



**Sundowner Residents Association  
Minutes of 2007 AGM Meeting held  
Wednesday, 14 March 2007, 18h30 at German Catholic Church**

**Anti Hijack Presentation presented by Francois Marais**

The presentation was very informative, professionally presented and enjoyed by the residents.

**Present:**

See Attendance Register

**Apologies:**

Les & Judy Oats  
Billy & Libby Davies  
Kerry Hughes

**1. Opening Francois Marais**

**Welcome and Address by Cherne Cullen, SRA Chairperson**

Cherne advised the residents that the SRA Committee works on a voluntary basis, this assists the SRA to run smoothly and effectively. The primary objective of the SRA focuses on reducing crime in the Sundowner area additionally the SRA performs maintenance of the area and assists with other services e.g. cutting of long grass, keeping the area clean etc.

The SRA focus is on creating a proactive and not reactive service through Piranha Security, working in close conjunction with the CPF and Honeydew SAPS.

**Proactive activities include:**

- ✓ 24/7 vehicle monitoring
- ✓ Cutting long grass to ensure the safety of the residents
- ✓ Raiding the shebeens where criminal activities start
- ✓ Repairing perimeter fencing to keep out the criminal element
- ✓ Monitoring pedestrians and suspicious vehicles entering the area.

The crime in Sundowner has reduced dramatically. In 2006 the total incidents were 10 down from 11 incidents in 2005 and 16 in 2004. In 1999 the incident rate was 160.

Most of the crimes have been petty. The neighbouring area is fraught with violent crimes although a decrease in general crime according to the SAPS stats.

Together with Piranha Security, SRA are continually identifying proactive means of combating crime in the area.

The transition to Piranha Security in May 2005 has been smooth and proven to be very successful. SRA continue to be impressed by the dedication and super performance of the effective team managed by Allan & Lynne Stott and Tim Pearman.

Cherne took this opportunity to thank Allan Stott and his team for working diligently to make this happen and continue to provide the SRA with a dedicated exceptional service.

Recognition was given to Alfred Kgatswane who provided consistent good service to the SRA. Alfred passed away suddenly in December 2006.

Cherne thanked the Committee for their continued support and dedication to the SRA.

She also thanked Anne Koppelaar for her dedication and commitment to the SRA.

To enable the SRA to provide these services, the residents of Sundowner need to become proactive as a community, talk to their neighbours, become involved and maintain their contributions on a continual monthly basis.

The SRA needs to increase participation, approximately 300 out of 500 are contributing and benefiting from the Sundowner boomed area. The residents would pay a dramatically reduced levy and could receive additional benefits if all residents would contribute. The SRA do not want to think of the consequences if the association would disband due to lack of funding and support.

The Chairperson welcomed John Baisley, Honeydew CPF Chairman. He informed residents that the CPF and SAPS work closely as a partnership to ensure that e.g. drug dealing, serious crime, graffiti and vandalism be curtailed.

- ✓ The CPF meets regularly.
- ✓ The SAPS is under resourced and has a vast area to cover
- ✓ Crime takes place more than 60% in complexes as residents have a false sense of security
- ✓ A volunteer search email was sent to all residents and Committees of different Residential Associations asking for volunteers to assist if children are missing or kidnapped. This crime has become very prevalent in our society at present and is increasing daily.
- ✓ Commissioner Reddy very professional and weeding out all corruption in the Honeydew SAPS.
- ✓ Commissioner Reddy has brought a very good management team to assist him with the smooth running of Honeydew SAPS

**Please note:**

- ✓ Violent crimes has gone through the roof.
- ✓ Armed robbery is taking place after midnight
- ✓ Burglaries are taking place between 8 – 12 during the morning
- ✓ Theft of vehicles is happening between 18:00 and 22:00 when residents return from work. John Baisley warned all residents to park their vehicles inside their properties. Do not leave vehicles in the road.
- ✓ 60% of all calls received from residents are domestic violence
- ✓ Honeydew CPF is very involved in the community e.g. Youth Forum, Church Forum and Operation Divine Intervention.
- ✓ The Honeydew CPF has a monthly newsletter called **Informer** which advises residents of problem areas or relevant information relating to the security of the residents.

