

ST FRANCIS BAY RIPARIAN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2007

PRESENT:

B. Morsink  
J. Robson  
C. Beckley  
S. Gallarelli  
B. Lahana  
B. Firth  
B. Robson  
B. Rheeder  
E. van Lingen

APOLOGIES:

B. Buckham  
C. Cawood

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Elza van Lingen and Mr Ben Rheeder to the meeting.

A teleconference was held during the above meeting between those present and Mr. G. Vorster and Mr. L v.d. Merwe, in which they both expressed their concern about the spit (dune) being eroded. During the last storms approximately 50 percent of the dune was washed away, and should this breach the canal system would be destroyed. Their suggestion was that the Riparian Homeowners should be informed of the consequences and all owners should be asked if they were prepared to contribute to a project to stabilise the dune with a properly installed revetment system. BM said we were all concerned with the beach and felt that something had to be done but he also feels that our priority lies with the dune as the first reef will be near Ann Avenue and only after three years will anything be done in our area. He said the committee had had a look the other day and there is 1.22 km of dune. We got a verbal quote to build a rock revetment (retaining ) wall with cloth backing approximately 4m high. The price was R2 200 per running metre this would give us a total price of R2.7million rand. Mr Vorster and Mr v d Merwe said that this seemed a small price to pay to save our investment. It was decided that Mr Vorster and Mr v d Merwe draft a letter, which would be sent to all canal owners asking for their input. It was also felt that we should call a Special General Meeting after we had received all the relevant information. It was also thought that JR and BM might have to go to Johannesburg to have a meeting there with our Johannesburg residents. Mr Vorster suggested that maybe a few residents would be prepared to raise the initial capital to start the project and could be paid back when the money came in. As it seems the the process with the "save the beach" is still going to take some time all agreed that something had to be done ASAP. Elza van Lingen asked that in the letter we should please not use the word referendum and that maybe the quote and the whole concept should be bounced off Mr W. Illenberger as well, as he and the environmentalist had been doing lots of work on the beach project. The teleconference ended and we would await their letter.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

**BF** has moved the “No wake” signs.

Finance No money has as been released to pay the accounts which we have submitted to the Municipality. Mr. Ben Rheeder said he would take it up with the Municipal Manager, as they seem to be trying to delay things. The agreement that was signed did not make provision for the capital amount, which is in the region of R800 000, to be paid over. The monthly amounts were to be paid bimonthly. Although the contract was signed in January, not even the bimonthly payment is being made. A new clause would have to be inserted to rectify this. Ben Rheeder is waiting for a meeting with Mr Booyesen the Finance Director. Council had requested that an addendum be added to the contract, saying that the Riparian Homeowners would be responsible for the payment of any persons hired to police the canals over the “festive season”. We agreed to do this with the proviso that the amount to be paid must be mutually agreed upon. **CB** asked what is the reason that we are not being paid the monthly money, as this is not affected by the addendum. **EvL** asked if we were selling licences, as there did not seem to be anyone selling in December. **BM** replied that the council were the only ones selling at this point and they were closed for quite some time in December, this meant that more money was lost. **BR** asked that **BM** go with him to the meeting. **BM** had been in contact with Mr Booyesen and handed over a set of outstanding accounts that need to be paid, and asked that a copy of these be sent to **BR**. **BM** spoke to Wim Prince also with no response. We have already paid out approximate R30 000 which falls on **BM** and **JR** all the time. **BR** said that he had already said that there should be a deadline for the money to be paid to the SFBRHA. He also said that when he spoke to Mr Booyesen last week Mr Booyesen said he did not even know how much money had been collected. **BM** said that he had been told that they would only pay us after the year-end, which is the end of June, and only after this has been audited. This could take months.

Dredging **JR** if we do not give the go ahead to the dredging contractor he has the opportunity of moving his dredger to Knysna and it will cost extra to bring it back again. The contractor also said that he needs to build approximately 100m of revetment wall on the dune for him to pump the sand behind when he starts dredging. We should ask the council for this money as they had R500 000 for repairing the road at Ann Avenue.

**AP** said we seem to be bumping heads with the council and should all our queries not be raised at the next Council Meeting. **BR** said the next meeting is the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

GENERAL

It was decided that there would be a Special General Meeting towards the end of June. **BevR** to check how many of our canal homeowners live in Johannesburg.

**AP** said we should push for the Disaster funding. It was felt that this should be classed a National disaster as Durban was hit by the same storm and the Government stepped in there and everything is already repaired. **EvL** said S. Baartman said he tried to get hold of a woman in Kakadu (?) in connection with the Disaster funding but nothing would happen before the 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

**BM** said there is to be a canoe race on the canals on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May between 2 and 4.30. They would do their own marshalling.

**AP** reported that two people from St Francis Leisure had been speeding on Jet Ski past the Big Time Taverna, **JR** to investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.20p.m.