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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AT MUIZENBERG PARK COMMUNITY CONVERSATION 24 March 2014

PROBLEMS

Vagrants sleeping in the Park
Safety and security
Pollution and dirt, including human excrement
Disrespectful and threatening behaviour
Dumping in the river
Cooking fires
Erection of illegal structures
Public drunkenness
Drugs, prostitution and other crime
Stashing stolen goods
Gang tags and graffiti
Damage to flora and fauna
Break-ins to cars parked locally
Trespassing on private property
The Park is under-utilised for legal activities
There is inadequate control by City Parks and Law Enforcement
Maintenance gardening is not done

Many of these problems stem from the basic issue that there is no sustainable management plan for the Park with clear responsibilities.

DREAMS & VISIONS

Night time bowls

A band-stand type facility with perhaps monthly concerts e.g. Kalk Bay/Kirstenbosch

Park Events

Our own Christmas market

Positive solution for vagrants, including drug rehabilitation

Space to walk dogs

Some semi-commercial features? E.g. tea room

Sculpture park

Boot camp, run/walk for life, etc

Policed to avoid vandalism and theft

Outdoor gym and/or children's climbing playground

A clean park

Amenities such as toilets

A place that young families can use, e.g. Green Point

A skateboard facility

A safe, active community space

A picture venue for weddings, etc, perhaps with an outdoor chapel

A safe gathering and play space for children

Some flat space for ball games

A walking path or paths, possibly shared with skateboarders

A well-managed clean and safe Park with recreational facilities and a protected conservation area.

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SOME ACTION STEPS

Involve the “problem people” in finding a resolution
Lessen the lawn area and change planting
Rehabilitate the stream and the wetland
Hold Council accountable
Start a fund raising initiative
Sponsored events
Commission a professional design for the park
Start a Friends-of-the-Park group e.g. Rondevlei, De Waal Park

Develop a coherent and effective management structure with clearly defined roles for various City departments, local NGOs and community organisations, etc. - a real City Community Partnership.

OUTCOME

Ten people volunteered to get together to work towards the establishment of a Friends-of-the-Park group and to develop a workable Park management system.