



Craigpark™ Residents' Association (CRA)
AGM - MINUTES
Wednesday 14 September 2022, 1730 hours
Held at AJ's in the Park, 33 Abercorn Avenue, Craighall

1. Welcome

Markus Borner (MB), Chairman of the CRA, welcomed all those present to the 2022 AGM of the CRA, which is the first in person AGM in 3 years. The aim was for it to be a participative meeting and that all should engage respectfully. The presentation would be put up on the website after the AGM.

We are living in a challenging environment. National Government is not working as well as it could. The CRA committee is voluntary and needs help and support. All work together to make our community a better place.

2. Attendance Register

See attached sheet for attendance.

3. Apologies

See attached sheet for apologies received.

4. Powerpoint Presentation

All members of the CRA committee talked through on-screen slides for their respective portfolios. These minutes should be read in conjunction with the online presentation.

- a. **CRA Committee** Introduction
- b. **Welcome slide** – showed the CRA boundaries; with latest membership map as at end of 2021
- c. **Ward 90** – introduction of members, led by Martin Williams, Ward 90 councillor
- d. **2021 AGM** – Recording and presentation, in lieu of written minutes, is available on the website. Proposed by Guy Shand and seconded by Anthony Poorter
- e. **What CRA is and What CRA isn't**
- f. **Why Join CRA** – Engagement – Joss du Trevou (JdT)
 - i. 8 great reasons to join the CRA
 - ii. JdT spoke about community and getting involved. He loved the village atmosphere of the area, the parks and facilities. Use CRA as a channel to uplift the community
- g. **Financial Update (to August 2022)** – Markus Borner – Chairperson
 - i. Membership revenue, albeit improved in 2021, again under pressure in 2022
 - ii. Need to boost membership, money in, in order to work in the community
 - iii. CRA spending significant amounts on admin to get membership
 - iv. We need to be more efficient in optimising administration cost to drive membership revenue



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- h. Audited Financial Statements** – Markus Borner, Chairman and Lance Drake, Treasurer
 - i. For the period ended 31 December 2021
 - ii. Historic summary presented
 - iii. Much improved membership revenue
 - iv. Expenditure on meeting CRA objectives
 - v. Note post AGM – full copies available to paid up CRA members on request

- i. Environment/Social Media** – Caron Askew
 - i. Highlighted the use of uplifting the homeless to work in the area, primarily for environmental clean up
 - ii. Spruit Day on 17 September. Live stream over the world with Delta Park being the centre for Johannesburg
 - iii. Vision to have the river cleaned once a month by Bubele Africa (who will attend Spruit Day for clean up)

- j. Hugh Wyndham Park** – Fran Swart
 - i. Home owners are key stakeholders, as are dog walkers, soccer players, children
 - ii. Need help to upkeep park
 - iii. Money left in will for a multi purpose track to be built around park. Anthony Poorter asked if anyone had an earth moving truck to use/loan, as this would be the biggest cost
 - iv. Question asked about the Dunkeld Bowling facilities and tenants/COJOs: Councillor Williams responded: Lease was terminated on 20 May 2022; irregularities in the use and liquor license; eviction notice has been served; takes time to do by the book
 - v. Thanks to CAP for their support

- k. Engagement/MyHood** – Joss du Trevou
 - i. MyHood – events in the area
 - ii. Set up special interest groups – reach out to neighbours – help market it – have fun in the community, and be part of it
 - iii. Aim for welcome hamper/vouchers for all new members in the area – donations welcome

- l. Community Care** – Prof Bruce Sparks and Paulette Malcolm
 - i. Paulette Malcolm has been involved for 20 years
 - ii. Covid curtailed activities
 - iii. CRA in conjunction with AJ's is developing develop a tea garden for our older residents
 - iv. Possibility of setting up a library at AJ's
 - v. Future projects can be set up
 - vi. A lift club for targeted residents will be needed
 - vii. Activities to help the lonely, elderly and depressed
 - viii. Create a village atmosphere. Be strong both physically and mentally
 - ix. CRA is here to help, but not interfere
 - x. NB – Saturday 1 October is the morning market at Deansgate



