**NCPF MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETING**

**VENUE: MARYVALE COLLEGE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

**14 March 2018 @ 18H00**

**MINUTES**

1. **WELCOME BY NCPF CHAIRPERSON:** Mr Wandile Yani

The meeting was welcomed.

1. **ADDRESS BY THE HEAD OF MARYVALE COLLEGE PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Mrs Kirsten Smith

Thanked the community for the great turnout and welcomed them to the school. Outlined the security challenges faced by the school. Luckily not too many, and security has been increased, but vigilance is still needed.

1. **NCPF AGM:** Mr Duncan Barker

The Annual General Meeting was announced for Wednesday 11 April 2018, to take place at Norwood Primary School at 18:00. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the NCPF was invited to contact the committee members.

A request was made to circulate the names and positions of the CPF exco committee.

1. **THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING:** Mr Geoff Woodhead

Not presented at this meeting as his plane was delayed making him miss the meeting. It will be rescheduled.

1. **NCPF PROGRAMMES:** Ms Cebi Ngqinambi

March is Human Rights Month. A call was made to any people or organisations who might want to do something in relation to this theme and highlight the CPF.

June is Youth Month, August has Women’s Day, again the CPF would like to link up with programmes relating to these themes. If we all work together and not in silos we become more effective as a community.

1. **SECTOR CRIME FORUMS:** Ms Mbali Langeni

There are 4 sectors in the area under the Norwood SAPS. Each sector has a Sector Manager who is the police officer in charge and responsible for working with the community Sector Crime Forum for that sector.

The Sector Crime Forums are sub-committees of the CPF. They allow us to break the area into smaller areas. The community in each area feeds information to the Sector Crime Forums. They then communicate with the SAPS. They also feed this information into the CPF and if they are all working properly this provides a lot more weight to the CPF.

NCPF appeals to the community to come forward and get involved with the Sector Crime Forums so that community intelligence and support can drive crime prevention in our area.

The Forums have a minimum of 6 formal positions – Chair & Vice Chair, PR & Deputy PR, Secretary & Deputy Secretary.

As an example, the Ward 74 Councillor spoke about one sector crime forum that works very well under Bramley. They have a Whatsapp group that feeds information from the community to the Bramley SAPS and allows some intelligence driven policing.

1. **REPORTS:**
   1. SAPS

February Crime Report from Lt Col Mathothe

No murders or rapes.

Theft out of motor vehicles was there

Residential burglaries – mainly Highlands North, Orange Grove, happening in the day.

15 Street Robberies. Be vigilant at robots with valuables in the car. Maryvale/Louis Botha and Osborn/Louis Botha are particular hotspots.

There are police cars, but not enough members to drive them.

Community response – 3 break in to cars in Spar parking and just outside within the space of 10 mins. Back windows broken, nothing was visible from outside the car.

What are the police doing about the massive deterioration of Louis Botha Osborn to Pick n Pay? Send pictures of the police vehicles to the police station.

How many arrests? And how many of the arrests get to court, and then convicted? No figures provided.

* 1. JMPD

Inspector Lemao 076 106 0048 (alfredl@joburg.org.za)

Attended 18 accidents, mainly Orange Grove (12). 3 PVAs.

Crime in Orange Grove is very high. Parents must ask their kids where they get things from, if they don’t work.

Where there is a tavern, for example, that is noisy, phone the Councillor, JMPD, Noise.

1. **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK:** OPEN FLOOR

* At the next meeting can we have one of the good police officers from Norwood to answer our questions.
* Why are we not having the same raids happening on Louis Botha as is happening quite often on illegal activity in Grant Avenue, Norwood.
* Unless we as a community become a nuisance to Norwood SAPS we won’t get a result. Suggest there are bi-law forums where the community can understand where to go to deal with these issues.
* We need people who will hear us when we report our issues.
* Let’s unite police, community, CPF, and all do something good.
* The key streets for drugs in Orange Grove are 6th, 7th and 8th streets. The police need to do something about this.
* Stop pointing at each other, the police cannot do it without the community. The CPF meetings are the only place where the anger can be expressed.
* What steps are being taken to deal with the houses owned by JPC that are causing problems? This is a huge issue in the community.
* Councillor Huggett responded – the houses were bought by JPC as part of Corridors of Freedom, to be knocked down and made into clinics etc. But because of corruption the money ran out. So then the idea was to lease them at a nominal rent to stop hijacking. But this has not worked at all. So external investigation now happening into this to take action on this. She has escalated to all City political heads, security cluster to resolve and hold the people at JPC accountable. There will be a public meeting with MMCs to discuss this with the community, but struggling to get JPC there. Currently trying to set this up.

The meeting was also reminded that the CPF works with SAPS, which deals with crime. Bi-law issues around housing, litter, illegal parking etc is covered by JMPD and the Ward Councillors. But the community frustrations with these issues being heard are understood.

1. **VOTE OF THANKS** **BY NCPF SECRETARY:** Ms Lesego Mookapele

Meeting closed at 20:15.