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**RECOMMENDATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 (1)(E) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT 25 OF 1999, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ROCKLANDS COMMUNITY HALL INCLUDING THE LIBRARY, THE MEMORIAL SQUARE AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTRE THEREON, SITUATED ON THE CORNER OF LANCASTER ROAD AND PARKER STREET, MITCHELLS PLAIN, ROCKLANDS, CAPE TOWN AS A GRADE 1 HERITAGE RESOURCE.**

In terms of Section 24(1)(e) of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) the provincial heritage resources authority is responsible for notifying the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) of the presence of any heritage resources in the province which it considers fulfils the heritage assessment criteria prescribed under Section 7(1) of the NHRA for Grade I status and nominated such resource to SAHRA for national level protection.

Heritage Western Cape (HWC) recently proclaimed the subject property a Provincial Heritage Site (Grade II). However, HWC is of the opinion that the property is worthy of Grade I status. HWC therefore puts the attached documentation to SAHRA for assessment and to consider the subject property for Grade I status.

Please find the attached documentation in support of this recommendation.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above.

Yours faithfully

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Dr. Mxolisi Dlamuka  
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# HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE

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## Provincial Heritage Site Nomination Form

This form precedes the submission of the 'Nomination Document' and is designed to assist with the grading of heritage resources in terms of Section 3(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, as part of the process of declaration as a Provincial Heritage Site (Section 27). Nominated heritage resources that are of special provincial significance will be graded as Grade 2 and considered for Provincial Heritage Site status.

### **Proposed Provincial Heritage Site:**

Rocklands Community Hall, erf 11553, Cnr Lancaster Road and Parker Street, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town

### **Brief Statement of Significance:**

The Rocklands Community Hall has been erected by the Cape Town City Council in 1981 to serve as a multi-amenities hall for the community of Mitchell's Plain, most of whom that were relocated from District Six under the Forced Removals programme of the Apartheid system. Because of its central location and size, it is used for larger gatherings. In this instance it was the venue where the historic meeting was held that led to the establishment of the United Democratic Front (UDF) that was to have a profound influence on the democratisation of South Africa. The site is given added significance by the UDF Memorial that was erected by the City of Cape Town in front of the Hall. The NHR Act requires that a site must have sufficient significance to be considered for formal protection. The Rocklands Hall, though a modern building has sufficient significance in three respects, namely: political, architectural and social. The UDF Memorial is included in this proposal.

### **Political Significance:**

The political significance of the Rocklands Community Hall in Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town is the most outstanding form of significance that would warrant its formal protection in terms of the NHR Act. This hall was the place where United Democratic Front (the UDF) was constituted on 20 August 1983. The UDF was a political organisation that was specifically formed to unite people over a broad spectrum, across racial, religious and social barriers, to resist the oppressive Apartheid political system. As an organisation the UDF was to play an invaluable role in sensitising ordinary citizens to resist the evils of the Apartheid system. There was consensus that unity was the only way to resist and break down the last vestiges of Apartheid which prevented the democratisation of South African society and its political system which deprived the voiceless masses from having a direct say in matters affecting them.

By the 1980s the fight for democracy in South Africa, which started with the Soweto Uprisings in 1976, was intensified. A huge rally was organized in the Rocklands Hall, in Mitchell's Plain to protest against the Tri-Cameral system, i.e. a parliamentary system proposed by the National Party government to create a system of government based along racial lines. Once again the majority of the population (read Black South Africans) was ignored and was not included in the proposed new governmental structure and was seen as another ploy to divide-and-rule. The protest rally was attended by about 10 000 people. What made the Rocklands gathering all the more significant was the presence of a large number of well-known anti-Apartheid veterans, e.g. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr Allan Boesak and several 1950s activists, including Albertina Sisulu, Oscar Mpetha, Helen Joseph, Frances Baard, Archie Gumede and RD Naidoo. The leaders of the rally and those present expressed the view that the most effective way to combat and breakdown the evil system of Apartheid was through unity. The UDF was born from this resolution. The Rev Frank Chikane was the first speaker to address the gathering and called it the day "The turning point in the struggle for freedom". Delegates of 565 organisations from all over the country were part of the constitution of the UDF. Dr Alan Boesak, a prominent theologian and campaigner for democracy, led the steering committee.

After its establishment, the UDF was at the forefront of protest action and its members were largely responsible for the intensification and sustenance of resistance in the period from 1984 to 1986 by organising rent boycotts, school protests, workers stay-aways etc. At its peak the UDF had some 700 affiliates. The most important of these were students/youth organisation, trade unions, civic and women's organisations and church groups. Most of these bodies had a considerable influence in the communities in

which it operated and considerably contributed to the success of the UDF to become one of the important forces that contributed to the fall of Apartheid. As such the UDF should, in one way or another, be commemorated for its contribution in breaking down the stranglehold of Apartheid.