Maureen Schneeman, Ward 100 Councillor was welcomed. Due to all the developments in Ward 100, the infrastructures and services are not coping thus the problems with electricity, sewerage and congestion of roads.

- ✓ Squatters and illegal immigrants are a huge problem in the area. Anyone employing illegal immigrants can be fined R300 000.
- ✓ There will be an extra 500 000 new residents in Honeydew with Cosmos City and Zandspruit. A new project will start at Northgate Sundome.
- ✓ Five properties near Zandspruit is used by squatters at the moment. There are 7500 residents living there with no facilities e.g. Pikitup or plumbing.
- ✓ Due to 2010 World Cup, Hans Strydom will be a double Highway as well as Beyers Naude.
- ✓ Due to the high incidences of pedestrians being knocked down, an official taxi rank will be installed and pedestrian crossings will be erected. Pedestrian bridges is not the answer to this problem.
- ✓ CR Swart has drainage problems due to irresponsibility of all the developments taking place.
- ✓ There is a big dumping problem which is being monitored.
- ✓ Appollo / Northumberland robot to be discussed and Maureen Schneeman to advise when this will happen. Northumberland is a Provincial Road and this constitutes a problem to have Council approve this robot.
- ✓ Meetings with businesses – Business Forum has been initiated.

**Piranha Security**

Allan Stott thanked the Committee, Maureen Schneeman and John Baisley.

**The following assistance is given to the residents by Piranha:**

- ✓ 24/7 Armed Response and Surveillance
- ✓ Trained paramedics
- ✓ Trauma Counselling
- ✓ Assisting in all aspects of crime
- ✓ Firearm Training
- ✓ Points man (if approved by JRA) Taurus/Drysdale
- ✓ Prevention of crime – 11 000km/month

**Stats for the period 1 March 2006 to 28 February 2007**

<b>Arrests</b>	
Robbery (Armed Robbery)	<b>2</b>
Housebreaking	<b>3</b>
Possession of Drugs	<b>1</b>
Assault GBH	<b>4</b>
Armed robbery in follow-up action with SAPS	<b>4</b>
Counterfeiting	<b>3</b>
Assault	<b>9</b>
Domestic Violence	<b>1</b>
MI2P	<b>9</b>
Drunk & Disturbance	<b>19</b>
Theft	<b>2</b>
Reckless Driving	<b>1</b>
Driveway Robbery	<b>1</b>
<b>Active Intervention by Piranha Security</b>	
Domestic Violence	<b>39</b>
Disturbance	<b>77</b>
Support to SAPS Units	<b>41</b>
Support of other Security co.s	<b>71</b>
Suspicious persons stopped & checked	<b>1862</b>
Suspicious vehicles stopped & checked	<b>887</b>
Suicide cases prevented	<b>4</b>
Building Fire prevented	<b>1</b>
Roadblocks	<b>43</b>
Fireworks prevented	<b>33</b>
Damage to Parks Prevented	<b>48</b>
Bush Fires prevented	<b>26</b>
First Aid to motorists & pedestrians	<b>98</b>
Animal Rescue	<b>17</b>
Assistance at Accident Scenes	<b>51</b>
Panic signals attended to	<b>4337</b>
Alarm signals attended to	<b>6871</b>
Assistance to stranded motorists	<b>47</b>
Injured pedestrians taken to hospital	<b>3</b>
Drunken pedestrians escorted home or out of the area	<b>334</b>
Children with pellet guns shooting at each other & local pets	<b>4</b>

**Audited Accounts**

Presented to residents at the AGM, available from Anne. Residents approved proposed budget presented by Cherne & Sharon. Monthly contributions increase proposal of 5.5% approved from R365 to R385 from 1 May 2007.

**Appointment of Auditor**

Residents had no objections appointing the current Auditor, Richard Drew

**Nomination of Committee and Chairperson for the year ahead**

Cherne Cullen was nominated and re-elected as Chairperson

**Close & Thank You 21:00**