

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between:

CITY OF CAPE TOWN

and

THE PRINCESS VLEI FORUM

THE PARTIES

The parties to this Agreement are:

- The CITY OF CAPE TOWN, (hereinafter referred to as "The City") and represented by Ms
 Lokiwe Mtwazi in her capacity as the Executive Director: Community Services, duly
 authorised hereto.
- The PRINCESS VLEI FORUM, (hereinafter referred to as "The Forum") a voluntary, non-profit
 and non-political association of interested and affected members of the community, herein
 represented by Mr Philip Bam in his capacity as Chairperson, who warrants his authority to
 enter into this agreement.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Greater Princess Vlei Conservation Area (hereinafter referred to as "GPVCA") is a declared Biodiversity Agreement Site in terms of the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board Act (No. 15 of 1998) and is managed by the City's Parks Directorate.

Various community groups and individuals have been involved with Princess Vlei since 2009 especially with the "Dressing the Princess" project which evolved into the establishment of the Princess Vlei Forum. Although originally established primarily to oppose the building of a



shopping mall on the site this organisation is now committed to the effective management of the conservation area as a whole.

The GPVCA is managed in accordance with an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Annual Plan of Operations (APO). One of the objectives of the EMP is to facilitate stakeholder engagement by developing and maintaining mutually beneficial partnerships with communities and interest groups.

The aim of this Agreement is to state the terms that will govern the relationship and interaction between the Parties related to the GPVCA.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 The City:

- Will be responsible for all the day to day management and control within the GPVCA in line with the EMP and APO and subject to availability of resources. 3.1.1
- Will ensure that a designated City representative is allocated who will be responsible 3.1.2 for the management of the GPVCA.
- Will recognise The Forum as the legitimate community role player in the 3.1.3 management of the GPVCA.
- Will ensure that all activities are conducted in compliance with relevant legislation, 3.1.4 policies, rules and regulations.
- Will ensure that quality services are provided to users and stakeholders at all times. 3.1.5
- Will be responsible to identify, propose, plan, coordinate and implement capital and operational projects within the GPVCA in line with approved budgets and plans. 3.1.6
- Will consult with The Forum regarding all projects, plans, budgets, etc. related to the 3.1.7
- Will provide material, technical and organisational support and assistance to The Forum in the execution of The Forum's roles and responsibilities related to the 3.1.8 GPVCA subject to availability of resources and in line with the EMP and APO.
- 3.1.9 Will attend all relevant meetings including the AGM.
- 3.1.10 Will be obliged to monitor any funding received for the GPVCA in terms of any
- 3.1.11 Authorises the Forum to use and benefit from funding opportunities arising from the use of facilities at GPVCA to contribute to the improvement and management of the GPVCA, in consultation with and as approved by City Parks.

3.2 The Forum:

- Will support The City in the management of the GPVCA.
- 3.2.2 Will recognise The City as landowner and managing authority of the GPVCA.
- Will be involved in the development and implementation of plans, projects and 3.2.3 \$ pp 25 initiatives.

- 3.2.4 Will undertake work within the GPVCA which is in line with the EMP and APO and approved by The City.
- 3.2.5 Will assist The City with public participation processes.
- 3.2.6 Will build awareness and promote the GPVCA through education, events and media
- 3.2.7 Will submit monthly reports of all funding received for the improvement and maintenance of the GPVCA and inform the City of the manner in which the money is or was utilised.
- 3.2.8 Will allow the City reasonable access to the financial report of the Forum upon written request. Such request should not be unreasonably withheld.
- 3.2.9 Will not use the City's name, emblem or letterhead without prior consent from The City.
- 3.2.10 Hereby indemnifies the City against injuries, damages or loss incurred by any person, business or organisation as a result of work undertaken by The Forum within the GPVCA.
- 3.2.11 Will adhere to the City's Events By-law in respect of all events organised by the Forum which fall within the ambit of this by-law, including the requirement for public liability insurance, if applicable.
- 3.2.12 Will direct all correspondence, requests, complaints, etc. through the designated City representative for the GPVCA.
- 3.2.13 Will be responsible for the Forum's administration, finances and resources.

3.3 Both Parties

- 3.3.1 In the implementation of this agreement the parties undertake to observe the utmost good faith and they warrant in their dealings with each other that they shall neither do anything and shall refrain from doing anything which might prejudice or detract from the rights, assets or interests of the other or from the intention or spirit of this agreement.
- 3.3.2 The parties undertake to conduct themselves in a transparent, non-confrontational, considerate and cooperative spirit when interacting with each other or any other party.
- 3.3.3 The parties shall meet informally whenever the need arises but formally at least once every 3 months to attend to GPVCA matters.

