



February 2021 Update

Dear neighbours,

Please find below an update from the SEBCID board on the development of our CID.

Board Meeting

The newly elected Board of SEBCID held its first meeting on 27th January 2021 via Zoom. Two members of the community joined the open session at the start of the meeting to raise issues which included the removal of alien trees along the river corridor, how SEBCID collaborates with HBNW and the recent director election.

The formal business conducted at the meeting included the appointment of Board members to specific roles. These were proposed and seconded as follows:

- **Chair:** Helen Snell
- **Vice-Chair:** Alison Louw
- **Treasurer:** Alison Louw
- **Communications:** Helen Snell
- **Secretary:** Alison Louw
- **Public Safety Portfolio:** Helen Snell, Paul Maguire and Fanie Malan
- **Environmental & Urban Management Portfolio:** Jemimah Birch and Shazelle Kelly
- **Social Responsibility Portfolio:** Shazelle Kelly, Jemimah Birch and Keith Cronwright

The next Board Meeting will be held on 4th March. A reminder that the first 30 minutes of the meeting are open to any member of the community who would like to raise a concern or question. Should you wish to attend, please email emma.sebcid@gmail.com and if possible, provide specifics of the topic you would like to raise so we can ensure it is adequately addressed.

Public Safety

Our camera network currently stands at approx. 75 cameras and the bulk of our mountainside perimeter is now covered. The remaining cameras are to be installed at a few remaining sections bordering the mountain and various locations around the interior. As we have frequently stressed, budget has been set aside for additional cameras if it is deemed

there are gaps which need to be plugged. Similarly, if a particular type of camera is not proving effective in a given location, in the vast majority of cases, it can just be swapped for an alternative, eg replacing a fixed IR camera with a thermal if necessary.

We have faced the challenge of a shortage of wifi dishes which has delayed the roll out, but Deep Blue is confident supply is on the way which should enable us to complete our installation of c100 cameras in the very near future.

As always, thank you to those who have kindly hosted cameras on your properties. If not done so already, please expect Emma to be in touch to sign a brief agreement formalising the arrangement.

To those of you who may have private CCTV cameras on your properties, please familiarise yourself with CCT's policy on private cameras monitoring public spaces. The full document can be accessed [here](#). The most salient points are that private cameras viewing a public space may only do so for legitimate policing efforts which are in the broader community's interest. That footage must only ever be distributed to SAPS or the Metropolitan Police. Please do not share any video footage to WhatsApp groups or distribute it in any other form. Also, lastly, according to the policy, the location of private cameras which survey public spaces should be registered with the Vetting Committee – all details can be found in the Policy Document.

Since SEBCID cameras monitor public spaces and the footage is transmitted and recorded off site, we are obliged to install signage stating that CCTV cameras are in operation. We are currently in the process of designing signage to designate our CID area which will include notification of the CCTV cameras.

We continue to make our regular monthly donation to CCP which equates to cR18 per home currently, and will support HBNW as we did with a recent financial contribution to the cost of the Beach Patrol Project. However, those within our community who are able to also make their own personal contributions will be highly appreciated without doubt.

Environmental & Urban Management

The Aloe Africa two-man team continues to keep our green spaces as clean and tidy as possible. Keep an eye out for them tending to the verges in your area wearing their SEBCID branded bibs. This quarter's focus is going to be the river corridor from Darling Street down to Main Road. You may already have seen a larger workforce in this area removing aliens, cutting back indigenous species and collecting litter.

Other projects likely to be undertaken this quarter include a further clearing of a small section of mountainside above Fountain Drive to provide visibility for an additional two cameras deemed necessary; and the clearing of a small public open space on Hugo Avenue where c15 large pines pose a fire and collapse risk to neighbouring properties. In the case of the latter, there are some indigenous trees which will of course be retained. If necessary, replanting will be considered if necessary.

As we have mentioned before, Scott Estate & Baviaanskloof is scheduled for a riparian alien tree removal programme in March by the City of Cape Town's Invasive Species Department.

This has yet to be 100% confirmed by CCT but we have no reason as yet to expect it not to take place. Should there be an unforeseen delay, a reminder that SEBCID has budget set aside to remove the alien trees in the river corridor which pose the greatest risk either in terms of fire or stability.

A number of maintenance issues are still outstanding in the park, namely broken infrastructure, missing latches to the dog park gates and additional bins – we continue to chase the City of Cape Town to resolve these.

We have also requested a site visit from the Roads Department to discuss a few areas of concern within our boundaries including potential traffic calming on Baviaanskloof Road and improvements to the junction of Marais and Johan Roads. No date has yet been set but if you have any specific road concerns, please email them to info.sebcid@gmail.com.

Social Responsibility Programme

We were delighted to have been able to provide the second of our donations to the Hout Bay Volunteer Emergency Medical Service (HBVEMS) in the form of a Capnograph. HBVEMS is in the process of finalising insurance and training on this specific piece of equipment and it will soon be rolled out and operational; making a difference to patients throughout Hout Bay.

We are now turning our thoughts to scheduling the first course of refresher training for the volunteers who so kindly came forward to be trained in First Aid Level 1. A WhatsApp group is already in place to ensure that, in the event of a medical emergency in our area, all those with the relevant skills are immediately notified. As and when Covid protocols allow, NSRI has very kindly offered to provide free sea-orientated first aid sessions to our volunteers should they be interested.

The SEBCID Board continues to support the amazing work being done by the IY Ukuphila Community Clean Up Team. We will very soon be donating bibs to all 12 founder members and 50 bibs for the volunteers who give of their time each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to clean up IY. The founders will also soon be the recipients of some bespoke t-shirts thanks to the generosity of one of our community. In addition, members of the Board are involved in discussions with representatives of the City of Cape Town with a view to improving waste collection in IY in general, as well as overall sanitary conditions to try and preserve the ecology of the Disa River.

The SEBCID Board had already identified that the make-shift skate ramps in the park needed to be replaced with permanent concrete structures that would be more robust and could not be used to damage other neighbouring infrastructure. With one of the ramps having very recently been deconstructed and repurposed into a treehouse, the need is even greater - the treehouse was dismantled and the pieces removed to the dump.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Kind regards
SEBCID Board