

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING FERNKLOOF ADVISORY BOARD

Date: 30 January 2025

Time: 12:00-13:30

Venue: Environmental Boardroom, Onrus

Attendance:

No.	NAME	ORGANISATION	EMAIL/PHONE
1.	Mr. Duncan Heard (DH)	Chairperson	duncanheard@telkomsa.net
2.	Dr. Muthama Muasya (Dr. MM)	Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town	muthama.muasya@uct.ac.za
3.	Dr. Pat Miller (PM)	Whale Coast Conservation	pat.miller7@outlook.com
4.	Dr. Tony Gardiner (TG)	Vice-Chairperson	tgardiner54@gmail.com
5.	Mr. Allistair Pieterse (AP)	Conservation Manager: Cape Nature	apieterse@capenature.co.za
6.	Mr. Gift Sandi (GS)	Secretariat (Overstrand Municipality)	enviroadmin@overstrand.gov.za

No.	Item	Discussion
1.	Opening and welcome	The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all attending. Then informed the members that he has been informed that Liezl (LdV) will not be attending the meeting due to ill-health and suggested to the Board (Fernkloof Advisory Board) that the meeting be rescheduled to a most recent date as we will not have a Management input and report. The agenda for the day was postponed with all attending members agreeing to that, and matters brought forward by Dr Pat Miller (PM) were discussed.
2.	Apologies	Ms. Liezl de Villiers (LdV)
3.	Any Other	3.1. Clean-up Gate Way Reservoir

<p>PM open the discussion with the current state of gateway which is highly polluted by litter, she further gave activities that was done by the Botanical Society (BotSoc) in the area. A highlight was the study BotSoc has done which the recent fire exposed a lot of litter, then the clean ups the BotSoc has done.</p> <p>The Board in agreement has fully supported the initiative by BotSoc and that Cape Nature and Environmental Management and Conservation will provide the necessary support in collaboration with BotSoc.</p>	<p>3.2. 17th Ave Proposal and Boundary of Fernkloof</p> <p>PM gave opening remarks to the Property Proposal and how well it is. However, the concern was the extension on the development into Fernkloof Boundary which is the main concern with the proposal. The Board discussed the Fernkloof Nature Reserve (the Reserve) boundary, the process into extending to the Reserve if required. The Board also explored the Golf Club establishment which is a totally different matter to this one. The Board also expressed concerns with properties that are neighboring to the reserve as to whether they are not over the Reserve boundary.</p>
<p>3.3. The Fernkloof Advisory Board Role</p> <p>The Chairperson explained that role of the Board to the management of the Reserve, that the Board is there to advise Management (Environmental Management & Conservation) on the best possible way to manage the reserve as per Legislation and function. In a case that there is no agreement then recommendations are sent to Council to decide.</p> <p>When it comes to commenting on documents/proposal individuals can comment and state their names but also there needs to be a FAB comment on documents to be noted.</p>	<p>3.4. Attendance of Meetings by Mayoral Committee Member (MMC) Lerm</p> <p>The Board and the Chairperson expressed a concern that the MMC has not been attending the Board meetings as we are on a third meeting and the Board has not received anything from him.</p>

4.	Next meetings	18 - 22 February 2025 (Special Meeting) 30 April 2025 30 July 2025
	Meeting Adjourned	13h30

Action Items	Person Responsible	Timeframe
Mapping for Fernkloof Nature Reserve regarding wild fires and disaster	PM and EMC	Ongoing
Presentation to Council/ MAYCO Needs of the Reserve	Liezl and FAB	Ongoing
MMC to request a slot for the Board to present	CL	Ongoing
Public Day Once a Year, presentation on Fernkloof at the auditorium with the general public getting informed about the activities of Fernkloof in a particular year, with all stakeholders.	Liezl and FAB	Ongoing
Invite the Mayor, MAYCO and Council to fynbos walk to Fernkloof.		Ongoing
PM to send a report to members of the Board on 2023 floods relating to the divergence of the Fernkloof stream	PM	19 February 2025
Link Cape Nature and Environmental Management with DI to organize the Clean up and educational activities.	PM	ASAP
Comments on the 17 th Ave. Proposal	FAB	17 February 2025
Possible encroachment in Fernkloof Reserve	Liezl	19 February 2025
Share point for Board members to gain access to share documents and comment.	Gift	19 February 2025

EMOZ Buffer Zone Error 404	Gift	19 February 2025
Invite Rhett Smart Landuse Specialist from Cape Nature, to have input on the matter of encroachment to the Reserve.	Allister	19 February 2025
Send MMC Lerm an email about his attendance to the Board meetings.	Gift	19 February 2025
Minutes to be sent within 5 working days after the meeting	Gift	Ongoing