

LINBRO PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(An association not for gain incorporated under Section 21 of the Companies Act) – Reg.96/13206/08
Representing Property Owners of Linbro Park and Modderfontein Agricultural Holdings
P.O. Box 400, Linbro Park 2065 Registered Office 113 Hilton Road, Linbro Park

11th April 2007

Alexandra Renewal Project
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ATTENTION: MR NEELS LETTER

Dear Sir,

Review of SDF for 2007/2008 : Sub area 6 of Region 7: Community of Linbro Park & Modderfontein AH.

A special Linbro Park Community Meeting was convened on 28th March at the Tennis Club Hall to address the Linbro Park Spatial Development Framework as first presented by the ARP and City of Johannesburg to this community on 15 March 2007.

The participating community members agreed to form a task team, who were given the mandate to formulate a letter of response to the ARP and to initiate a process of community consultation. This process will also promote the urgent development of a precinct plan that reflects the diverse interests of Linbro Park Community stakeholders and which obtains the democratically sound approval of the majority of the community. All members of the Linbro Park Community were asked to participate in this process.

We wish to place the following on record:

1. That community representatives were assured in writing as follows by the Head of the Gauteng Department of Housing:

“As regards the possible extension of Alexandra I have to inform you that the relevant information is at present being accumulated and will be considered and verified as soon as circumstances permit. Any steps that might be taken by the Department in this regard will be in full compliance with existing legislation, the common law and applicable directives and policies, WHICH WILL INCLUDE CONSULTATIONS WITH AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.”
Clearly this undertaking has not been followed through.

2. The deadline of 30th April set for submission of responses to the ARP's proposed LPSPDF is unrealistic, impractical and effectively AGAIN rules out Linbro Park community participation.
3. There has been a lack of transparency and fair administrative action in that:

- Justified concerns formally raised by community members as early as December 2005 have not been addressed despite undertakings by the ARP and other authorities to do so and to conduct its affairs transparently and with community involvement.
 - Members of this community are aware that the City of Johannesburg had already requested clarity from the ARP in November 2005 as to the reason that no public participation had occurred with the Linbro Park community prior to public media pronouncements in October 2005 that Linbro Park would be used for "in-fill" housing for ARP. Thus far no explanation or apology has been forthcoming to this community.
 - The ARP proposed Spatial Development Framework for Linbro Park cannot be understood independently due to inadequate documentation and explanation of diagrams and designs. The community's objections to the unacceptable manner in which the proposal was first revealed to the community by ARP and Johannesburg on 15th March 2007 are on record and we hereby request an opportunity that you present this proposal to a closed meeting of our community in a less inflammatory atmosphere which will be more conducive to cooperation and transparency.
 - Budgetary figures underpinning the proposed development have not been made available for consideration. We would need to have access to the budgets you have available and you would need to outline the size of the budget you have immediately available.
4. In view of the fact that this has not been a participatory process the ARP's plans can not be entertained by the City of Johannesburg for the 2007/2008 SDF for the Linbro Park area. We will make similar comments in the IDP process.
 5. There is a designated process controlled by a municipal ordinance that dictates the process the SDF will follow. ARP has not followed this process and hence your dates and time lines are irrelevant and will not be entertained.

However there is interest in participation. **The Linbro Community is the major stakeholder in this area and no democratically sound planning can be done without its informed involvement and majority buy-in.** We wish to ensure that there is no planning uncertainty in the area and we have a right to contribute towards the meaningful and successful development of our own community.

ARP and Johannesburg have thus far excluded Linbro Park community participation in the process of designing the LPSDF, yet have deemed it fit to create significant expectations amongst the Alexandra community and among the broader public prior to any consultation with the former affected community.

Accordingly we await your urgent formal confirmation by no later than 12h00 on 20th April 2007, that ARP and the City of Johannesburg

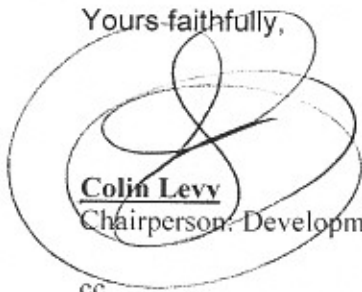
- will recommence this process from the start
- will henceforth proceed in a manner which fully involves and informs the Linbro Park community

- will actively seek to procure the Linbro Park community's cooperation and majority buy-in in a manner which engenders a win-win situation for all stakeholders.

We expect the ARP also to undertake not to submit any LPSDF to the City of Johannesburg for consideration unless or until it has achieved an 80% buy-in of this community as required by the City of Johannesburg when we made our submissions last year. Furthermore, no further public pronouncements regarding the use of Linbro Park for ARP housing ought to be made until the affected community has been thoroughly and properly consulted.

The community ought not be placed in a position in which it has no choice but to resort to expensive and time consuming litigation merely in order to obtain information and to be fully involved with the process in developing its own future. The municipal and provincial government structures are responsible to ensure that this matter is treated with due respect and sensitivity in this challenging and complex situation.

Yours faithfully,



Colin Levy
Chairperson: Development Task Team

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- ❖ Director: Planning & Facilitation: City of Johannesburg (Attn: Mr. Herman Pienaar)
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Dear Sir,

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The Linbro Park SDF was turned down and (it is claimed) not evaluated because of some fundamental flaws in the process of its derivation.

We bring to your attention that the SDF as developed and proposed by the ARP has the same flaws and worse as major stakeholders, we were not consulted at all.

In view of this contempt we would trust that this attempt at a SDF will be treated in the same manner and rejected in a similar manner.

Due process needs to be followed, which did not take place with the ARP submission.

Kindly advise as to the time frames still on hand for submissions for the 2007/2008 year

Yours sincerely,



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