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m. Community Development – Chris Lund and Fran Swart

- i. Homelessness has grown greatly – problem city-wide across Johannesburg and all cities
- ii. Exploring concept of an inclusionary neighbourhood
- iii. Cross the Divide NPO overview presented
- iv. Thanks to Pick & Pay for their continuing donations

n. Town Planning – Vacant (Markus Borner presented)

- i. Steve Bayliss, Town Planner, is paid a monthly retainer
- ii. Extremely important to have access to this facility
- iii. Will continue to recruit portfolio holder for longer term
- iv. Question – Can all street corners be painted? This can be done street by street, requires budget allocation, or contribution by residents. City permission not required

o. Infrastructure – Vacant

- i. Need to recruit to fill portfolio
- ii. Improvement in city processes required to address and fix issues – potholes remain a major issue, with little progress from the city
- iii. Balance continued trend for urbanisation with capacity to support increased load on infrastructure

p. Security – Ashleigh Parry

- i. CAP is the CRA contracted Public Space Security (PSS) provider and preferred Armed Response for CRA
- ii. CRA Security sub-committee with direct access to CAP. CAP has direct accountability with an SLA. 5 year agreement signed until 2026
- iii. Signing up with CAP includes Fireops and Medi Response – use one number. 1 provider, rather than several providers gives more effective service
- iv. CAP contract is with the CRA committee. It is a confidential bilateral agreement
- v. Note that up until now all CRA members included Fireops, but this will now move to CAP
- vi. Sean Duffy from CAP presented crime overview and thanked the CRA committee for support good working relationship
- vii. Comment – Street Rep whatsapp group and separate Domestic workers group. When informing householders of issues, important to let domestic workers know as they are the ones in the houses at all times

q. Voting and Noting

- i. Stepping down – Andrea Rosen (Town Planning) – thanks for all work done
- ii. New committee member – Samantha Herman, Buckingham Avenue Street Rep



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r. Any Other Business

- i. Updated Member Guide will be available online. Contains useful information and contact numbers. JdT undertook to ensure this was updated on a quarterly basis
- ii. Need to increase paid up CRA membership. Approximately 10% of resident households members at present, this is low. One of the challenges is that as more houses are replaced by complexes, these are rentals and owners are often not living in the area, with little connection to the CRA as transient residents. Looking at setting up a direct debit payment system which will be an easier way to pay on an annual basis
- iii. Important to clarify that the CRA annual membership remains a separate payment to the PSS/CAP payment.

5. **Thank you and Close** – Markus thanked everyone for attending and for their participation. There was pizza to share! AGM closed at 1920 hours.

ATTACHMENTS

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CRA Members:

Markus Borner, Joss du Trevou, Fran Swart, Paulette Malcolm, Lance Drake, R Frantz, Chris Lund, R and Anthea Rogan, Ari Milthagu, Caron Askew, Ashleigh Parry, Bruce Sparks, Tarryn Green, Guy Shand, Sue Yuill, A Buttermann, Sheena Pizano, Yanda Woolf, R Endes, S Carter, J Nagy, Gretchen Koch, Sarah Kaminski, Hydrie Noel-Barham, Harry Rosen, Andrea Rosen, Martin Williams, Helin Kuhn, Peter Le Mottee and Anthony Poorter (31)

CRA Non-Members:

Selina Hughes, K Rens (Scout Rep), CL Green, J Quick, Craig Rens (South Rep), Liz Delmont, Dianne Webb, Simone Puterman (Ward 90), F Morris (Ward 90), Margaret Ferreira, Nkoti Seloane, Donald Nieuwoudt, Waahida Mbatha, Bruce Atkinson and Pano Nicolatas (15)

AGM – Apologies received:

NAME	ADDRESS
Mr & Mrs P Le Roux	Rutland Avenue
Richard & Debbie Palmer	Hamilton Avenue
Drummond Hepburn	
Samantha Herman	Buckingham Avenue Street Rep
Kevin Lester	Marlborough Avenue
Linda & Albert Lewies	Buccleuch/Abercorn South Street Rep
John Kempe	Craigtowne
Mike & Marlene Hardisty	Buccleuch Avenue