

KLIPRIVIERSBERG CONSERVANCY

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HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF JOBURG

Every year members of the community are given an opportunity to have a say in the spatial development of the area in which you live and to comment on what type of development you want in your area in terms of types of uses, roads parks, libraries and other facilities.

Representations will be made this year regarding the recognition of the Klipriviersberg Conservancy. The Conservancy falls within Region F of the city and a CoJ Planning Open Day is scheduled for the area for Friday, 20 March 2009 from 09:30 to 15:00 at the South Rand Recreation Centre in South Hills.

We would strongly recommend that you become involved by visiting and participating in the discussions regarding the development of our area. Draft reports will also be made available and your comments and submissions will be welcomed.

If you are interested in other areas of the city and want more information contact Mrs Mamphe Muhlwa at 011-407-6961 or mpotsengm@joburg.org.za or visit the website at www.joburg.org.za

LOGO IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

We had a tremendous response regarding ideas for the logo and we thank everyone who provided their thoughts and suggestions as well as offers of assistance. After considering the submissions the Exco has decided that the logo should contain elements representing the Klipriviersberg and the Klip River. Ideas for a logo containing these elements should be forwarded to us for our consideration.

BANK ACCOUNT OPENED FOR FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP

A bank account has been opened. The details are as follows:

Klipriviersberg Conservancy

Standard Bank The Glen

Code: 00 60 05

Account: 086608584

Sponsors and donors are welcome to make contributions.

Please remember that the Conservancy is to be registered as a Public Benefit Organisation and Non-Profit Organisation as soon as possible to enable sponsors and donors to receive tax advantages. As this will take some time to achieve it is suggested that any donors and sponsors who wish to assist should do so by means of a loan to the Conservancy which would later be converted to a donation for tax purposes once the registrations have been achieved.

PLEASE SWITCH OFF ALL LIGHTS AT 8.30PM ON 28 MARCH 2009

“Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007, when 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour. In 2008 the message had grown into a global sustainability movement, with 50 million people switching off their lights. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome’s Colosseum, the Sydney Opera House and the Coca Cola billboard in Times Square all stood in darkness.

In 2009, Earth Hour is being taken to the next level, with the goal of 1 billion people switching off their lights as part of a global vote. Unlike any election in history, it is not about what country you’re from, but instead, what planet you’re from. VOTE EARTH is a global call to action for every individual, every business, and every community. A call to stand up and take control over the future of our planet. Over 74 countries and territories have pledged their support to VOTE EARTH during Earth Hour 2009, and this number is growing everyday.

We all have a vote, and every single vote counts. Together we can take control of the future of our planet, for future generations.

VOTE EARTH by simply switching off your lights for one hour, and join the world for Earth Hour Saturday, March 28, 8:30-9:30pm..” (Source: <http://www.earthhour.org>)

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

We had a very strong response from several members regarding ideas and suggestions and offers of assistance for the website, for which we are most grateful. The Exco are preparing a terms of reference for what we feel we need which we will circulate in the near future.

POM POM IS STEALING AFRICA'S GRASSLANDS

The Pom Pom Weed is an invasive plant from South America which flowers from December to March. The Weed is degrading and replacing grasslands, invading wetlands and is threatening indigenous plants and small animals.

The Gauteng Department of Agriculture Conservation and Environment has embarked on an extensive awareness campaign to control the spread of the Weed.

Extra special care is required to control and remove the Weed to avoid intentional spreading. Further information about the control of the Pom-Pom Weed can be found at www.arc.agric.za.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is important to increase the number of members. It is also important that we reach as many people as possible within the area of the Conservancy. For this reason we would ask you to forward this newsletter to anyone who you feel should be informed and become part of the Conservancy. Contact details for people to become registered with the Conservancy are provided at the end of the newsletter.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Management Plan is a critical document which has to be prepared to guide and manage the activities of the Conservancy. A number of work sessions and meetings with the various membership categories are being planned to provide an opportunity for members to contribute their ideas and suggestions.

In the near future we will give you more information and details regarding how this will take place and ask for your participation and involvement.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION AND CONTACT DETAILS

The following people can be contacted to provide you with any additional information or to assist you regarding the Conservancy:

Chairman: Andrew Barker - 083 274 4424 or abarker@icon.co.za

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Hon Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Edwards - 011 680 7367 or edwards@futurejhb.co.za

Should you wish to become a member of the Conservancy please e-mail: clemkourie@gmail.com

Apologies for any cross-posting. Please forward to your family, friends, neighbours, colleagues and networks. If you wish to be deleted from our list, please contact us.