



human settlements

Department:  
Human Settlements  
PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

**Bhobhonono/Masomini Housing Project**

**Community Participation meeting**

**DATE: 24 July 2022**

**VENUE: Mariam Zulu Crèche**

**TIME: 14:00**

**ATTENDANCE:**

- **Msunduzi Municipality: Human Settlements**
  - Planning
  - Liaison and informal settlements
- **Implementing Agents:**

- Mabune Consulting
- Environmental Specialist
- **Ward 20 community**
  - Ward councilor: Mr. Siphwe Phungula
  - PSC members
  - Ward committee members
  - Community of Smero

NB: ATTENDANCE REGISTER ATTECHED

NO	AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION
1.	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>	<b>Mr. masikane</b> (Deputy Chair of the PSC) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, he then gave <b>Cllr Phungula</b> of Ward 20 a chance to welcome everyone and also to give the community an overview of all the service delivery issues that are confronting this community of Smero
2.	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	No apologies
3.	<b>OUTLINING THE PURPOSE</b>	Mr. Masikane then introduce the guest/ speakers and handed over to Msunduzi Human Settlements to do the presentation before handing over to the appointed Implementing Agent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Lindani Nxumalo</b> from Msunduzi Human Settlement gave an overview of the project, he indicated when the project</li> </ul>

		<p>commenced, how the PSC was formed and the highlighted the role of the PSC. He then indicated that the project has been faced with a number of challenges ranging from accessing funding for the project and the negative effect of Covid 19, Mr. Nxumalo then indicated that the project has kick started after Msunduzi Municipality has secured funding through the Provincial Department of Human Settlement of KwaZulu-Natal. Mr. Nxumalo then pleaded with the Community of Smero and Ward 20 in general to 'work hand in-glove' with the Municipality and the appointed Implementing Agent to ensure continuity of the project, he requested the PSC members to continue support the project and to report whatever wrong doings they see within the project area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Sphamandla Ndlazi</b> from Msunduzi Human Settlement: Planning unit indicated where we are with the project, he highlighted that the project is still at the planning stage, there is funding to finalize the planning stage, he then indicated that there is currently an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study that is currently underway which normally takes about 18 months, after completion of the EIA and once the SPLUMA has been approved, the project will move to stage 2, which is the stage where services (i.e. Roads, storm water</li> </ul>
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		<p>and drainage system, etc) will be installed and after that the top-structure (the RDP) will be erected, Mr. Ndlazi highlighted that, for the project to be completed in time, there is a need for the community by-inn, he indicated that the Land-Invasion that is taking place on the project site is going to disturb the success of the project and it should stop, He emphasized the Land-invasion point by indicating that 2000 units were planned for this project but if Land invasion continue, less units may be delivered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Philani Cele</b> from Mabune Consulting presented the typology, he explained that since the land has been eaten up by land invasion the type of housing that will be developed will include a mix of free stand-alone houses, BNG, serviced sites, include double story housing where more than one family share one building etc., Land invasion has forced Mabune Consulting to change the layout to try and accommodate the 2000 units that were inertial planned, he pleaded with the community that there should be no more construction on the project site because there is a new lay-out and they wish to implement this lay-out, further construction of structures will course a further delay on the project as the lay-out might not be implementable and need to be changed</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Vukani Ngabi</b> from Mabune explained the Environmental triggers and the importance of the environmental</li> </ul>
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		<p>authorization and Water Use License. He further explained the process and timeframes of the environmental process as well as the importance of public participation. The community was advised to also refer to site notices at the venue for more clarity and encouraged to be part of the Interested and affected party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mr. Siphon Mgadi</b> also from Msunduzi Human Settlement pleaded with the community to stop using the land earmarked for housing development, He indicated that there is the Anti-Land Invasion Unit within the Security Unit of the municipality that is tasked with safe-guarding municipal properties, and once they are informed about land invasion, they might take action and in most cases which is unfavorable and leads to disputes and conflict, the community was then asked, “<b>what is it that need to be done to curb further Land-invasion</b>”...<b>the community Anonymously indicated that the Anti-land Invasion unit must deal with Further land invasion decisively because they want the project to continue and the accept the current ley-out and they want it implemented the way it is.</b> It was agreed that Anti-land invasion unit will be requested to look after the project site and no further construction should be allowed</li></ul>
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7.	<b>WAY FORWARD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Msunduzi Human Settlements, Anti-land Invasion Unit, members of the PSC, and Ward committee members will conduct a visit to the project site, to assess the level of land invasion and to request the Anti-land invasion unit to safe guard the remaining pockets of land</li> <li>- In line with the buy in by the community members and support that the municipality must take decisive action against land invasion, Community members are requested to report land invasion to the PSC or Ward committee which will forward the report to Human Settlements and Human Settlement will report to Anti-land invasion</li> </ul>
8	<b>VOTE OF THANKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Masikane</b> thanked the community for attendance, thanked the community for the active participation and for asking questions as it is believed that this project is meant for their own development.</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Mnyandu</b> (Ward Committee Member) also requested the community to work closely with the PSC and WARD committee in reporting land invasion and thank the community for attendance.</li> <li>- <b>Cllr Phungula</b> pleaded with the community to support the project, to report any wrong doing, also requested land owner in</li> </ul>

		Edendale in particular to come forward and sell their properties to the municipality for the purpose of development planning, Councilor thanked everyone in attendance and wished everyone a blessed afternoon
9	<b>CLOSURE</b>	The meeting was closed and all adjourned