



VAN RIEBEECKSHOF VALLEY NON-PROFIT COMPANY (VRHV NPC)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

AUGUST 2022

1. REPORTING PERIOD

This chairman's report covers the period of 19 August 2021 to 30 August 2022

2. OFFICE BEARERS

Chairman: Werner Greeff
Directors: Gideon Brand (Operations),
Karel Badenhorst (Security) (resigned July 2022)
Ronel Retief (Environment)
Emil Scheepers (Financial)

3. INTRODUCTION

The Directors manage and control the business affairs of the Van Riebeeckshof Valley NPC in accordance with the Business plan and MOI. Quarterly Director meetings and frequent email and telephone communication between Directors encourage an environment where challenges are addressed, and projects are initiated and executed. The committee also regularly communicates with other interested parties and service providers to facilitate close co-operation in the interest of all members.

At the 3rd AGM on 19 August 2021 a new board was elected as above at clause 2 and Werner Greeff elected as chairman for the third year running.

The current member areas of the VRH VALLEY NPC are:

- Van Riebeeckshof MHOA,
- Oude Westhof MHOA,
- Kanonberg HOA,
- Welgedacht HOA and
- De Uitkijk HOA
- Valleizicht HOA

And whose member contributions fund the activities of the Company.

4. COMMUNICATION

The Directors keep the members informed through frequent email communication between each other. Our newsletters increase the awareness of the state of affairs and happenings in VRH Valley which reduces the need of members to make enquiries. Our newsletters were compiled by Gideon Brand and was well received by the members and their subsequent residents.

Our website www.valleynpc.co.za is also a source of good and relevant information and the platform can also be used for upload and downloading relevant documents like the business plan, MOI and AGM minutes and other relevant documents. The website also has a functionality through which members can communicate with the Managing Agents and if an enquiry is received it is immediately channeled to the relevant Director to handle.

5. SECURITY

5.1 Security of the VRH Valley area is a core priority of the VRH VALLEY NPC and a substantial part of our funds are used for that purpose as is evident in our financial statements and budget.

- The Majik Forest is monitored by CCTV cameras in conjunction with Welgemoed Safe and which monitoring costs are paid for by the VRH VALLEY NPC.
- The Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera system that was installed in Van Riebeeckshof Road in both directions is fully operational. It is tested frequently, and the cameras are on a service agreement for maintenance thereof. The cameras are connected for monitoring to Welgemoed Safe control room and the monitoring costs are also paid for by the VRH VALLEY NPC.
- The Wi-Fi communication systems are through a High Site that the VRH VALLEY NPC paid for installation and are maintained by us and will be realigned by service agents every three months.

In order to effectively manage the security of the Valley NPC Area a subcommittee serves under the security Director as chairperson under his security portfolio.

5.2 Public Safety and co-ordination responsibilities

Liaison and co-ordination of security efforts continue and is effective when an incident takes place, as everyone is informed. The LPR and overview cameras in the Valley now includes the cameras in Van Riebeeckshof Rd, installed by the VRHV NPC, and the LPR camera systems in all the suburbs – Protea Valley, Oude Westhof and Van Riebeeckshof. This coverage allows for quick response when a marked vehicle enters the area, as well as a fast turnaround time to get information to SAPS if an incident takes place. Most of the Camera Monitoring is done by Welgemoed CID, excluding the Protea Valley cameras.

5.3 Majik Forest (MF)

The VRHV NPC had to pay for Rangers as COCT neglected to renew their contract timeously and the COCT had resumed the Ranger services from 1 Sept 2021.

There were a couple of incidents of theft out of motor vehicles parked at the bottom gate (next to Jip de Jager Rd). Residents do not seem keen to use the 'Park and Ride' option of parking at the Protea Hotel. Talks are ongoing with COCT to lease an area across from the bottom gate on the other side of Jip de Jager and develop this into a parking area. Barinor is handling this matter.

6. ENVIRONMENT

6.1 STRATEGIC FOCUS

The Environment Committee's strategic vision is to develop the Van Riebeeckshof Valley into the prime living environment in the northern area of the City of Cape Town. To achieve this, the following approach is followed:

- The Van Riebeeckshof Valley NPC provides a top-up service to the environmental service provided by the City of Cape Town (CoCT) in instances where unsatisfactory service delivery is experienced that compromises the strategic vision.
- Focus is placed on addressing irritants that relate to the neatness of the environment to counter a community perception of environmental decline; and
- The enhancement of the existing natural assets within the VRHV environment that could have a significant impact within limited financial budget constraints.

The following initiatives were launched in support of this approach:

- A full-time contractor has been appointed to pick up littering along the perimeter of Van Riebeeckshof on a weekly basis. The focus is on “hotspots” – e.g. taxi stops.
- A Tree planting project was successfully completed with 20 trees donated from COCT and which are watered by contractor on regular basis. This will continue annually.
- A full-time contractor has been appointed to top up Municipal services in Riesling park as well as the VRH Road reserve.

6.3 APPROACH THAT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED

The approach that has been followed during the past financial year has been to provide a top-up service to the services normally provided by the City of Cape Town (COCT). This approach is based on following a partnership approach with the COCT. Currently, relationships with the responsible COCT's operational management is followed by channeling complaints and requests for assistance through the NPC Board member responsible for the Environment portfolio.

7. MANAGING AGENT

Nolands Incorporated as our appointed Managing Agent handles all administrative matters of the VRH VALLEY NPC as well as payments. We are satisfied with the service level and the collaboration between the VRH VALLEY NPC and Nolands and have contracted with them for another year period from 1 August 2022 to end July 2023.

8. FINANCES

The audited Annual Financial Statements and budget will be discussed in detail at the AGM. The financial management is in accordance acceptable auditing and accounting practices and handled by the managing agents who are themselves Auditors and who monthly report to the Directors regarding the income and expenses and balances in accounts.

We have strict financial controls in place regarding payments that can be made from our accounts and the managing agents also deliver a monthly financial report and balance sheet to the directors.

The current R21.00 per resident contribution of members will be increased to R22.00 per resident for the following two financial years and new funding agreements has been signed for that period.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

VRH Valley NPC aims to be an example to other areas as to how ordinary citizens can contribute towards their own area's upliftment and ensure that the standard of services delivered by City of Cape Town departments remain accountable to the taxpayer base represented by the VRH Valley NPC area. We are non-political and un-affiliated to any political party and deliver a top-up service and our mission is still to interact with Council and ensure effective management of public open spaces and service delivery in the geographical area.

This can only be achieved through a well-functioning board of directors and good relations between management, directors, members and Council.

Therefore, my acknowledgement and sincere appreciation goes to the Directors for their selfless service and commitment to the VRH VALLEY NPC. A lot of precious private time is sacrificed and offered by the individuals to ensure the management of the affairs of VRH VALLEY NPC and to assist in making our geographical area a sought after, pleasing, and safe one to live in.

Our managing agents diligently and efficiently perform the tasks of day to day management which also contributes greatly towards the stability of our association and I thank you for your services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Werner Greeff', with a large loop at the start and a long, sweeping stroke at the end.

Werner Greeff
CHAIRMAN 2022