The City of Cape Town took the initiative to commemorate the role played by the UDF in dismantling Apartheid by erecting a memorial in front of the Rocklands Community Hall to commemorate the formation of the UDF in the Rocklands Hall. The UDF Memorial was unveiled on 20 August 2011 by the premier of the Western Cape, Ms Helen Zille, the Mayor of Cape Town, Ms Patricia de Lille, Dr Alan Boesak, one of the founding leaders of the UDF, and Mr Tony Ehrenreich, leader of the opposition in the Cape Town City Council. Commendable as the erection of the memorial may be, the community hall cannot be separated from the memorial as they are closely connected and should therefore be seen as one entity of great provincial, if not national, significance that deserves formal protection in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

#### ***Architectural and Social Significance:***

The Rocklands Community Hall has a further, very different form of significance. The Rocklands Hall was one of eight identical halls built by the Cape Town City Council in low-cost areas of the Cape Flats in the 1970s and 1980s where many people affected by the Forced Removals of the Apartheid era, particularly those who had lived in District Six were resettled. It was intended to be a "people's place" to provide in the social / recreational needs of the people living in the area, most of whom were from the lower income group and therefore not able to provide such amenities of their own. The prototype of these "people's place" halls was the Westridge Community Hall that was designed by architect Graham Parker whilst being employed by the Cape Town City Council. The Rocklands Hall was based on the same design. Graham Parker (hence the street name) was awarded an architectural Award of Merit by the then Cape Provincial Institute of Architects for his design. As the result of the success of the design, a number of halls, based on this design were also built in other South African provinces. Ironically the Rocklands Hall, as a "people's place" would be intricately connected to the peoples' movement, amongst others the UDF, in which it was founded. This award once again establishes its significance and its connectedness to the memorial erected in front of it.

The Rocklands Hall continues to serve its original purpose to be a "people's place" and the demand for the use of this hall is of such a nature, that bookings have to be made long in advance. Besides its recreational use, it is currently also used, amongst others, as a venue where people receive social grants, a meeting place for senior citizens, sports clubs, a crèche, church services etc.

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#### **Name of Property:**

Rocklands Community Hall

**Street Number and Street:** Cnr of Lancaster Road and Parker Street  
**Suburb:** Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain  
**Town:** Cape Town

#### **Cadastral Information**

**Erf/ Farm Number:** 11553  
**Registration Division:** Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town

**Longitude:** .....

**Latitude:** .....

**Map Reference:** ..... **Recording Method:** .....

## Type of Resource

- Place ☐  
 Structure ☒ X  
 Archaeological Site ☐  
 Palaeontological Site ☐  
 Geological Feature ☐  
 Grave ☐

Do moveable objects relating to the site form part of the Nomination? ☐

Serial nomination (Is more than one site being nominated as part of a 'Joint Nomination') ☐

(For serial nominations, complete one form for each site, supply additional details about the information relating to the relation of the sites, and the management and phasing of proposed nomination be attached).

## Sphere of Significance

	High	Med	Low
International	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>
National	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provincial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specialist group or community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What other similar sites may be compared to the site? How does the site compare to these sites?

- Freedom Square, Kliptown, where the Freedom Charter was adopted in 1956
- Blood River Monument, Natal, where the "Voortrekker Gelofte" was adopted in 1838
- Paardekraal Monument, Krugersdorp, where the ZAR decided to fight the English during the First Anglo-Boer War in 1881

(Please expand on separate sheet)

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Contact Person:

- ☐ \* Expanded statement of significance; (Refer specifically to significance criteria listed below)
- ☐ \* Motivation for declaration as a Provincial Heritage Site, including potential, threats and vulnerabilities;
- ☐ \* Short history of the place;
- ☐ \* Physical description of the heritage resource;
- ☐ \* Locality plan (map) and Site Plan;
- ☐ \* Photographs and plans;
- ☐ \*\* List of moveable objects relating to site that are proposed as part of nomination, or for archaeological or palaeontological site ;list of repositories where these are housed;
- ☐ \*\* Bibliography of documentation relating to the heritage resource;
- ☐ \*\* Statement of current protections and restrictions (e.g. previous national monument; register of immovable property; conservation area; current zoning; servitudes);
- ☐ \*\* List any heritage organizations consulted and their comments on the proposed nomination.
- ☐ \*\*\* Site plan (with proposed site boundaries);
- ☐ \*\*\* Conservation or management plans (send immediately if any exist);
- ☐ \*\*\* Heritage Agreement (if required).

(Please supply those marked (\*) with this nomination form, as well as any others that are already available. Those marked (\*\*) will be requested when the proposal first goes to HWC Council for endorsement (Tentative List of Provincial Heritage Sites). Those marked (\*\*\*) will be required when the Nomination goes to the following Council Meeting for approval as a Provincial Heritage Site).



