

BEDFORDVIEW COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Operational Meeting
Held at the Atrium, Bedfordview
On Monday 3rd of February, 2020 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies:

Alkis Flemetakis, Leon de Bruin

Action:	Resp.
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WELCOME

- Reminder of procedure for agenda items. New items to be raised at least 7 days prior to meeting.

CRIME STATS

- Crime Stats presented – Emphasis that numbers are not official, collected by CPF.
- Explanation and definitions of highest concern areas was provided:
 - Armed Robbery
 - Business Burglary
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 - Common Robbery
 - Residential Burglary
 - Residential Robbery
 - Theft of MV – particular concern regarding the high rates
 - Theft out of MV – particular concern regarding the high rates
 - Car Hijacking

SAPS REPORT BACK – Colonel Geustyn

General

- Increase in Contact Crimes
- Decrease in Burglaries
- Decrease in Commercial Crimes however, the rate is still high.
- Aggravated crimes numbers are same as previous year January.

Action Items

- Klopper Park Drugs and Drinking issue is not closed. Residents claim the police are taking bribes or not doing enough. Police claim no-one is communicating with them.
Issues to be brought to the personal attention of Colonel Geustyn, providing details, dates and times, and locations.
Ongoing issue, high priority - Follow up at next meeting
- Release of Nigerian Drug dealer – No action against the member, they were instructed to release the suspect by the public prosecutor.
Possibility of a case against the prosecutor and the detective.
Pending item – feedback when additional information becomes available.
- Cameras at station –To be discussed in CPF Management meeting.
Follow-up next meeting.
- Zishaan Singh from RAG reported that there was an issue on Saturday the 5th of October 2019 around 3am at the Engen on Van Buuren involving a drunk person with a firearm – BV51 attended the complaint and feedback on the outcome has been requested for November meeting. No OB entry.
Reportee not prepared to give a statement.
Item closed.
- Uber and Maxi Taxi protest expect on 7th of November. Eastgate have tried to compromise with Maxi Taxi, to no avail.
Protest well handled by authorities
Eastgate applied for court order to remove Maxi Taxi.
Hearing to remove meter taxis on Wednesday, violence is expected.
- Talisman investigation – residents are legal.
Item closed
- Gillooly's vagrants – Specific mention of a deranged / mentally ill individual.
Might need medical intervention.
Jill Humphries to report back.
- Disturbed individual along van Buuren road. Point noted, no action decided upon.
- Morninghill Koppie clean up – Alison Grobbelaar volunteered to find someone to drive this initiative.

EMPD REPORT BACK – Superintendent Glenn

- Advertising trailers – EMPD informed meeting that permits are needed and currently still impounding the trailers if found. Progress is being made.
Ongoing item to follow up at next meeting.
- Keep monitoring Parks
 - Oriel
 - Chaucer
 - Possel
 - Garden opposite Doppio ZeroOngoing item to follow up at next meeting.
- Public drinking – EMPD has removed offenders on various occasions
Ongoing item to follow up at next meeting.
- Townsend Taxis – fines issued.
Ongoing item to follow up at next meeting.

Feedback on following Action items postponed to next meeting due to time constraints:

- Followed up on speeding complaint on van Buuren
Pending
- Boeing Road East – taxi's fined
Pending
- Regent and Kirkby stop is being monitored
Pending
- Talisman and Bothma. No stopping at intersections.
Pending
- Uber using the loading zone at Bedford Square.
Pending
- Illegal parking around Skeen Boulevard and Hawley intersection.
Pending
- Vagrants increase opposite Hospital. Jill informed that Parks need to clean.
BSG offered to patrol.
Pending

COUNCIL – Jill Humphreys

- Harper Bridge robots and traffic flow
Initial feedback is that the new configuration is a safety matter. This has been questioned. Robot timing to be looked at.
Jill Humphreys to provide further feedback next meeting,
- Townsend robot timing.
Jill requested to have it timed.
Pending, Jill to provide further feedback next meeting
Stop sign painting
No budget for painting. Delayed. Possibility of stop sign painting.
Requests submitted, no indication of timelines.
Pending, Jill to provide further feedback next meeting.
- Manhole cover issues. No resolution for manhole thefts.
Jill to provide further feedback next meeting
- Riley rd traffic circle – Delayed –
Started on one, however no progress made.
Pending, Jill to provide feedback in next meeting.
- Government Garage auction. Traffic will be affected. There is a new staggered arrangement which worked better.
Item Closed.
- New items (Details to follow)
 - Fireman's cottages
 - Street Lights
 - Grass cutting

CPF PATROL COMMANDER – Mark Morris

- More volunteers are welcome.
- Anyone with a criminal record is not eligible.

- LPR network is mostly setup
- Vacant Properties are also being monitored
- Meadowbrook new patroller network being established.
- Maintaining high visibility is a significant role of the patrollers

CPF TECHNOLOGY REPORT – Leon de Bruin

Postponed to next meeting

PR AND MARKETING - Alison Grobbelaar

Campaigns

- LPR Camera progress – Campaigns have proved very successful, over 40 cameras operating throughout Bedfordview

Fundraising Plan

- January – June 2020
 - Migration from WhatsApp to GruupUp platforms for emergency groups
 - Possibility of Corporate Sponsorships
 - Target Restaurant and local Business Sponsorships
- May 2020
 - CPF Golf Day. Previous Golf Day a success.
- July 2020
 - CPF Christmas in July. New event.
- September 2020
 - CPF Ladies High Tea. Previous Hight Tea a success.
- December 2020
 - Balwin Properties Walk.

GENERAL

- Klopper Park drugs and drinking issue drew heated discussions that continued for some time. Input from the involved parties was heard, and the situation was recognised as being serious, with action to be taken, as per the point, above. One individual continued to be confrontational and was asked to settle down by the Chairman and various other participants. The Chairman also pointed out that unsubstantiated claims and unruly behaviour resulted in a loss of credibility for the participant.

New Items by e-Mail

1. Speed bumps in Townsend road, corner Angela.
Request to increase the height of the speed bump before the stop, going down the road. Request for a speed bump placed before the stop sign going up the hill.
2. Hotel in Townsend
Concerns raised about the hotel going up in Townsend Road # 29-31 and a claim that protocol has not been followed. Concerns include parking and neighbourhood property values.

3. SAPS Signage.
Insufficient signage for directions to SAPS on the roads and highway exits. Apparently this has been recognised as an issue at provincial level.
4. Illegal Buildings
Questions raised about the action regarding illegal buildings in the area and the town planning involvement. No specific examples provided.
5. Booming of Areas
Query on why certain areas in Klopperpark are not being boomed off, similar to Harmelia. Point was made that this is done by the street residents, not by the authorities.
6. Klopper Park Primary School.
Concerns raised regarding the school, including a claim that 90% of the learners come from other areas, that the taxis transporting the learners aren't roadworthy, that these taxis "hang around" the area for the day, and that the school be closed down and moved into another area.
7. Klopper Park Liquor store.
Additional complaint about the bottle store and the lawlessness surrounding the shopping centre.

NEW ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE MEETING

8. Beggars with children.
Authorities requested to come up methods to deal with beggars with children.
9. Sectors and Sector Vehicles
Request for a clear definition of sectors, and which sectors vehicles respond to which areas.
10. Zimbabwean Embassy
Concerns raised about the Illegal parking outside Zimbabwean Embassy
11. Meadowdale Laptop theft
Laptops were stolen from a car in Meadowdale. Meadowdale refused to show footage. What to do? How to take this issue further?

Final

There being no further issues, the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m. Next meeting to be on the 2nd of March, at 18h00.