

REPORT ON CONSULTATION MEETING HELD WITH AFFECTED PARTIES VIZ: WALTER SISULU UNIVERSITY (WSU), QEBE COMMUNITY, SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY (SAHRA) AND OTHER AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS, NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM AD (NMM) AND MTHATHA MUSEUM ON 11 JULY 2013 AT MTHATHA HEALTH RESOURCE CENTRE.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD BETWEEN WSU EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND SAHRA OFFICIALS AT 9H30

Attendance register is attached.

The meeting was initiated by SAHRA and the purpose of the meeting was to give an update to WSU on the progress done by SAHRA regarding the Broster Beadwork project.

There were three matters to report on:

- Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WSU, East London Museum (ELM) and SAHRA
- Development of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP)
- Consultation and public participation meetings

It was reported that the draft MOU was circulated both to ELM and SAHRA for inputs. Furthermore, it was agreed that the signing of the MOU will be done in October and the task of arranging the date will be dealt with by Mrs. Lusu and Miss Ngcai. Miss. Ngcai reported back on the visit on 25th June 2013 by Mrs. Lusu and herself to Qebe Village to deliver an invitation letter to Chief Gcinindawo of Qebe. She further stated that the Chief was with the local people and a ward councillor. Miss Ngcai and Mrs. Lusu did not get into details with the local community except to tell them that all they needed to know as community will be discussed in the consultation meeting.

Regarding the CMP, SAHRA mentioned that the terms of reference were drafted by Heritage Objects Unit (HOU) and were then forwarded to Supply Chain Management (SCM) for them to advertise for a service provider to develop the CMP. WSU was further advised that a date for the advertisement will be communicated to them.

Ms. Muller who deals with Grading and Declaration of the National Estate advised WSU of the steps that are going to be followed until the final stage of Declaration. She mentioned that Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) no. 25 of 1999 talks about consent letters that need to be signed by owners of collection. This is a legal requirement and evidence that owners were consulted broadly. Registered letter will therefore be sent to WSU as legal owners of the collection and Qebe Community as relevant stakeholders to sign and that there will be an advertisement on both local and national newspapers for public to comment. The public is given sixty (60) to forward their comments to SAHRA if they have objections regarding the declaration. In the next months SAHRA will engage with affected and

interested stakeholders. After 60 days when there is no objection from the public, SAHRA will prepare a gazette notice and do radio adverts. Envisaged time for declaration of Broster Beadwork is March 2014.

WAYFORWARD

- It was agreed that the collection be named as Walter Sisulu University Collection as the current collection is broad and include or was bought from other people not Broster.
- It was agreed that the next public participation meeting will be held in August, mid.
- The issue of language was discussed and SAHRA informed WSU that the meeting will be conducted in isiXhosa as to accommodate the villagers (Qebe Community members led by their Chief.)

The meeting adjourned at 11H00

Second meeting - Consultation meeting with WSU and Qebe Community

TIME: 11H30

Communication language was isiXhosa as the majority of people present speak it as their mother tongue and there was an official from WSU who was interpreting for colleagues who do not understand isiXhosa.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Mfenyana

Prof. Mfenyana welcomed everyone present in the meeting and introduced everybody all groups.

The purpose of the meeting was done by Mr. Azola Mkosana (AM) -SAHRA official and he mentioned that the consultation meeting was as a result of many meetings taking place preparing for declaration of Broster Beadwork Collection. AM said previous meetings were held between WSU, ELM and SAHRA and that the consultation meeting therefore include other relevant stakeholders eg Qebe community. Miss Nolitha Ngcai (NN) gave a background and significance of the Broster Beadwork Collection (copy of the presentation is available). First and foremost SAHRA's mandate and the Act that establishes SAHRA were given to the audience and how SAHRA operates and where it is based with its satellite office and Training Centre. The audience was given a chance to ask questions or clarity. A question was asked by a community member as to what would the community (Qebe) would benefit from the collection now that it was bought there. The answer to the question was that SAHRA's mandate is clear is to manage, preserve, conserve and manage heritage resources that are of national significance for present and future generations. This therefore means that SAHRA is not mandated to

commercialise heritage resources but what SAHRA can do is to invite the municipalities and advise them of the declaration so that they can perhaps put it on their IDP's. The audience welcomed clarity and also acknowledged the good work that is being done by SAHRA in partnership with WSU and ELM.

Miss Ceciline Muller who deals with Grading and Declaration gave her presentation on the steps that need to be followed in order for the collection to be declared a specifically declared collection. She mentioned that consent letters (legal requirement as stipulated in section 27 of the NHRA) that has to be signed by Qebe Community and WSU. The letters will be sent to owners of the collection and the relevant stakeholder (Qebe Community where the collection was made and bought by Broster) through registered mail.

The audience was again given an opportunity to ask questions or get clarities. One member from the community expressed words of appreciation to the late Mrs. Broster, WSU, ELM and SAHRA and many more members alluded to this. Furthermore, the community emphasised that they will go back and report to other community members left behind but assured SAHRA and WSU that they fully support the initiative by both institutions and gave assurance that there will be no one who will come and claim the collection. Everything shared with them was clear and transparent. They will assist the Chief when he calls a community meeting to inform the community about the consultation meeting.

Mrs. Noluthando Mpeta (NM) from WSU made inputs on behalf of WSU. In her response she first gave a detailed background of how the Broster Beadwork collection was acquired by WSU and other collection which amongst others include, Dr. Lamla Collection and Prof. Kuse. After the detailed background by NM it was clear that WSU has a very broad and interesting collection. This was discussed further but it was suggested that Broster Beadwork Collection would be the first collection to be declared and other collection would follow meaning there would be now in phases for the ongoing declaration.

Chief Gcinindawo also alluded to previous speakers in thanking the late Broster, WSU, ELM and SAHRA for the dedication that they have shown up to the stage where project is now. He further stated, they are looking forward in maintaining good relations with all the institutions involved.

In conclusion, Mrs. Regina Isaacs (RI) thanked all colleagues involved in the project and further acknowledged the role that WSU has played so far e.g. finding money for the storage building and the role played by ELM that of capacitating the staff at WSU responsible for conservation of the collection. RI stated that as SAHRA, the envisaged date for declaration of Broster Beadwork as per the annual performance plan is scheduled for March 2014 or before the end of this current financial year.

Vote of thanks was done by Prof. Mfenyana. He thanked everyone present, institutions present and ELM in absentia.

WAYFORWARD

Arrange a second public participation meeting with all the interested and affected parties. Names of the people and institutions to be invited were mentioned and it was stated that WSU will forward those names to SAHRA. Signing of the MOU by the three institutions.

The meeting closed at 14H30

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