## Type of Significance

### 1. Historical Value

#### a. It is important in the community, or pattern of history

- i. Importance in the evolution of cultural landscapes and settlement patterns ☐
- ii. Importance in exhibiting density, richness or diversity of cultural features illustrating the human occupation and evolution of the nation, Province, region or locality. ☐
- iii. Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases that have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, Province, region or community. ☐
- iv. Importance as an example for technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement in a particular period ☐

#### b. It has strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organization of importance in history

- i. Importance for close associations with individuals, groups or organizations whose life, works or activities have been significant within the history of the nation, Province, region or community. ☐

#### c. It has significance relating to the history of slavery

- i. Importance for a direct link to the history of slavery in South Africa ☐

### 2. Aesthetic Value

#### a. It is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group

- i. Importance to a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community. ☐
- ii. Importance for its creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement. ☐
- iii. Importance for its contribution to the aesthetic values of the setting demonstrated by a landmark quality or having impact on important vistas or otherwise contributing to the identified aesthetic qualities of the cultural environs or the natural landscape within which it is located. ☐
- iv. In the case of an historic precinct, importance for the aesthetic character created by the individual components which collectively form a significant streetscape, townscape or cultural environment. ☐

### 3. Scientific Value

#### a. It has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of natural or cultural heritage

- i. Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of natural or cultural history by virtue of its use as a research site, teaching site, type locality, reference or benchmark site. ☐

Indicate with a tick

Comment where appropriate.  
Indicate sphere of significance:  
i.e. National, Provincial, Local  
and degree of significance: i.e.  
High, Medium or Low.

X One of the early award winning community halls that was designed to be "people's places" in areas where people displaced by the Forced Removals were settled

X The UDF which that was formed in this building was to contribute significantly to the downfall of Apartheid

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X The design of this building is based on an award winning design concept

X The building has landmark qualities in Rocklands

- ii. Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the origin of the universe or of the development of the earth. ☐
- iii. Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the origin of life; the development of plant or animal species, or the biological or cultural development of hominid or human species. ☐
- iv. Importance for its potential to yield information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of the nation, Province, region or locality. ☐

**b. It is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period**

- i. Importance for its technical innovation or achievement. ☐

**4. Social Value**

**a. It has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons**

- i. Importance as a place highly valued by a community or cultural group for reasons of social, cultural, religious, spiritual, symbolic, aesthetic or educational associations. ☐
- ii. Importance in contributing to a community's sense of place. ☐

**Degrees of Significance**

**5. Rarity:**

**a. It possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of natural or cultural heritage**

- i. Importance for rare, endangered or uncommon structures, landscapes or phenomena. ☐
- ii. Importance in demonstrating a distinctive way of life, custom, process, land-use, function or design no longer practiced in, or in danger of being lost from, or of exceptional interest to the nation, Province, region or locality. ☐

**6. Representivity:**

**a. It is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of natural or cultural places or objects**

- i. Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a range of landscapes or environments, the attributes of which identify it as being characteristic of its class. ☐
- ii. Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of human activities (including way of life, philosophy, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique) in the environment of the nation, Province, region or locality. ☐

