



Draft minutes of the meeting held with the community residents of Mamelodi Ext 15 with the Mamelodi Councilors on the 11 July 2014 at 15h00 at Mamelodi Council Chamber

1. Opening and Welcome

The Chairperson Cllr Phasha opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He requested any volunteer to open the meeting with the prayer.

2. Attendance Register

The attendance register was circulated and signed.

3. Apologies

No apologies submitted.

4. Purpose of the meeting

The Chairperson outlined the purpose of the meeting as to engage on issues that led to the protests by residents of Stoffel Park on 10 July 2014. He then requested the Formalisation and Proclamation Task Team to outline the approach by the Council with regard to formalization of Mahube Valley EXT 15.

Mr Sello Chipu from the Formalisation and Proclamation Task Team presented the background and approach as follows, that the then Provincial Department of Local Government and Housing (Human Settlements Department) commenced with the planning of Mahube Valley EXT 15 in 2006. The town planner was appointed to draft the layout map. The intention was to build houses with water, electricity, sewer, roads, and storm water with all required community amenities. Unfortunately, the residents invaded the area in 2007 which disrupted the plan by the province. To make matters worse, some residents continued to illegally mine the sand in that area this led to province to abandon the project. In 2013 the Council resolved to establish the Formalization and Proclamation Task Team to achieve the following:

1. Eradicating informal settlements within a short period of time. This is done by providing people with places of residence that are fully serviced and have title deeds.

2. Providing residents with ownership of land (title deeds) so as to eradicate the legacy of the Native Land Act (Act 27 of 1913) and Group Areas Act (Act 41 of 1950).
3. Promoting integrated planning and implementation.

It is on this basis that the Council resolved to address all challenges relating to informal settlements. Based on this decision, the city requested the Province to resuscitate the development of Mahube Valley EXT 15. We then agreed to amend the original layout map by subdividing the open space and allocate residents with permanent serviced stands. Following this, the city will rearrange all people invaded the land in line with the layout map and provide them with services. Kindly see the attached Annexure A for amended layout map that will be used to rearrange the residents of Mahube EXT 15.

The amended plan provides 1500 residential stands and number of stands zones for business, social and other community amenities. He further requested that the residents must not allow further invasion, rentals and building of permanent structures. This is based on the fact that some of residents have built along the mountain which defines by National Environmental Management Act as the Greenbelt. He indicated that he with the delegate from Agriculture and Environment Department to see how the city can consider relaxing some of conditions to accommodate as many beneficiaries as possible. The intention is to rearrange the residents according to layout map and follow with internal reticulation of service, provision of community amenities and proclamation of the township.

5. Concerns raised by the delegation of the community

Based on the comprehensive report by the formalization and proclamation task team, the Chairperson allowed the delegation of the community to ask the clarity seeking questions and concerns.

5.1 Lack of communication between community and the affected councilors.

5.2 Temporary electrification

The Committee indicated that the protests were sparked by the electrification that was starting on the small portion of people who were relocated from the other areas to Stoffelpark. They requested that they need to be prioritized since they have been staying in Stoffel Park for long. They further requested that the High Mass Lights be added in Stoffel Park to assist in eliminating the criminal activities happening in that area at night.

That there is also the high mass light that was reported before and not yet attended by council officials.

5.3 Bridge in Stoffel Park

A concern was raised with regards to an incomplete bridge which was endangering the lives of the community. The Councilor clarified that it was a temporary bridge and that currently there is work that is been done to prevent accidents while waiting for the affected department to finalize the permanent bridge. This is because the Council still to go through the WULA and EIA process which is difficult to obtain because the area is not yet proclaimed.

5.4 Relocation and formalization processes

The committee raised dissatisfaction with the issue of the marking of shacks which was not concluded and requested that the shack marking process resume were it ended. The community also indicated that the City is not doing justice to them to bring people into Stoffelpark, without them being prioritized and consulted.

5.5 School Site

The committee raised concerns about the 21 people who are staying on the school site and requested the City to remove them by Monday. However

6. Resolutions of the meeting

After the lengthy deliberations and caucus meeting by the delegation of community the meeting resolved as follows:

- That the follow up meeting must be held between the Councilors, affected Members of Mayoral Committee and the delegation of the community to finalize the proposal by the community requesting the suspension of the electrification process until the rearrangement of the residents according to layout map is completed.
- That the in the next meeting the Transport and Roads Department be invited to give the progress report with regard to construction of the bridge, scope, funds invested and the number of jobs created.
- That the meeting of the councilors, delegation of the community and the affected MMC will agree on the Action Plan stipulating timelines to be communicated to the entire community. The Councilors, MMC and delegation of the residents must convene the joint community meeting wherein all resolutions will be presented.
- That all delegations of the residence be invited in the next meeting and ensure the consistency in attending the meeting and giving feedback to residents.
- That Councillor Phasha will contact and inform the delegation of the residents on the date of the next meeting which must be within a short space of time.

7. Closure

The Chairperson thanked all present and the meeting was adjourned through prayer.