

Minutes of a teleconference meeting of the Noetzie Conservancy Owners' Association 5 November 2009

Present

Carl Metelerkamp, Santie den Boestert, Julie Gosling, Cathy Shimmin, Penny Suckling and Nick Taylor.

Apologies

Eion Brown, Rookan Podesta.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of 8 October 2009

1.1 Matters arising

1.1.1 Noetzie infill

It was agreed that Nick should write to Danie Swanepoel at DEA&DP, requesting that the DEA&DP conditions posed to Pezula regarding an amended scoping report be complied with, and that the deadline of 13 November for submission of the report not be extended.

1.1.2 Boardwalk

Julie reported having spoken to Mike Maughan-Brown, confirmed by email, who summarized his communication with Keith Stewart on this matter, as follows:

I am expecting to receive, within the next 2 days, a written offer from Keith Stewart to open the strips road as far as the steps for a four month period, on condition that the Municipality indemnifies him against any injury to anyone using the road. The four month period will end earlier if he finishes the upgrade of the boardwalk to municipal specification sooner. In any event he will proceed with the board walk upgrade straight away also. I will let you know as soon as I have confirmation.

1.1.3 School site

Julie noted that she is waiting for news from Public Works regarding the lease on the site.

1.1.4 Application for rates rebate

Carl noted that, in his view, rates are a form of taxation and not payment for services. Hence, arguing for a rates rebate for Noetzie home owners on the grounds that we receive no services is fruitless. He proposed that we let sleeping dogs lie on this matter, since our rates are relatively low. This suggestion was carried with majority support.

1.1.5 Rogue monkey

Santie said that she has the application form for a permit to trap the monkey. The procedure is to release it in the vicinity, on the assumption that the shock of being trapped is sufficient to deter the monkey from being a nuisance again. Members of the Committee expressed skepticism about this theory and resolved to investigate what the maximum permitted distance of release is. Cathy agreed to talk to Tim Everett about the possibility of him doing the trapping.

1.1.6 Boom operator

Julie reported that she has had the sign made and will be putting it up soon. She also has the car stickers; Julie was requested to submit the bills for this work to Cathy for payment.

2 Alien vegetation

Santie has suggested 28 December as the date for an expedition by Noetzie residents to clear alien vegetation upriver; Jessica from Pezula is to get back to Santie on the suitability of this date. It was resolved that Nick write to Philip Womersley, inviting members of the Pezula Home Owners Association to join the NCOA on this expedition. It was also agreed that Julie will inform SANPARKS about this activity.

3 Annual General Meeting

This was set for 9h00 on Wednesday 30 December. Carl undertook to send out an edition of the Newsletter carrying a notice of the AGM before 30 November, and also to place a notice on the website. Santie volunteered an article on the desalination plant.

4 Wedding on the beach

An application from Weddings by Marius for a wedding on the Noetzie beach on 27 March 2010 was noted. It was agreed that Nick should write to Marius declining the application.

5 Montrose

It was noted that Mike Maughan-Brown is waiting to finalise the boardwalk issue with Pezula before addressing illegal trading at Montrose. Julie volunteered to remind him about this.

6 Bollard

Following Neil Metelerkamp's objection, Julie have removed the bollard at the bottom of the Old Wagon Rd. Julie will speak to KM about installing a concrete bollard.

7 Next meeting

17h30 on Thursday 3 December.