



SANDTON

HUDDLE PARK MEETING 3rd of January 2025

VENUE: Huddle Park Gold Club

TIME: 10h13

In Attendance

- Godfrey Mnguni - **GM**
- Warren Siziba - **WZ**
- Kirsty Smith - **KS**
- Gavin Bates - **GB**
- Tracey Kukard – **TK**
- Gordon Brews – **GBr**
- Bongani Nkomo - **BN**

Agenda

1. Noisy/Loud Events held at the Huddle Park
2. Last Music Festival Headlined by "Kaytranada"
3. Sandton SPCA not included in the JOC

Meeting end >>>> 11h00

1. Noisy/Loud Events held at the Huddle Park
 - **BN** – opened the meeting and explained the meeting agenda
 - **GM** – Wanted to find out if organizing events at the Park is coordinated
 - **GBr** – Explained that everyone listed in the City of Johannesburg's JOC (Johannesburg Operations Committee) is consulted that includes, JMPD, local SAPS, EMS, EHD, an independent sound engineering company, etc. to put an end to this magnitude. All stakeholders are being called onboard to help with organizing events. He stated that he was just not aware that the SPCA must be included in these meetings.
 - **BN** – Added that the JOC does not have SPCA listed as stakeholder when convening these meetings.
 - **GM** – asked how the positioning of the main stage, main event are being coordinated
 - **GBr** – stated that the positioning of the main stage, main event would depend on the number of participants to the event.

2. Last Music Festival Headlined by "Kaytranada"

- **GM** – informed that there were several complaints to the Sandton SPCA about organizers having no respect (no regard) towards the animals kept. When he went out to investigate the main stage was about 200 m to the animal holdings. When he reached out to one of the staff members at the Club Street Kennels and Cattery, a gentleman who answered the phone said they have no issues with the dogs reacting unusually to the loud music. The Ravenswood Stable owner, Mrs. Bianca Sigurdsson, on the other hand stated that they had to put the horses on calming medication and have an equine vet on standby during the festival.
- **GBr** – mentioned that they also received a few complaints from the nearest houses where they then dispatched a sound engineer to those houses collect the readings to determine whether the noise level was excessive. He stated they also received a few complaints from the nearest houses where they then dispatched sound engineer to those house collect the readings. He said Mrs. Sigurdsson never came to him about this issue and he would have liked her to come to him about this concern so that they can find ways to better the situation. He stated that the noise level reading did not go above 59 dB.
- **GM** – apologized for Mrs. Sigurdsson's absent on her behalf and was under the impression that Mrs. Kirsty Smith would be taking notes for her.
- **GBr** – felt very worried about this concern started pondering over ways to trying to come up with stress relieving ways for the horses during these loud events.

3. Sandton SPCA not included in the JOC

- **BN** – suggested that why don't he invite the Sandton SPCA when they have a sound engineer specializing in noise level readings so that we can get idea of how much noise would be acceptable towards the animals. He mentioned another big event happening in March and he will invite us momentarily.
- **GM** – supported the idea and asked for the report of the previous noise level readings. He advised that the environmental noise impact must in accordance with the SANS 10103:2008

General and Conclusion

- **KS & TK** – expressed having no issues with loud events at the Kennels & Cattery as they always have auto-shuffled music playing thought the day that can be heard around the boarding facility.
- **GBr** – shared a sad story about the Madikwe Elephants that was his biggest highlight as far as animals are concerned.

- In conclusion, the meeting was productive, and the general consensus was reaching pleasant compromise. Future correspondences will be actioned when necessary.

End of the meeting 10h52>>>>>>>>>>