

MINUTES

CLIENT : Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site (MA)
PROJECT : CRADLE OF HUMANKIND MTB TRAIL
PROJECT No : J31265
PURPOSE : Public Meeting – Stakeholders
PLACE : Walter Sisulu Botanical Garden
DATE & TIME : 25 July 2012 18:00 – 20:00
MINUTE TAKER : Alecia Barnard

Attendees at the meeting are required to take their own notes and act on these rather than await the arrival of the minutes. The minutes serve as a record of discussion at the meeting.

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1.	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	SP
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3.	OUTLINE OF PROGRAM	SP
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6.	STUDY METHODOLOGY	HP

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7.	COHWHS CORE TRAIL PRINCIPLES	LdB
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8.	STATUS QUO	LdB
9.	GENERAL TRAIL FEATURES PREFERENCES	LdB
10.	TRAIL FEATURES RANKING	LdB
11.	ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW	SP
12.	PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND IDEAS	LdB
13.	PROPOSED ROUTES – REQUEST INPUTS FROM THE COMMUNITY	LdB
14.	WAY FORWARD	LdB

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

ENTRY	WHO	INTEREST	QUESTION / COMMENT	FEEDBACK / RESPONSE
1	Shelby Anderson	Dolomite Rd Residence Association	Timeframe on the project?	HP - end of October (conclusion of feasibility). Implementation cannot begin before April next year (2013)
2	Wayne Anderson		Would private property owners need to do studies etc. needed on their own cost if willing to have trail constructed on their property	<p>SP - yes. Would be the responsible thing to do.</p> <p>HP - make sure that people to comply with measures provided. Not needed for a full EIA. Create a system with good clear guidance on the quality that we're dealing with. There's an opportunity to improve the standard. Trails currently in the CoH are lacking quality and compliance with standards and are badly planned. Want to engage with people that are keen and tell us what it is that they want.</p> <p>SP - sometimes it's not always required to have a full assessment done. Just need to consult with authorities and get an idea of what is needed.</p>
3	Garth Mes		Cyclist is not a vehicle?	HP – according to his knowledge, cyclists are indeed classified as vehicles. Mr. Mes to provide the MA with a letter from traffic dept., look at it and deal with the management of this issue.

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4	Wayne Anderson	Dolomite Rd Residence Association	Cyclists and owners have got a quarrel going on for ages. Even though he likes them all, they need to stay in their lane. That irritates the landowners extremely.	HP - Design challenge. It is foreseen that there are sections on the actual road reserve to keep the bikers off of the road itself. Will implement certain measures to guide them off of the road quickly. Want to, as far as possible, prevent interaction between cars and cyclists.
5	Garth Mes		What is the benefit? There are schools to be built? People without electricity? Cyclists don't appreciate it. Some people don't come to the Cradle due to the cyclist's nuisance.	HP – this is only a feasibility study. Nothing is definite. The aim is to create an activity that everyone can enjoy, families go out mountain biking and cycling for the day as a form of healthy entertainment and enjoyment.
6	Suzan van Aswegen	Avianto, Property Manager	Have to get a private section involved. Cycling next to the road is not interesting, cyclists and bikers will then go off the trail. Need to get private property owners involved (those willing) and develop nice and interesting trails. This will be part of the success - getting involved with the residents.	SP - would like to get more involved with the private property owners to put their inputs and comments in the final draft of the project planning for implementations
7			<u>Suggestion:</u> Have a register that they can sign in and sign out. If not sign out will send out a search party and maybe make them pay a R10 or so and then end up contributing the funds to charity, reconstructing the trail.	Noted for future consideration

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8	Willem	Leeuwenkloof, Owner & Trustee	Are the trails actually what the Mountain bikers want?	Have received very positive feedback from the mountain bike enthusiasts through the survey conducted. Will work to make the trails as interesting and exciting as possible for both the experienced and inexperienced rider.
9			Safety? Education to all users, not only the mountain bikers. It is dangerous if motorbikes and quad bikes also go onto the trails. You won't be able to police this issue.	SP – MBT survey have shown positivity towards the project. There are other avenues available for those who wants more technical trails
10	Shelby Anderson		What is the benefit to the land and owners - are people going to pay for riding these trails	SP - need to constantly police the trails and the management thereof.
11	Garth mes		What facilities are available for bikers and cyclers? Currently there is a huge problem with road cyclists on the road. Causes a lot of frustration between the land owners and the cyclists on the road itself.	There will be reserved lanes for the cyclists next to the road, but the aim is to have the least amount of interaction between the cyclists and the motorists. The reserved lanes will have to be maintained regularly in order to prevent cyclists from going onto the road and reserved for cars and cause frustration.
12	Tony Rubin	Maropeng	Cyclists have caused such a nuisance because the cycle lanes are not maintained. That is why it causes such anger between the landowners and cyclists. In order for this to work, lanes need to be maintained. The idea is great.	Noted.

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13			Have forums – will be able to provide support.	Noted for future consideration
14	Tony Rubin		Forwarded the letter he received to 25 property owners. Still no one of them are here today? You can't force people to come if they are not interested.	Noted
15			Venue? Why so far away from the COH WHS?	HP – Not feasible / budget constraints / been accused in the past of supporting certain groups of people / businesses. That is why we chose a central venue near the COH WHS. Will never be able make everyone happy.
16	Chris Meyer	Owner	Get the feeling that there are a lot of landowners that are not even aware of this project? Need to implement different consultation approach to reach more stakeholders	SP - bear in mind that we are only presenting our findings and ideas to you. All issues should be taken forward and issues related to property owners must be dealt with in a separate platform. This is out of the scope of our appointment. This is the 2nd phase of our distribution.
17	Chris Meyer		If we call it consultation, it should be consultation. Does not feel that is only consultation. I heard about this meeting by accident. Have been involved with numerous meetings before. Came here unprepared. Most neighbours not aware of this meeting. Don't want to speak on their behalf. Something in this nature should be discussed in more detail.	HP - people who are well known in the area should really make the effort in spreading the word. Public participation will never be enough in people's eyes.

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18	Shelby Anderson		Safety - whole area is a wild life area - baboons that have attacked people, leopard and hippos crossing the road?	Noted, but everyone knows the risk at hand. If you choose to go cycling in the COH, it's at your own risk.
19	Shelby Anderson		Why do you want to put a bike trail in a sensitive area like that? Shouldn't it be something more cultural? Keeping it natural. Animals get killed. Who is this actually benefitting? Not benefitting the environment.	SP - not going into the protected area. Not looking into breaking into virgin territory. Keeping along the road reserve. Animals crossing the roads, people are aware of the risks before they start using the trails.

The meeting was held in an orderly and well managed manner and the participation by stakeholders is much appreciated. It was confirmed that a further meeting will be held with land owners who requested a separate meeting at a venue and date of their choice as they believe that they were not informed in time of this meeting.