**X** The design of this building was used for other community halls elsewhere in the country

**X** It has succeeded in contribute to the social wellbeing of the local community

Signature: **Ronny Nyuka**

Date: **14/02/2013**

PROPOSAL TO FORMALLY PROTECT THE

**Rocklands Community Hall**

ERF 11553, Cnr PARK STREET and LANCASTER AVENUE, MITCHELL'S PLAIN  
In terms of Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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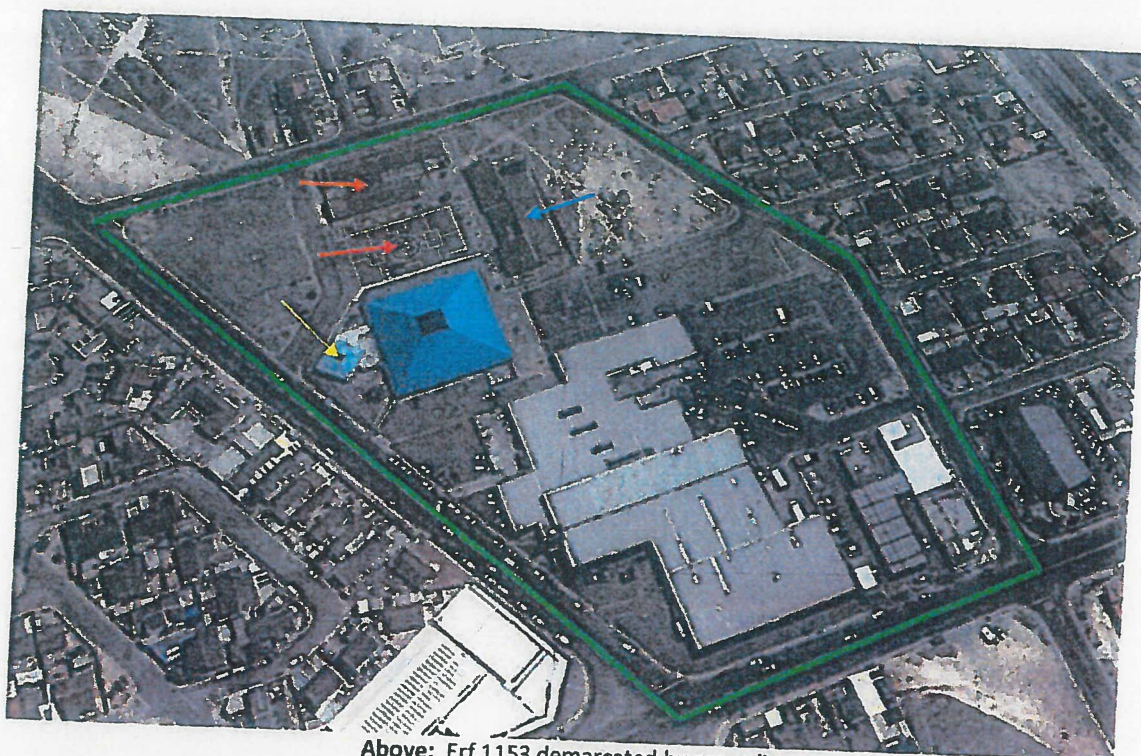
Rocklands Community Hall(middle)

Left: Public Library to the northeast

Right: Shopping Centre to the South east







Above: Erf 1153 demarcated by green line

Yellow arrow: Minor Hall Red Arrow: UDF Memorial on Memorial Square  
Orange Arrow: Community Health Centre (Clinic) Blue Arrow: Library

**Motivation to formally protect the Rocklands Community Hall as a Provincial Heritage Site:**

**Political Significance:**

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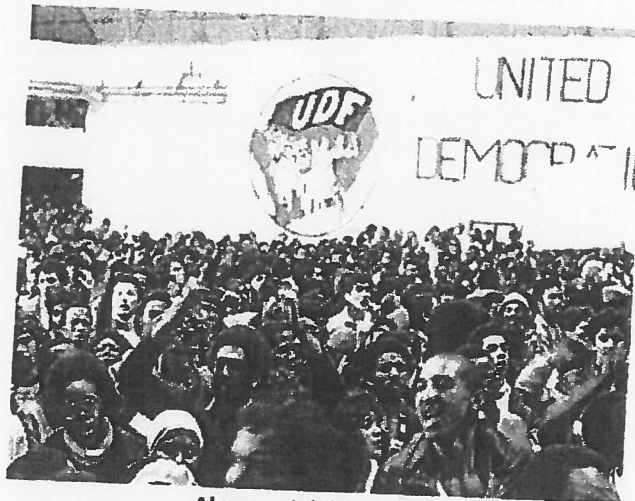


Left: Unveiling of the UDF Memorial on 30 August 2011



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#### Launch of the United Democratic Front



Above: Jubilant Crowd

Below:  
Veteran Anti-Apartheid Activists



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Left: The UDF Memorial in front of the Rocklands Hall

Below: The Information tablet



### Architectural and Social Significance:

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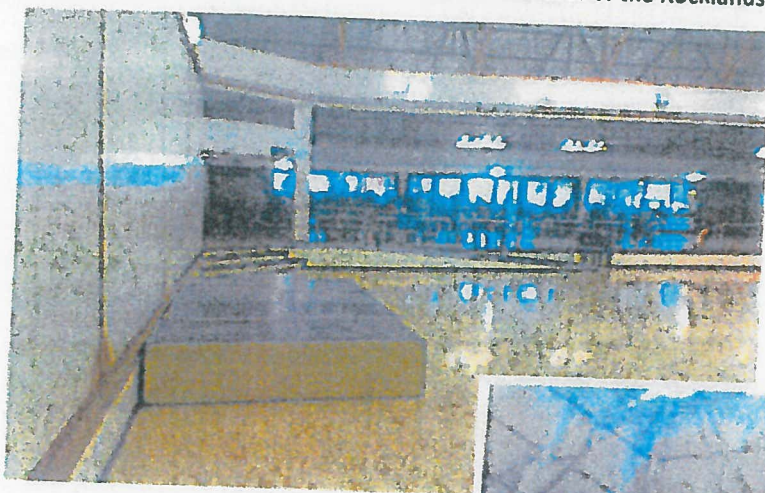
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Left: Article in the Journal of the Cape Provincial Institute for Architects



