



AGM NOVEMBER 2019

MINUTES OF THE SOMERSET WEST CID (SWCID) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE FARMHOUSE COFFEE SHOP, TRADING POST CENTRE, SOMERSET WEST AT 16H00

Present

Michelle Stander (MS)	Chairperson and Director - SWCID
Hendrik Johannes Julius Wiid (HJJW)	Director – SWCID
Yolanda van der Spuy(YvDS)	Director – SWCID
Gerhard Nel	Director – SWCID
Gene Lohrentz (GL)	MD Geocentric (Geocentric as SWCID Management Company)
Ernst van Zyl (EvZ)	CID Manager – Geocentric

Apologies

See attached attendance register for additional attendees:

1.	WELCOME a. The Chairperson welcomed all present to the Annual General Meeting of SWCID. b. The Chairperson handed over proceedings to GL	ALL
2.	QUORUM TO CONSTITUTE A MEETING a. GL noted that no new membership applications were received. b. GL emphasised that the meeting was a member's meeting and that only members may participate in the decisions taken at the meeting. c. Gene Lohrentz explained what a Quorum is and encouraged Property Owners to please sign up to become a member. Gene Lohrentz also announced that a quorum is present and that the meeting is properly constituted.	ALL
3.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA a. A member of the audience, Mr Smith asked to be heard on crime statistics as a discussion point. The Chairperson noted that all such matters were to be tabled 7 days in advance of the meeting as per the notice for the meeting. Mr Smith was asked to refer the matter to the Board for discussion. b. The rest of the agenda was approved.	ALL
4.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES a. Minutes of the previous AGM was approved by show of hands.	ALL

<p>5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GL presented a feedback of the year's operations with specific reference to Public Safety, Cleaning, Urban Management and Social Upliftment. b. GL noted that the CBD and the CID area is not crime free. Property related crimes including damage to property, shoplifting and theft out of motor vehicles can be highlighted as issue of crime in the area. c. GL however also noted that in some cases negligence by property owners often contribute to crime incidents by leaving vehicle unsecured and properties unlocked. GL highlighted how properties are left unsecured at night and how the SWCID tries to ensure that these properties do not become targets of crime. d. GL noted that the SWCID has a mandate to provide a public safety service and not to fulfil the role of the SAPS or any other law enforcement entity but rather to interrupt opportunities to crime. e. The abuse of alcohol and substance abuse was highlighted as an issue in the CBD. f. GL also highlighted the interaction with homeless people in the area and the ever-increasing number of people on the street, not only in Somerset West but across all metropolitan areas. g. As with the previous AGM, GL highlighted the issue of replica (toy) firearms being used to commit crimes and showed some examples of this. h. GL reported how the public safety teams assist at accidents. i. GL noted the various cleaning activities and urban management tasks performed by the SWCID cleaning team. GL noted the role of the new cleaning trollies. j. GL highlighted the maintenance of verges and the cleaning of drains before winter to prevent flooding. k. GL showed how empty tree wells were replanted throughout the area including the use of concrete planters where new trees cannot be planted. l. GL noted the work done with the Helderberg Shelter and how social work teams assist to maintain the Somerset West CBD. m. There was a question about the use of wheelie bin locks and the issue was noted for investigation. 	<p>ALL</p>
<p>6. APPROVAL OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The meeting adopted and approved the AFS of the SWCID. 	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7. APPROVAL OF THE 5-YEAR TERM, IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BUDGET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GL presented the meeting with the 5-year Business Plan. b. GL presented the Budget and Implementation Plan to the meeting including the utilization of surplus funds to augment the budget. c. GL asked for a show of hands to approve the 5-year term extension of Somerset West CID. The meeting supported the extension and approved the 5-year budget and Implementation Plan. 	
<p>8. SURVEY RESULTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GL presented the meeting with the results of a survey done amongst the property and business owners and managers in the area. b. The survey showed an improvement of business confidence. c. Mr Smith raised the matter of crime statistics again and once more the Board noted this further noted that it will be taken under consideration by the Board. Councillor Pringle and Mr Rossouw also clarified the mandate of the SWCID. Mr Wiid 	
<p>7. APPROVAL OF 2020/21 BUDGET AND 5-YEAR BUDGET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GL also presented the budget for 2020/21 and use of surplus funding. b. The members of the meeting approved the budget and the utilisation of the surplus funding 	<p>ALL</p>

8. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN APPROVAL a. The members of the meeting approved the proposed implementation plan.	
9. AUDITORS FOR 2019/2020 AND APPOINTMENT OF THE COMPANY SECRETARY a. GL noted that the current auditors are Pyper Turner. The members approved the re-appointment of Pyper Turner. b. GL noted that Pyper Turner currently act as Company Secretary. The members approved the re-appointment of Pyper Turner.	ALL
10. STAND DOWN & ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS a. GL noted that no nominations for new Board Member were received. b. Mr Wiid and Mrs Van Spuy have resigned but has made themselves available for re-election. c. Mr Wiid and Mrs Van Spuy were re-elected to the Board.	ALL
11. QUESTIONS AND GENERAL a. The meeting was briefly informed about the upgrade of the rose garden close to the SAPS, for noting as it is not inside the boundary of the SWCID b. Cllr Pringle highlighted the issue on kerbside parking and noted that the cancellation thereof is in progress.	ALL
12. CLOSURE a. Michelle Stander thanked those involved in the SWCID for their support and for those business and property owners for being present.	ALL