# PARKVIEW RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the PRA AGM held on 4 September 2019, Parkview Golf Club, corner Emmarentia Ave & Wicklow Rd

**EXCO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marian Hester (MH) (Chair)

Theresa Gibbon (TG)

Dave Drinkwater (DD)

Najia Rizwan (NR)

Karien Norval (KN)

Lesley Sluis-Cremer (LSC)

Colleen Alborough (CA)

Carl Chemaly (CC)

Brent Ferguson (BF)

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Bridget Steer (BS)

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Felicity Bailey (FB)

Ken McArthur (KM)

Vicky Drinkwater (VD)

Isabel Thompson (IT)

Tilla Raimondo (TR)

Marjolein Bench (MB)

Sue Taylor (ST)

**RESIDENTS PRESENT:**

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| **1.0** | **WELCOME**  At 18:15 MH welcomed the Parkview Residents and members of the Executive Committee and Subcommittees. |
| **2.0** | **FORMAL NOTING OF REPORT BACK DOCUMENT**  MH noted that the PRA Exco had again employed the model of distributing the detailed AGM Report Back document to residents in advance, inviting comments and queries at the AGM, so as to reduce the time taken by reporting back verbally. This was done to encourage more residents to attend the AGM and to enable residents to use the AGM as a way to get to know each other and socialise. The meeting voted in favour of formally noting the contents of the PRA AGM Report Back document (which had been emailed to residents and members on 20 August 2019). |
| **3.0** | **FORMAL NOTING OF AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  DD presented highlights of and answered several questions about the AFS. The meeting voted in favour of formally noting the contents of the Audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2018. |
| **4.0** | **VUMACAM PUBLIC SPACE SECURITY CAMERA MONITORING PROJECT**  DD presented highlights of and addressed several questions about the project. The meeting voted in favour of proceeding with the project on the basis outlined in the PRA AGM Report Back document. |
| **5.0** | **SPECIAL RATINGS AREA INVESTIGATION**  MH presented highlights of and addressed several questions about the question of displaced people and the proposed investigation. The meeting voted in favour of proceeding with the investigation into the SRA and the alternatives. |
| **6.0** | **STREET TREES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**  IT presented highlights of the Subcommittee’s work to the meeting, stressing the subcommittee’s commitment to a science-based approach to several recent claims of “miracle cures”, and addressed several questions based on the report set out in the the PRA AGM Report Back document. |
| **7.0** | **GEORGE HAY PARK SUBCOMMITTEE**  TR addressed several questions from the floor relating to the activities of the George Hay Park subcommittee, explaining that the larger plan for the GH Park had been too expensive for the Exco to approve, and that it had been approved in part. The meeting approved a vote in favour an alternative proposal for a community vegetable garden, on the conditions that the garden would be made by volunteers, on the ground (ie not in raised beds) and that the GH Park team would restore the vegetable garden beds to lawn if interest in the project waned. |
| **8.0** | **OTHER BUSINESS**  TG replied to a question about the **street light audit** that the audit had been done twice, and many volunteer hours spent on it. If anyone wished to volunteer to administer a third audit, their help would be most welcome.  MH confirmed in response to a question from the floor that the JRA had scheduled the **re-tarring of certain of Parkview’s streets**, and that the PRA had engaged with the JRA where some of the proposals were doubtful, but that the JRA had not yet reverted on the PRA proposals or actioned their own initial proposals.  MH **thanked the Parkview Golf Club** for providing the venue at a reduced charge. Franco Pellegrini addressed members on behalf of the Club, inviting residents to regard the Club as a convenient neighbourhood venue for meetings, meals and functions.  MH **thanked all the Parkview residents** who had contributed to the PRA’s projects, especially those who had served on the various PRA committees, and those residents who served the community outside the ambit of the PRA, all of whom had been mentioned in the AGM report document. |
| **9.0** | **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  MH noted that the following members of the current PRA Exco would be willing to stand for the 2019/2020 term:   1. Theresa Gibbon 2. Dave Drinkwater 3. Najia Rizwan 4. Karien Norval 5. Lesley Sluis-Cremer 6. Brent Ferguson   The following new Exco nominations had been received for 2019/2020 Exco membership:   1. Caroline Kaschula 2. Caryl Kelly 3. Nothando Ndebele 4. Jean Ochse   The following current PRA Exco members would not stand for Exco membership in 2019/2020 but would make themselves available on a subcommittee to ensure continuity:   1. Marian Hester 2. Colleen Alborough 3. Carl Chemaly   The meeting voted in favour of the proposed new Exco (members 1-10 above).  MH noted that several other residents had volunteered to join various subcommitees and projects and thanked them for that.  FB proposed a vote of thanks to MH, who would resign the Chair role for reasons of ill health, for her service to the community over the past years. A vote of thanks was proposed from the floor for the whole Exco. |
| **10.0** | **CLOSE**   * MH thanked all members in attendance for their support, noting that the meeting had been very well attended. She invited members to mingle and chat over drinks and snacks, and closed the meeting at 19:45. |

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