

NCPF Annual General Meeting 2018

VENUE: NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

9 May 2018 @ 18H00

MINUTES

1. WELCOME BY NCPF CHAIRPERSON: Mr Wandile Yani

The meeting was welcomed.

Agenda adoption

It was noted that the MMC for Development Planning did not accept the invitation to attend the meeting.

2. Apologies

None

3. NCPF Chairperson's report: Mr Wandile Yani

- The general state of the area was outlined.
- Problems include illegal liquor outlets, illegal churches, drug dealing.
- Lack of action by Norwood SAPS was highlighted.

4. Station Commander's update on the Station: Col Jojisa

- If ever you find a SAPS member committing a crime or not doing their job, her door is open, please report it to her.
- The new Visible Commander has reported today to the station - Colonel Makola.
- From a statistical point of view, crime is down in the Norwood Police precinct, except for residential house robberies. The highest crime is car hijacking.

Community questions and comments

- A laptop and speakers were stolen. It was hard to open the case at the Station – he was discouraged from opening the case, he had to force it. He also pointed out a suspect but the police refused to arrest him. But nothing has happened since then, there have been no updates. He is very concerned about the conduct of the SAPS at Norwood. Please assist in how one can get help from the Station.

Col Jojisa response: if you didn't get a fair treatment at the station, my door is always open. Bring the name of the SAPS member, she will deal with them. She promised to take it up. Also having active Sector Forums will help.

- Concerned about the use of statistics, as stats are one thing, but the perception of reality is completely different. Do people feel safe in the area. His expectation was that you should give them hope that the Station will deal with criminals actively. The Station needs to give the NCPF an outline of their strategy to deal with the issues in the area. There is a new JMPD leader who is active and up to the task of dealing with the issues.
- At a meeting with crime journalists, there is the perception that Norwood Police Station is the most corrupt police station in the whole of Joburg.

- Jeppe Police Station appear not to have this problem because they are making lots of arrests, and don't have lots of corruption, because the Station Commander is taking control of things.
- To comment on the running of the station, another person said she had had nothing but help and efficiency when visiting the station.
- Now that the community has explained the problems, what are you telling us will happen and when will it happen?
- At the last meeting it was the same story about the corruption at the Station. We as women are fighting in the community, but our police station are scared to come and sort it out.
- I have been coming to CPF meetings for many years, we have been complaining for years about the drugs. When is something going to happen?
- On the front page of the local paper, a policing success in Sector 1, we need to build on the good news too.
Col Jojisa: the way forward. We are coming to the streets. We will do the projects.

5. Panel discussion on key issues in the community:

Advocate P Futshane, Chief Public Prosecutor, Johannesburg Magistrates Court
Mr Pat Tau

Community questions

- The illegal liquor being sold in the street next to Spar is causing lots of problems. SAPS and JMPD keep passing the buck, but this is negatively affecting the business community of Norwood. Arrests don't stop it, as some of the people are living on the street. What do we do to improve the area? And how do we make it easy for SAPS to work on this? Who will take responsibility for this? **Adv response:** you are talking about the separation of powers. When you are talking about hawkers in front of your business. This falls under bylaws, which falls under JMPD, and the Mayor. Hawkers are given licenses from the City. Please write a letter detailing all the issues and send, then I can convey the message.
- Disappointed that the SC has not detailed what she has done to address the issues. Where is the evidence she is working hard on the matters that we have been complaining about previously? Do you know that the community trusts GAP/CAP security more than the police? The other burning issue is the illegal churches, they are increasing. And the drugs are increasing. **Adv response:** it is true that the communities trust private security more than the police. We have trained JMPD to try to empower them more. With regards to the churches – people have a responsibility to understand who they are leasing their buildings to. You as the community have the power to fix some of these problems. You know who is doing what in your area.
- Are all courts under the umbrella of the NPA? **Adv response:** yes, all courts fall under that umbrella. And the NPA is under the Justice Department.

Mr Raymond Martin, Chief Director: Liquor Affairs, Gauteng Liquor Board

- The success of your community lies with you. We have become too liberal with allowing alcohol consumption with our children.
- The database of all liquor licenses is with the Liquor Board, not SAPS.
- Don't buy fake licenses. They come from the Board, the certificates have security features to ensure they are real.
- There are no such things as permits. If SAPS aren't sure about the paper, they need to call the Liquor Board to confirm the legality of the paperwork.
- If a Liquor Board Inspector visits, you need to ask for their identity card.

Community request

- Can we focus on 3-5 problems to solve, that are reported back on the following month by the Station Commander. We want action.

6. Other NCPF portfolios' reports:

Postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints.

7. Community Feedback

Done during the course of the meeting

8. Vote of thanks

Meeting closed at 21:15