**Interior features of the Rocklands Hall**



**Left and Below:**  
Different spaces in the Rocklands Hall

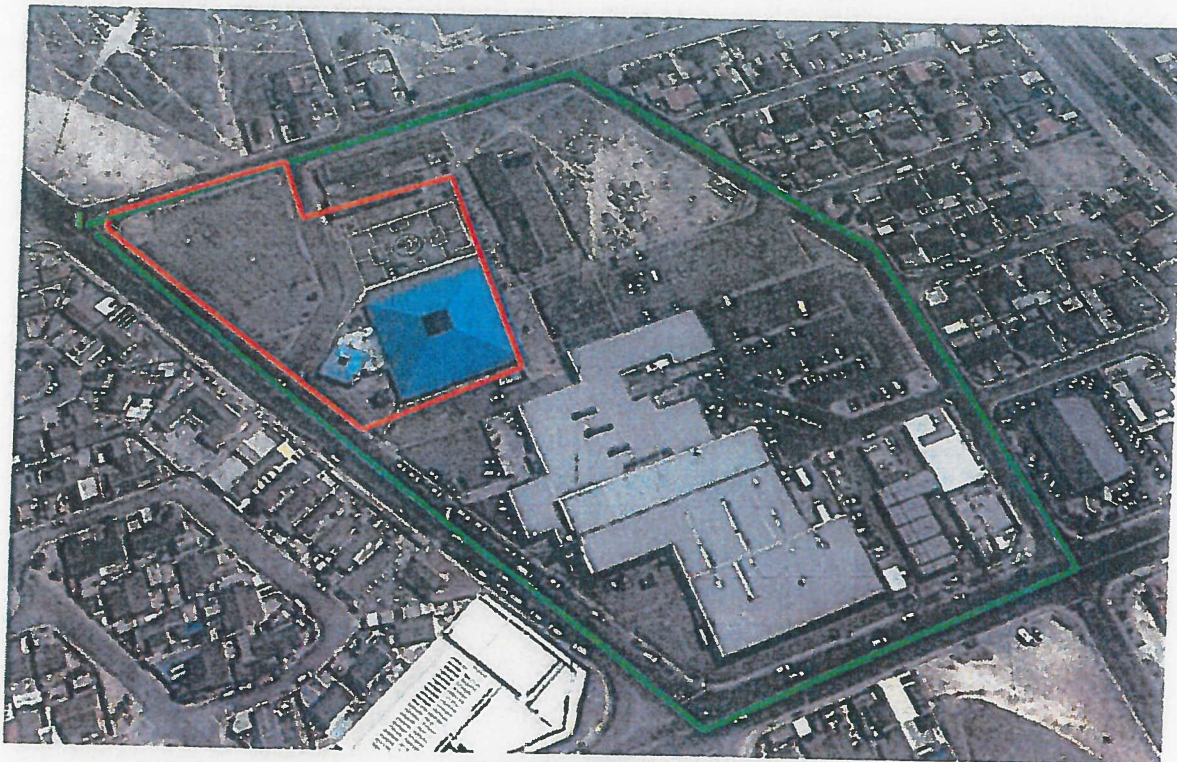


**Above:** Crèche run in part of the Rocklands Hall

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*Proposed boundaries for the Declaration Area:*



**Above and Below:**  
Proposed boundaries for the Rocklands PHS site



**The area declared is that falling within the following boundary:**

Commencing on the boundary of erf 11553 at the junction of Park Ave and Lancaster Road, the boundary runs south-east along the erf boundary on Park Avenue to a point opposite the southern corner of the Rocklands Civic Centre. From there it turns to the north-east and runs along the south-eastern wall of the Centre to a point in line with the southern-most corner of the Rockland Public Library, whereupon it turns to the north-west running along the south-western wall of library to a point opposite to the south-eastern façade of the Rocklands Clinic and thereafter turning to the South-west running along the south-eastern and south-western façades of the clinic to a point on Lancaster Road whereafter it runs along the boundary of the erf to the junction with Park Avenue.

#### Reference

1. Elinor Sisulu ; (1992 -2002) Walter &Albert Sisulu . In our Life time.
2. Omar Badash : (August 1983) Birth of the Movement.
3. South Africa History . (1983)United democratic Front



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**INVESTIGATION INTO THE PROPOSED DECLARATION OF THE ROCKLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, ERF 11553, CORNER LANCASTER ROAD AND PARKER STREET, ROCKLANDS, MITCHELLS PLAIN, AS A PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (NHRA, ACT 25 OF 1999)**

Heritage Western Cape made a nomination for the declaration of the Rocklands Community Hall as a Provincial Heritage Site. The above matter was discussed at the Inventories, Grading and Interpretation Committee (IGIC) of Heritage Western Cape held on **16 February 2017**.

