

NEWS FROM THE JHA BOARD, APRIL 2021

Dear Homeowners,

This is a quick update following the latest Board meeting in April.

Open forum

As you know, a meeting (via Zoom) will take place on Saturday 17 April 2021 to discuss the proposed changes to the Design Manual. If all goes according to plan, this will be followed, at a later date, by a special general meeting where a formal vote will be called for, to approve the Design Manual. At the special general meeting you will also be asked, in a separate motion, to accept the 25-year review of Jakkalsfontein by CNdV Africa.

You are strongly encouraged to read the CNdV report before the Forum meeting. It was distributed in December 2019 and the link was re-sent with the Design Manual proposal.

Finances

I am happy to report that our finances are in good shape for this financial year and that our overall spending is well within the limits set at the AGM. You will be pleased to hear that as a result in an uptick in home sales in the last nine months we have received exit/membership levies to the tune of R254,000.

Arrears

The finance team made a special effort to reduce the number of homeowners with outstanding levy payments. As a result, only two homeowners are currently in material arrears. Legal action against them is being taken.

Retirement

After 26 years at Jakkalsfontein, Meryl Brown has decided to retire in August this year. The Board has already expressed its appreciation to her for such a long service to all homeowners, but we will organise an appropriate function to wish her well in retirement.

New Board director

I am very pleased to announce that Johan van den Berg of 39 Heron has agreed to join the Board for the rest of the 2020/21 term. Johan is a senior council with a legal practice in Pretoria who will bring valuable legal expertise to the Board. I am sure all homeowners will

join me in welcoming him to the Board and expressing our appreciation for his willingness to make himself available for this position.

Website

The Jakkalsfontein website has fallen off our radar in the last ten years (in fact, I am sure it comes as a surprise to some that we even have such a thing). We have asked for a proposal plus budget to upgrade the site, but the Board is not completely convinced of the need for a website. Homeowners are invited to send us their thoughts about an upgraded more functional website via the usual channel (admin@jkf.co.za). In addition, if there are homeowners with sufficient expertise who are interested in re-designing the website, please feel free to send a brief proposal plus budget by 30 April 2021 to the same email address.

Security and safety

The Board is currently working a “long list” of steps we could take to improve security and safety at Jakkalsfontein. As soon as such a list has been completed, and estimates of costs obtained, it will be distributed for discussion.

Status as nature reserve

CapeNature, assisted by SANParks, launched a process of verifying all the declared Private Nature Reserves (PNR) under the Nature Conservation Ordinance, of which Jakkalsfontein is one. The Protected Areas Act came into effect a while back and has prescriptions for PNRs to be compliant with it. We have submitted all the documents required for the process and do not foresee any problems. I attach a brochure from CapeNature that explains the process in full. (CapeNature has completed the biodiversity assessment of Jakkalsfontein PNR last November 2019).

Homeowner initiatives

Two homeowners approached the Board to volunteer their assistance with specific aspects of the Board’s work. The Board thought it wise to formulate a few general principles that would apply to any such offers of assistance. In principle, the Board welcomes the constructive involvement by homeowners, but any such offer should be on the following basic terms:

- That the homeowners do not, and do not give the impression that they represent the JHA or the Board;
- That as a result of their efforts, the homeowners present a fully motivated and costed proposal for consideration by the Board. If appropriate, such a proposal, with or without modification or addition, could be presented to homeowners at the next AGM; and

- Any interaction with existing JHA service providers should be done through management, who are already their point of contact at Jakkalsfontein, to avoid confusion.

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Chair: Board of the JHA