



NORTHPINE CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (NCID) –  
REPORT TO THE 3RD MEMBERS MEETING

2020

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## INTRODUCTION

Dear residents, today mark our 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM (Annual General Meeting) of the NCID (Northpine City Improvement District). It took us as a community years to get the ball rolling on what we have created and building on to leave a legacy for generations to come.

There were no guarantees that we would be where we are today, nor any guarantees that the NCID would have even been in existence. Lots of time, money and effort has and still is been put into our mission - the betterment of our community and its people. We have been through many changes and challenges - and we want to ensure you that no matter how difficult the road may be, as board members, we are committed to continue with your help and support to ensure that Northpine would ultimately become the area of choice.

We may not be able to satisfy everybody all the time and have all the answers but know that we only have Northpine and its surroundings' best interest at heart. As you may have seen that we are constantly trying to improve on the "Top-up Service", the service we are responsible for; in terms of extra cleaning, beautifying, street and open spaces lighting and on top of these items is security. We will continue to strive to improve on these services to the best of our ability in collaboration with our vendors.

This has added to the increase in property value as we have observed that sellers in Northpine are getting a good return on their investment and buyers alike a good deal. The average house price in Northpine for a stock standard house (3BR, 1BR & TL and 1GR) has increased to R1,3M.

I therefore urge you, that we remain united and work together for the common good of all the residents. Let's all ask ourselves: "What can I do to improve my community?", and you will see the magic happen. If you feel you'd like to be more involved with the NCID, our doors are always open.

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As we continue to be in the pandemic, I hope that you still practicing the Covid-19 safety practices and keeping safe. We are aware from reports that some of our residents have contracted the disease and we hope that you have recovered well.

Also, to those who have lost love ones during this time, our sincere condolences and you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your continued support in building a community where families can live and prosper.

God bless you all.

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## Finances

The board was able to maintain the financial discipline during the financial year 2019 - 2020 in executing of the budget.

A note of concern. Our arrears rates are steadily climbing which will pose a financial loss to us in the future if residents don't honor this commitment. Current arrears total as at the end of July 2020 - R707 396.73. Further details of our spent will be reported in the other portfolios. We therefore encourage residents to please pay arrears amount to avoid penalties.

Employee Related	R 257 730.00 = 10%
Public Safety	R 162 0221.00 = 67%
Cleansing	R 216 000.00 = 9%
Accounting fees Auditors fees	R 39 000.00 = 2%
Insurance	R 26 400.00 = 1%
Bad Debt	R 74 049.00 = 3%
	<b><u>R 223 3400.00</u> = 90%</b>

Balance R 19 574.00 (10% left over to spend)



## Safety & Security

As mentioned in previous Annual General Meetings that the task at hand is complex and therefore requires everyone's involvement, we cannot do this alone. We have had many successful arrests and have removed loiters and vehicles parking in secluded areas removed from the area, this to ensure the safety of the residents. We thank all residents that continue to report incidents and any suspicious activity seen and urge all to communicate the control room number to each other as some may not have it. We ask residents to please open up a case if suspects are known so that we can curb the amount of incidents that occur as we are approaching the festive season.

There has been an increase of vehicle vandalism and break-ins and continue to urge residents to please ensure that the vehicle and property are installed with alarms, please note that as further discussed at our Annual General Meeting 2019 and our Public General Meeting held at Northpine Primary 2020 that our Public Safety Officers are responsible for the public and cannot by any means enter your property should an incident occur which happens inside the premises. We added extra spotlights at certain hotspots for a clearer view during night times.

During the school holidays we have seen an increase of children in the parks and urge parents to keep a hand on the youth as many a times they are caught not just playing in the park, our control room operator and public safety officers either escort the youth home or they are brought to the control room where parents are contacted. Most of the time the youth provide incorrect contact numbers for their parents or incorrect addresses. We do so in order that we can keep our youth safe.

We will be receiving two students from Chrysalis Academy (Department of community and safety) as mentioned in our Annual General Meeting in 2018. The two male students will be with the NCID for one year from Monday to Friday only to assist us during their internship.