**In the IGIC meeting it was noted that:**

As such, Heritage Western Cape intends to investigate this site for declaration as a Provincial Heritage Site (PHS). This letter is therefore sent to you as the property owner in terms of Section 27(8)d of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), to inform you that the above site is proposed to be nominated as a Provincial Heritage Site in terms Section 27(6) of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999).

Declaration as a Provincial Heritage Site will give this significant site the highest level of protection provided for in the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). Please see Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) for the kinds of protection provided for Provincial Heritage Sites.

Should you wish to make additional representations or submissions with regard to the proposed nomination, or should you wish to indicate your approval or objection to the proposed nomination, these should be addressed to the above mentioned case officer within 30 days of this notification.

The nomination documentation submitted to Heritage Western Cape is attached.

Yours faithfully

  
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The matter above has reference.

The above matter was discussed at the meeting of the Inventories, Grading and Interpretation Committee (IGIC) of Heritage Western Cape held on **31 May 2017**.

**In the discussion, amongst other things, the following was noted:**

- A PHS nomination for this site was previously submitted by HWC in February 2013. This is a resubmission.
- The site has strong political, architectural and social significance.
- The site has a UDF Memorial erected by the City in front of the hall.
- The 'heritage site' consists of a Rocklands community hall, the library, and a memorial square (in front of the community hall).
- The proposed boundary as presented excludes the library and the memorial square.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- The committee has resolved to continue with the process of nomination in terms of S27(8) of the NHRA and notify all interested parties and give them 60 days to make submissions regarding the proposed nomination.
- The committee further recommends to include the library, the memorial square and the community health care centre in the proposed boundaries of the declared area.

The due process as prescribed in terms of Section 27(8)(b) of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA, Act 25 of 1999) should be followed and all Interested & Affected Parties should be notified. This letter is therefore sent to you to inform you that the above site is proposed to be nominated as a Provincial Heritage Site in terms of Section 27(6) of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA, Act 25 of 1999).

The committee further recommended to include the library and the community health care centre in the proposed boundaries of the declared area.

You are allowed 60 days in terms of Section 27(8)(c) in order to make submissions regarding the proposed declaration, its amendment or its withdrawal, and in the case of the owner, to propose conditions under which the action will be acceptable.

Please address all submissions to the case officer mentioned above, **within 60 days** of this notification. The nomination documentation is attached for your perusal.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.

Yours faithfully

  
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**HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE:**

**FORMAL PROTECTION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES, LANDSCAPE AND NATURAL FEATURES OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, STRUCTURES AND UNMARKED BURIALS, SITUATED ON OR AT**

**ERF 11553, INCLUDING THE ROCKLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, THE LIBRARY, THE MEMORIAL SQUARE AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTRE THEREON, SITUATED ON THE CORNER OF LANCASTER ROAD AND PARKER STREET, ROCKLANDS, MITCHELL'S PLAIN.**

By virtue of the powers vested in Heritage Western Cape, a Provincial Heritage Resources Authority for the province of the Western Cape, in terms of Section 27(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25 of 1999, archaeological and palaeontological sites, unmarked burials, the landscape and natural features of cultural significance and structures situated on or at Erf 11553, including the Rocklands Community Hall, the Library, the Memorial Square and the Community Health Care Centre thereon, situated on the corner of Lancaster Road and Parker Street, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain and as reflected in the below schedule, are hereby formally protected under Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999, bearing in mind the provisions of Sections 34, 35 and 36 of the Act.

**HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE:**

**DECLARATION OF A HERITAGE RESOURCE AS A PROVINCIAL HERITAGE RESOURCE, ERF 11553, INCLUDING THE ROCKLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, THE LIBRARY, THE MEMORIAL SQUARE AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTRE THEREON, SITUATED ON THE CORNER OF LANCASTER ROAD AND PARKER STREET, ROCKLANDS, MITCHELL'S PLAIN**

In terms of section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999, Heritage Western Cape hereby declares Erf 11553, including the Rocklands Community Hall, the Library, the Memorial Square and the Community Health Care Centre thereon, situated on the corner of Lancaster Road and Parker Street, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, fully described in the schedule, as a Provincial Heritage Site.

**Schedule:**

The demarcation of the Provincial Heritage Site is as follows:

Erf 11553, including the Rocklands Community Hall, the Library, the Memorial Square and the Community Health Care Centre thereon, situated on the corner of Lancaster Road and Parker Street, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, as described in SG Diagram No. 47/81.

**Significance:**

Mitchell's Plain was established in the 1970s as a township to respond to the housing shortages of the coloured community. Its design was also part of the apartheid's race-based spatial planning and Group Areas Act. As forced removals intensified in Cape Town, Mitchell's Plain became a home for communities that were displaced from District Six.

