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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

It gives me great pleasure to launch this first e-newsletter the SACPLAN Bulletin. The objective of this newsletter is not only to develop strong linkages, but to also be one of the many ways for SACPLAN to communicate with Registered persons, Voluntary Bodies and other industry partners. The SACPLAN Bulletin is further there for Registered persons to share with each other experiences, projects, research, etc. It will be through the celebrations of our achievements that we will be able to build the profession to be the sought after profession it is.

My vision is that this newsletter will be able to serve as a planning resource in the long run. I am sure that with your participation all registered persons will benefit from this newsletter. ●

DID YOU KNOW

THERE ARE 11 PLANNING SCHOOLS OFFERING URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING QUALIFICATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Editorial

SACPLAN & LGSETA COLLABORATES TO PROVIDE BURSARIES

LGSETA has been mandated by law to assess the availability of skills within the Local Government Sector and to provide ways and means of correcting any shortages. LGSETA has then identified a scarcity of town / urban and regional planners within the employ of Local Government. In a process to address this scarcity LGSETA has made bursaries available through SACPLAN to learners registered within accredited town / urban and regional planning programmes.

SACPLAN's mandate is inter alia to promote the development of the planning profession. One of its prime objectives is to develop and support the growth and development of students and its staff in order to enhance the education and the well being of the study environment.

SACPLAN has, with the funding from LGSETA, managed to provide 55 Bursaries to Planning students (Town / Urban and Regional Planning) at accredited Planning Schools throughout South Africa to the value of R780 000.00. ●

SACPLAN Motto

Reinvent Planning, Changing Lives

Klipriviersberg Conservancy Development Integration Team established to guide sustainable development



By Andrew Barker

A principle objective of the Klipriviersberg Conservancy is to protect, promote and enhance the natural assets of the Klip River, Klipriviersberg ridges and associated grasslands. This is to be achieved by encouraging landowners and developers to be environmentally aware and to embrace the practice and principles of sustainable development. The Klipriviersberg Conservancy is being proactive by endeavouring to establish mutually beneficial relationship with property developers.

The southern suburbs of Johannesburg have, to a large degree, been regarded as the “Cinderellas” of the city. Whilst the northern, western and eastern areas of Joburg have been developed to such an extent that, in many instances roads and other services are fast becoming unable to bear the population and development loads. It is only relatively recently that intense interest has become focused on the southern areas.

Whilst the need to bring development into the area of the Klipriviersberg Conservancy with its resultant employment and area-enrichment opportunities is undeniably necessary, this can, and must be, handled in a formal, responsible, carefully considered and environmentally-friendly manner.

In September 2010, the Conservancy held a very successful public meeting

at which the issues and concerns regarding urban development in the southern areas of Johannesburg were discussed. Arising from that meeting and in response to requirements of the community a Development Integration Team (DIT) has been established as a sub-committee of the Conservancy.

It is essential that this sub-committee be provided with a clear mandate regarding its role in the management, control and integration of development so that the natural assets in the area are protected, promoted and enhanced by sustainable urban growth and development. Where possible the Conservancy will work with developers to realise development that is appropriate and fits into the area. Environmental issues are gaining momentum within the community and government and through proactive participation and involvement the Conservancy aims to make a positive contribution in the decision-making of the environmental and planning processes regarding development.

To guide and focus the DIT, a Terms of Reference document has been drafted and is available for members of the public to review and to provide comments or suggestions before 31 March 2011. The draft Terms of Reference may be viewed at the Klipriviersberg Conservancy website: www.klipcon.org.za. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to

Andrew Barker, who is the Chairman of the Klipriviersberg Conservancy, at the email address:

chairman@klipcon.org.za.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING THE KLIPRIVIERSBERG CONSERVANCY

The Conservancy is located in the southern areas of Johannesburg and is approximately 150 square kilometres in extent. It lies between the N12 highway to the north (the Southern Bypass), the R59 highway to the east (the Vereeniging Highway), the R550 and R554 south of the Klipriver and the N1 highway to the west (Vanderbijlpark Highway). It covers rural areas of land much of which is pristine, unspoiled and environmentally untransformed, as well as residential, business and other developed urban areas. The 680-hectare Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve, the largest proclaimed nature reserve in Johannesburg, lies at the centre of the area.

The area has considerable tourism, re-creational, cultural, educational and developmental potential, but needs proper and careful environmental management and protection from untoward and inappropriate development.

The Klipriviersberg Conservancy, was launched in April 2010, is one of the most challenging and important projects to be initiated in the

southern suburbs of Johannesburg for many years. Not only is it the sheer size of the area covered by the Conservancy that determines its significance but also the rich, largely unspoilt diversity of the terrain of ridges, grasslands, wetlands and rivers included in its boundaries. Basically, the Conservancy is a group of concerned individuals who, on a voluntary basis, undertake to safeguard and protect the integrity and well-being of this designated area of diverse rural and urban environments.

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Chairperson SACPLAN

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She is a Member of the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN), appointed as Deputy Chairperson in October 2008 and subsequently appointed Chairperson in 2010.

Ms Ndonga is an appointee in terms of Section 4(1)(b) (Provincial government) of the PPA. •

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Ms Ndonga holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from the University of Cape Town, a Bachelor of Social Science (Hons) and a Bachelor of Social Science from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She is currently studying towards a Masters in Public Management & Development at the University of Witwatersrand.

Ms Ndonga is employed as Chief Director Community Liaison at the Department of Safety and Security, Mpumalanga Provincial Government. Her major areas of involvement include providing management support with regard to strategic decision making and corporate management, to coordinate the implementation of the Social Crime Prevention and Community Policing Programmes, and to develop strategies and concepts for crime prevention to name but a few. She was responsible to Coordinate the development of the Integrated 2010 Safety and Security Plan for the Fifa World Cup – Mpumalanga.

Her previous employment was as Manager: Integrated Development

CALL FOR ARTICLES

SACPLAN Bulletin urge all registered persons to contribute to this newsletter and share interesting news, dates, facts, happenings, projects, etc. regarding planning and development issues.

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