninghill Community

**ENVIROMENTAL REPORT.**

Mike Goodman was absent, so Linda Gildenhuis read out a summary of his report. She asked if anyone had questions if they would e-mail them to us and Mike would answer them on his return.

LG) Thanked Mike for all his hard work in eradicating the Pom-Pom Weed from Sunninghill and all the hard work he put in, to the upkeep of our parks, Edison and Kilindini.

**FINANCIAL REPORT.**

LG) It was mentioned in the Chairman's report that Sunninghill Community made a decision at the beginning of the 2021 financial year not to increase any levies. This was a tough decision as we are non-profit association and we realised that this decision could have serious implications for the Company as we had staff to pay and service providers who have legislated increases, specifically security. We negotiated with our service providers and we are grateful to Savika for delaying their increase to Suncomm and keeping that increase at below the legislated amount. So in effect they also took a knock to help us all. This financial year we have been forced to put a 4% increase through, which is CPI related but less than the legislated security increase and hence not enough but it is all we felt our members could cope with in these time. This will result in us operating at a loss. If we are forced to cut back on some of the work we do out there due to difficult times we will have to do so. Security remains our no 1 priority.

## VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS.

LG) moved onto the voting on resolutions. She launched the voting pole with the questions and asked those attending to proceed to vote. While residents were voting questions under General that had not been covered in any of the reports were taken.

## GENERAL

Marisa, Question: On the detailed income statement could someone please elaborate on The Sunninghill Community Project as this seems to be most of the expenses.

Answer LG). Sunninghill Community Project on the income statement is security, it is for the armed response cars, CCTV cameras, live monitoring thereof and maintenance thereof as covered in the Security Report etc.

Marisa, Question: Salaries how many employees etc.?

BL), This relates to the 6 employees, Pay role costs, Traffic Warden duties.

Marissa Question, how are costs for complexes worked out?

LG) This is worked out by charging a certain amount per unit and multiplying it by the number of units in the complex.

Shayne. Question. What is the update on the Chilli Lane Squatter Camp?

LG). It is an ongoing problem. We have made a huge inroads into the squatter problem over the past year. Suncomm managed to secure the area across from the Retirement Village in Leeukop Road where there were squatters and also the 60 plus squatters vacated the land that is now being changing into a park. Namely Inyanga Park. The other problematic areas are the ones on Maxwell Drive and the Chilli Lane/ K60 area. These areas are far bigger problems and we have and are still fighting this problem. We now have a PR Councillor from the DA that is assisting us in this matter. He has to date been very helpful and is at present assisting us with the taxi rank feasibility study. This is a very recent move from the DA, but we are hoping that this step forward will help us achieve our goals.

Riccardo, Question. Regarding the provision for Bad Debt.

LG). Provision for bad debt was R3000+ years ago and it is now much more. Because of the economic climate we have had more cancellations all due to financial reasons. Covid is also a huge factor this year. We have helped to feed so many people in Sunninghill during the pandemic. We also have complexes where people have got into debt and can not manage to pay levies. This year is much worse than last year. So that is why we have had to make provision for possibly more bad debt. We hope this will not be realised. Residents mostly see the benefit of all the work we do, we also see residents who are so used to the suburb being managed, sustained and improved by the Ratepayers that they do not realise what the area would be like from crime to grime if we were to stop.

Question. What is happening with the Uber Drivers around Sunninghill and the mess they are making?

Answer BL), We are doing our best and we really need help from JMPD. It is on the list of issues we have put forward to the DA. We need the pressure from them to lean on the JMPD. We need an area where they can park but it is not forthcoming. We do have a phone number and e-mail addresses of these organisations which we send complaints to. We need photos of offending cars and bikes. Our staff do go around and hang up bags for them to put their rubbish in. We do what we can, but we do need help from higher up such as the DA to take things to a different level.

LG) We as a Rate Payers Association do the best we can and if everyone in Sunninghill. joins up we would have more power to do even more than we do presently.

LG). Linda then moved from General and announced the voting pole which was live for attendees to see.

Elections of Directors: Three of the current directors had to step down according to the company MOI but were available for re-election

Grisha Maharaj was voted back in – 100% in favour vote  
Bruce Lawson was voted back in – 100% in favour vote  
Linda Gildenhuis was voted back in. – 100% in favour vote

To reappoint Abramowitz Schulenkowski & Associates as auditors of the Company for the ensuing year - 1 abstention from voting. All others in favour

To receive the financial statements of the Company and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ending 28 February 2021 - 1 abstention from voting, one no, all others in favour

BL) please asked everyone for their comments and to keep sending them in. If anyone has experience in Social Media and marketing the Suncomm brand, please give us a call if you are able to help us.

LG), Said we always need assistance and if anyone felt they could assist Suncomm and are passionate about the community then please drop us an e-mail or give us a call.

LG) Linda closed by saying “To all our members – I once again express my sincerest appreciation for your confidence in us. Without you it would be impossible to continue the work we are doing. – as we continue along the road, I plead that you would continue to support us to enhance the potential of this suburb. I would also like to thank my Executive Management for their dedicated and efforts over the past year.”

Linda Gildenhys then brought the meeting to a close ..