Erf 11553, including the Rocklands Community Hall which was built during the early 1980s, provided a convenient space for mass resistance and large scale political gatherings that were organised by the anti-apartheid organisations. The historical meeting of 20 August 1983 which led to the establishment of the United Democratic Front (UDF) was held at this location. UDF became the largest socio-political movement that united South Africans from diverse backgrounds to fight against apartheid. The site has significant political, as well as social significance.

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**ERFENIS WES-KAAP:**

**FORMELE BESKERMING VAN ARGEOLOGIESE TERREINE, LANDSKAP EN NATUUREIENSKAPPE VAN KULTURELE BETEKENIS, STRUKTURE EN ONGEMERKTE GRAFTE, GELEË OP OF BY**

**ERF 11553, INSLUITEND DIE ROCKLANDS-GEMEENSKAPSAAL, DIE BIBLIOTEEK, DIE GEDENKPLEIN EN DIE GEMEENSKAP GESONDHEIDSORGSENTRUM DAAROP, GELEË OP DIE HOEK VAN LANCASTER EN PARKERSTRAAT, ROCKLANDS, MITCHELL'S PLAIN**

Kragtens die bevoegdheid verleen aan Erfenis Wes-Kaap, as die provinsiale erfenisulphronne gesag van die Wes-Kaap, ingevolge artikel 27(2) van die Wet op Nasionale Erfenisulphronne, Wet no. 25 van 1999, word die argeologiese en die paleontologiese terreine, ongemerkte grafte, die landskap en natuureienskappe van kulturele betekenis en strukture op of by Erf 11553, insluitend die Rocklands-gemeenskapsaal, die biblioteek, die Gedenkplein en die Gemeenskap Gesondheidsorgsentrum daarop, geleë op die hoek van Lancaster en Parkerstraat, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain en soos in die bylae hieronder aangetoon, hierby formeel beskerm ingevolge artikel 27 van die Wet op Nasionale Erfenisulphronne, met inagneming van die bepalinge van artikels 34, 35 en 36 van die Wet.

**ERFENIS WES-KAAP:**

**VERKLARING VAN ERFENISULPHRONNE AS PROVINSIALE ERFENIS, ERF 11553, INSLUITEND DIE ROCKLANDS-GEMEENSKAPSAAL, DIE BIBLIOTEEK, DIE GEDENKPLEIN EN DIE GEMEENSKAP GESONDHEIDSORGSENTRUM DAAROP, GELEË OP DIE HOEK VAN LANCASTER EN PARKERSTRAAT, ROCKLANDS, MITCHELL'S PLAIN**

Ingevolge artikel 27 van die Wet op Nasionale Erfenisulphronne, No. 25 van 1999, verklaar Erfenis Wes-Kaap hierby Erf 11553, insluitend die Rocklands-gemeenskapsaal, die biblioteek, die Gedenkplein en die Gemeenskap Gesondheidsorgsentrum daarop, geleë op die hoek van Lancaster en Parkerstraat, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, volledig beskryf in die bylae, as 'n Provinsiale Erfenisterrein

**Bylae:**

Die afbakening van die Provinsiale Erfenisterrein is soos volg:

Erf 11553, insluitend die Rocklands-gemeenskapsaal, die biblioteek, die Gedenkplein en die Gemeenskap Gesondheidsorgsentrum daarop, geleë op die hoek van Lancaster en Parkerstraat, Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, soos beskryf in die LG-diagram No. 47/81.

**Betekenis:**

Mitchell's Plain is 'n dorp wat in die 1970's ontwikkel is om die behuisingstekorte van die bruin gemeenskap aan te spreek. Die ontwerp was ook deel van die apartheidstelsel se rassebaseerde ruimtelike beplanning- en groepsgebiede. Aangesien gedwonge verskuiwings in Kaapstad toegeneem het, het Mitchell's Plain 'n tuisie geword vir gemeenskappe wat vanaf Distrik Ses verskuif is.

Erf 11553, insluitend die Rocklands-gemeenskapsaal, wat in die vroeë 1980's gebou is, het 'n gerieflike ruimte vir massa-weerstand en grootskaalse politieke byeenkomste wat deur die anti-apartheidsorganisasies gereël is, verskaf. Die historiese vergadering op 20 Augustus 1983, wat gelei het tot die stigting van die Verenigde Demokratiese Front (VDF), het hier plaasgevind. Die VDF het die grootste sosio-politieke beweging geword wat Suid-Afrikaners van uiteenlopende agtergronde verenig het om apartheid te beveg. Die terrein het beduidende politieke, sowel as sosiale betekenis.

