

	STRAND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16 OCTOBER 2024	
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2024 AT FRIEDMAN & COHEN, STRAND AT 10h00		
Present		
Grant Goodwin	(GG)	Chairperson and Director – SBID
Daniel Jacob Malan	(DJM)	Director - SBID
Barry Friedman	(BF)	Director – SBID
Gene Lohrentz	(GL)	MD of Geocentric, SBID Management Company
Cllr Carl Punt	(CP)	Board Observer - Councilor Ward 83
See the attached attendance register for additional attendees:		
1. WELCOME a. The Chairperson welcomed all present to the Annual General Meeting of SBID. b. GG thanked the management company, Councilor and members for attending the meeting.	ALL	
2. QUORUM TO CONSTITUTE A MEETING a. GL noted that no new membership applications were received during the year. b. GL noted that they have not received any apologies for the meeting. c. GL announced that a quorum is present and that the meeting is properly constituted.	ALL	
3. PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES a. The Minutes of the previous AGM were approved by a show of hands.	ALL	
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA a. GL asked the meeting if anyone would like to add anything to the agenda of the meeting. The agenda was approved, and the meeting continued.	ALL	
5. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT a. GL noted that the Chairpersons’ report was included in the documents distributed to all members via email and is also available on the SBID Website.	ALL	
6. OPERATIONAL FEEDBACK 2023/24 a. GL presented feedback on the year’s operations with specific reference to Public Safety, Cleaning, Urban Management, Greening and Social Upliftment. b. Starting with Public Safety, GL presented the meeting with the Public Safety statistics for the year 2023-2024. c. GL presented a few of the public safety actions by Securite and thanked the service provider for their constant hard work. d. GL noted that we have frequent meetings with SAPS and other law enforcement partners. e. GL noted that as a solution to assist the area with nighttime public safety, we've installed our first six AI cameras in the precinct along with the Pan Tilt Zoom camera that we have at the pharmacy. This year we are working with Securite to now introduce a night-time response process to our camera activations, camera feeds	ALL	

Minutes Approved: _____

SBID Chairperson

<p>will be linked directly to the control room, and we also have a nice budget to extend our camera network this year.</p> <p>f. GL said that we don't have the budget for a permanent cleaning team, but we have extended the number of hours with which we have the two people from the homeless shelter in Somerset Place that does our cleaning for us.</p> <p>g. GL highlighted that this cleaning team serviced all the green bins in total 213 times, and the drains in the area were cleaned 154 times.</p> <p>h. GL noted the various urban management activities of the SBID cleaning team.</p>	
<p>7. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24</p> <p>a. The Annual Report was approved by a show of hands.</p>	ALL
<p>8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023/24</p> <p>a. The meeting adopted and approved the AFS of the SBID.</p>	ALL
<p>9. APPROVAL OF THE SBID BUDGET</p> <p>a. Noting of the additional surplus funds utilized in 2023/24 (Approved by the board).</p> <p>b. Approval of additional surplus funds utilisation for 2024/25.</p> <p>i. R40 000 to initiate public litter bin recycling initiative.</p> <p>c. Rollover from the previous financial year: Already approved and noted.</p> <p>i. R20 000 for circle upgrade</p> <p>ii. R65 000 for CCTTV cameras</p> <p>d. Approval of surplus funds utilisation for 2025/26</p> <p>i. Recycling Project R42 800</p> <p>ii. CCTV / LPR Cameras R 25 000</p> <p>e. Approval of the budget for 2025/26</p> <p>i. GL noted that the budget 2025/26 is exactly as per the business plan.</p> <p>f. The members approved the proposed budget and surplus utilization.</p>	ALL
<p>10. APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2025/26</p> <p>a. GL presented the meeting with the implementation plan.</p> <p>b. The members of the meeting approved the proposed implementation plan.</p>	ALL
<p>11. APPOINTMENT AUDITORS AND COMPANY SECRETARY</p> <p>a. GL noted that the current auditors and company secretary duties are fulfilled by Pyper Turner.</p> <p>a. The members approved the reappointment of Pyper Turner.</p>	ALL
<p>12. STAND DOWN & RE-ELECTION OF THE BOARD</p> <p>a. GL noted that there are no nominations for new board members.</p> <p>b. In terms of the rotation of Board Members, Barry Friedman has resigned and made himself available for re-election.</p> <p>b. The meeting re-elected Barry Friedman to the Board.</p>	ALL
<p>13. GENERAL</p> <p>a. Member asked a question: Would it be beneficial to place large bins for plastic bottles in the area?</p> <p>b. GL answered: Yes, there are two primary requirements: There must be a sufficient number of recyclables collected to make it worthwhile for a service provider. The bins need a secure location that won't encourage scavenging. Unmonitored bins may attract people looking to access recyclables for their economic value.</p> <p>c. Member asked a question: The sewer pipes get blocked frequently, and logging the issue with the municipality takes a long time to resolve. Is there a way to speed up this process?</p> <p>d. GL answered: The delay in response is acknowledged as a challenge. However, the main sewer pump line, which is a common source of blockage, is currently</p>	ALL

<p>undergoing an upgrade. This upgrade should help alleviate the frequency of blockages and improve the flow along that line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. The Councilor said: Yes, one of the challenges we face is dealing with very old infrastructure, especially in areas like the CBD. We're starting to upgrade these older systems, including the Trappist line, one of the oldest sewer lines in the city. This line will be realigned and reinforced using a method where an expandable 'sock' with adhesive is blown through the line to strengthen it. This section is a 900 mm pipe, and we're investing R156 million from the City budget to refurbish it. In addition, we're implementing a new sewer line from Gordon's Bay around Broadway Boulevard that will connect to the Trappist line. This project, alongside other works in Gordon's Bay, represents a total investment of about half a billion rand. In the CBD, we also have older sewer lines running towards the bus station, which are part of the Trappist line network. f. Member asked a question: Is there any plan to optimize parking so visitors and shoppers can use the most convenient spots, while employees are encouraged to park farther away? g. GL explained that parking management is a complex issue. While parking restrictions were removed after several years at the request of businesses, this has led to high demand and some congestion as residents without dedicated parking also use these spots. h. GJ said that he liaised with our local traffic officer regarding the matter he has told me from his side what they can do is they can mark off the vehicle and they can always come around for an hour, but it's somewhat difficult for them to be based at the same parking area all day. The reason for that is a lot of people can consider it to be a personal vendetta, or you are intimidating because the same vehicles are being down. i. GL reminded everyone that we have an SBID Community Group on Whatsapp, that is not as active as the rest that we have. j. GG thanked and showed his gratitude to the Geocentric management team. 	
<p>14. CLOSURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The acting Chairperson thanked the attendees and closed the meeting. 	<p>ALL</p>