3.4 Other Role Players

Although City Parks is the managing line department for the GPVCA a number of other City line departments are responsible for specific services within the conservation area. See Annexure 1 for a table listing those departments and their roles and responsibilities.

4. MEDIA STATEMENTS

4.1 The parties agree that no statements will be released to the media regarding issues pertaining to the governance of Princess VIei unless agreed to in writing by both the parties. Agreement by the City must be issued by the office of the Mayoral

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Committee Member: Special Projects, or such other Mayoral Committee Cember as may be tasked with oversight of Princess Vlei matters. Should either party seek the agreement of the other with regard to an intended media release in the category described, such agreement must be issued timeously and should not be unreasonably withheld.

4.2 It shall not be necessary for the Forum to obtain mutual agreement in respect of statements released by it which do not pertain to governance issues and have no bearing on the role of the City as local authority in relation to Princess Viei.

5. TERM AND TERMINATION

This agreement shall come into effect upon signature by both parties and shall continue to be in force and effect until terminated by either party by written notice. The notice period shall not be less than three (3) months and not be more than twelve (12) months. The agreement is subject to review by the City every 24 months and renewal by mutual decision of the parties.

6. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- 6.1 Should any dispute, disagreement or claim arise between the Parties (referred hereinafter to as "the dispute") concerning this agreement, the Parties shall first endeavour to resolve the dispute by negotiation which negotiation shall be conducted by a representative(s) of each Party.
- 6.2 Should such dispute not be resolved within one month of the dispute being declared, or such or within such extended period as may be agreed by the Parties, it shall be resolved by mediation in accordance with the rules of the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa (AFSA) by a mediator appointed by AFSA.
- 6.3 Should the dispute not be resolved by mediation within one month of the referral of the dispute to AFSA, or within such extended period as may be agreed by the parties, it shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the rules of AFSA by an arbitrator appointed by AFSA.
- **6.4** Unless otherwise agreed in writing by all the parties, any such negotiation, mediation or arbitration shall be held in Cape Town.

6.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of the clauses above any party may seek urgent relief from a competent court.

7. NOTICES AND DOMICILIUM

The Parties choose as their domicilium citandi et executandi for all purposes under this agreement, whether in respect of court process, notices or other documents or communications of whatsoever nature (including the exercising of any option) the following addresses:

The City:

Ms Luyanda Mjuleni Supervisor of the Heathfield Depot City Parks Dalbour Road Heathfield

Tel: 021-705 3762 Mobile: 079 266 3607

E-mail: luyanda.mjuleni@capetown.gov.za

The Forum:

The Chairperson (Mr Philip Bam) Princess Vlei Forum

Tel: Mobile:

E-mail:

Any notice or communication required or permitted to be given in terms of this agreement shall be valid and effective only if in writing but it shall be considered competent if given by e-mail.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained a written notice or communication actually received by a Party shall be an adequate written notice or communication to it notwithstanding that it was not sent to or delivered at its chosen domicilium citandi et executandi.

8. CESSION AND ASSIGNMENT

No Party shall cede or assign its rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent may not be withheld unnecessarily. Any cession or assignment agreed to by a Party will not relieve the other Party of any obligations with respect to any covenant, condition or obligation required to be performed by that Party under this agreement.

9. WAIVER

The failure of either Party to insist upon the strict performance of any provision of this agreement or to exercise any right, power or remedy consequent upon a breach hereof shall not constitute a waiver by such Party to require strict and punctual compliance with each and every provision of this agreement or stop such Party to exercise its rights in terms of this agreement.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information and data generated through this partnership is to be handled with care and not to be distributed without prior agreement by both Parties.

11. COSTS

Each party shall bear its own legal costs of and incidental to the drafting, negotiation and finalisation and completion of this agreement.

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For and on behalf of:

City of Cape Town

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SIGNED AT CAPE TOWN (PRINCES KLOTTHIS 9/16 DAY OF DECEMBER 2015

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For and on behalf of:

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The Princess Vlei Forum

Mr Milip Bam being duly authorised

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SIGNED AT Cape Tenson ON THIS 9th DAY OF December 2019

AS WITNESS:

For and on behalf of:

City of Cape Town

Belinda Walker

Alderman Belinda Walker

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