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**ILIFA LEMVELI LENTSHONA KOLONI:**

UKHUSELO NGOKUSESIKWENI LWEENDAWO ZE-AKHIYOLOJI, IMBONAKALO-MHLABA NEZINYE IIMPAWU ZENDALO EZINENTSINGISELO KWINKCUBEKO, IZIMISO, IZAKHIWO NAMANGCWABA ANGAPHAWULWANGA AMI

**KWISIZA 11553, KUBANDAKANYWA IHOLO YOLUNTU YASEROCKLANDS, ITHALA LEENCWADI, ISIKWERE SESIKHUMBUZO KUNYE NEZIKO LEZEMPILO EKONENI YELANCASTER ROAD NEPARKER STREET, EROCKLANDS, EMITCHELL'S PLAIN**

Ngokugunyaziswa iLifa leMveli leNtshona Koloni, uGunyaziwe weMithombo yeLifa leMveli lePhondo lephondolo leNtshona Kolono, ngokweCandelo 27(2) loMthetho iNational Heritage Resources Act, uMthetho Nomb. 25 ka-1999, iindawo ze-akhiyoloji nezepaliyontoloji, amangcwaba angaphawulwanga, imbonakalo-mhlaba neempawu zendalo ezinentsingiselo kwinkcubeko, izimiso nezakhiwo ezimi kwiSiza 11553, kubandakanywa iHolo yoLuntu yaseRocklands, iThala leeNcwadi, iSikwere seSikhumbuzo neZiko lezeMpilo elimi ekoneni yeLancaster Road neParker Street, eRocklands, eMitchell's Plain zinto ezi ezichazwe kule shedyuli ingezantsi, zikhuselwa ngokusesikweni ngokweCandelo 27 loMthetho iNational Heritage Resources Act 25 ka-1999, elinamalungiselelo amacandelo 34, 35 no-36 of the Act.

**ILIFA LEMVELI LENTSHONA KOLONI:**

**UBHENGEZO LWELIFA LEMVELI NJENGELIFA LEMVELI LEPHONDO, KWISIZA 11553, KUBANDAKANYWA IHOLO YOLUNTU YASEROCKLANDS, ITHALA LEENCWADI, ISIKWERE SESIKHUMBUZO KUNYE NEZIKO LEZEMPILO EKONENI YELANCASTER ROAD NEPARKER STREET, EROCKLANDS, EMITCHELL'S PLAIN.**

Ngokwecandelo 27 loMthetho iNational Heritage Resources Act, Nomb. 25 ka-1999, iLifa leMveli leNtshona Koloni libhengeza iSiza 11553, kubandakanywa iHolo yoLuntu yaseRocklands, iThala leeNcwadi, iSikwere seSikhumbuzo neZiko lezeMpilo elimi ekoneni yeLancaster Road neParker Street, eRocklands, eMitchell's Plain, echazwe ngokupheleleyo kwishedyuli njengendawo eliLifa leMveli lePhondo.

**Isbedyuli:**

Imida yeNdawo eliLifa leMveli lePhondo iboniswe ngolu hlobo:

**iSiza 11553, kubandakanywa iHolo yoLuntu yaseRocklands, iThala leeNcwadi, iSikwere seSikhumbuzo neZiko lezeMpilo elimi ekoneni yeLancaster Road neParker Street, eRocklands, eMitchell's Plain, njengoko ichaziwe kwi-SG Dayagramu Nomb. 47/81.**

**Ukubaluleka kwayo:**

iMitchell's Plain yilokishi eyasekwa kwiminyaka yoo-1970 ngelokukhawulelana nokunqongophala kwezindlu zokuhlalisa abantu bebala. Idizayini yayo yinxalenye yendlela owacwangciswa ngayo umhlaba ngexesha localucalulo ngokobuhlanga kweli nangexesha loMthetho iGroup Areas Act. Kwathi kwakuya kusiba mandundu ukususwa ngelishova kwabantu ezindaweni zabo eKapa, iMitchell's Plain yalikhaya kwezo ndwandunge zazigxothwa eDistrict Six.

iSiza 11553, esibandakanya iHolo yoLuntu yaseRocklands eyakhiwa ebutsheni beminyaka yoo-1980s, yayiyindawo emnandi ekwakhlanganelwa kuyo, kuphefumlelwane ngezidla umzi ngokwezopolitiko kwaye kulapho nemigushuzo yenkcaso yombuso wocalucalulo yayiqulungelwa khona. Intlanganiso esezimbalini zeli yomhla wama-20 kweyeThupha 1983 eyakhokelela ekusekweni kwe-United Democratic Front (UDF) yayibanjelwe kule holo.

I-UDF yaba ngowona mbutho mkhulu owawuhlanganise iintlanga zonke zoMzantsi Afrika usilwa nocalucalulo kunye nentshutshiso yabantu eyayiphenjelwa ngurhulumente wengcinezelo. Le ndawo ke ngoko inentsingiselo eyodwa kwimbali yezopolitiko ngokunjalo nakwezentlalo.