To inform residents that are attending our AGM for the first time, below is the area in which each Public Safety Officer patrols:

- Area divided in 4 patrolling areas namely
- Sector 1 Wolwefontein area = 4,2 km's

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- Sector 2 Shell garage area = 5.8 km's
- Sector 3 Ok mini market area = 4.9 km's
- Sector 4 Mr. Katz shop area = 6.8 km's
- The km's above are the area covered every hour either on foot, Segway or Bicycle per officer.
- General patrols during day and Bloodhound patrols from 19h00 until 04h30 on nightshift.

We continue to thank all our Public Safety Officers for their dedication and commitment towards the NCID. To re-iterate we have four public safety officers, one vehicle and one controller per shift. The bloodhound system has since been implemented where public safety officers movements are monitored.

### **Urban Management**

We are pleased to announce that we have beautified the corner of Mataro and Howard Drive adding onto the current areas that that have been beautified (Entrance of Northpine). This project could only commence when Level 2 was announced, COVID-19 has caused a delay in many projects that we were wanting to complete. Unfortunately, our current budget does not allow us to maintain that area due to lack of funds and urge residents to continue paying their rates; having us to maintain that area currently. We would like to beautify more areas in Northpine that are yet to be identified and encourage residents to come forward and donate plants that may not be of use to you.

A big thank you to Amethyst Maintenance our cleaning service provider for last financial year for clearing the streets. We have appointed MES cleaning services for this financial year to clean the area, MES came fully on board by cutting the smaller areas of Northpine at no cost; cleared the weeding and ensuring the streets are clear.

We have had an increase of dumping in the area by Northpine residents who have been identified and have been issued a fine by Solid waste management. We urge residents to please maintain and keep our area clean and to please not dump on our



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open fields. If you see any resident dumping please contact our control room 079 108 8107 as soon as possible and provide a registration number for the vehicle so that fines can be issued.

We are aware of the current traffic issue we face in Northpine and can assure you that your frustrations do not fall on deaf ears, we have made contact with all relevant service providers along with the help of Aldermann Grant Twigg to assist in curbing traffic congestion the taxis and. On 25 August 2020 91 traffic fines were issued and on the 15 September 123 fines were issued we urge residents and contacted Bloewata for taxis to abide by the rules of the road, if we all work together we will have no traffic.

City of Cape Town came on board in assisting by closing Coneside Park with rocks as many made use of the field to by-pass traffic.

Ponderosa Park and Catalan close park have been equipped with Gym Trim, if all surrounding neighbors could ensure that the safety of your children be monitored whilst making use of the equipment and not to leave minors unattended.

### **Social Development**

On the 18 July 2020 at Northpine Primary School a Northpine Parent and Child Intervention Session took place to assist in getting our youngsters off the street. The attendance was good and various role players were involved and assisted in reaching the target of 50 participants still abiding by the regulations of gatherings during COVID.

The Northpine City Improvement was busy with school murals at Northpine Primary, Brooklands Primary and Northpine Technical School, but was stopped due to COVID 19.

Masks were made by our residents that had come forward and was distributed to the 3 schools (Northpine Primary, Brooklands Primary and Northpine Technical High School to stop the spreading of the COVID 19 virus.

Glad to report that during the lockdown period we could come to the aid of those residents in need by providing food parcels. A BIG thank you to residents who contributed to the food parcels financially and food items.



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Our total spent was R14 500 (R3 500.00 donations and R 12876.29 NCID). It was a great experience to see how acts of kindness bring hope to those who needed help at the time of need.

### **Implementation plan**

There have been some delays within our implementation plan due to COVID-19 in a Social aspect by Coordinating Social Development programs and initiatives with City Social Development Department and the hosting of Market Saturdays.

The implementation plan has been made available on our website for perusal and trust this has been viewed should any queries arise.

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## SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

To our residents a BIG Thank you. Without your input we won't be successful.

**Mr Lindsay Schereka**

NCID Chairperson  
15 October 2020

