

Centenary Park Safety Plan

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DESCRIPTION

The residents of Centenary Park East have decided to group together to form a collective.

We need your co-operation as a vital part of this neighbourhood.

The reason for this newsletter is to inform you of the direction we are taking and request you to get in touch.

Please complete the survey we have posted on Centenary Park East Crime and Service Delivery Group Facebook Account, Twitter Feed, and Whatsapp group. Scan the QR Code or go to <https://us20.list-manage.com/survey?u=3e81219e7d16aaab129c5129a&id=242ebfe815>

We have activated the various structures of police and community activists to work on this. Our intention is to operate using a Community Safety Plan (CSP) where our efforts will be defined and monitored by an audit committee made up of respected community members. Working with a plan prevents impulse decisions. Life dictates that anything done without a plan is an accident.

We will also create a Community Development Plan to improve our surroundings and address the state of public spaces and service delivery.

PAIN POINTS



For far too long residents have had to endure attacks to their homes from the green belt

For far too long, reaction has been after the fact and pro active patrols not demanded. Security can never work if security sit under a tree and wait for a crime to happen, then speed off to the one place the criminal is no longer at.

For far too long criminal elements have been allowed to loiter unchecked within the area with no good reason to be here

For far too long, the park has been used as a hub for illegal activity and residents adjacent been held to ransom by non residents

For far too long division and an "us and them" mentality has kept us from achieving the full potential of our beautiful neighbourhood. Eastwood, Ranmoor, Marstan, Goldwell and Burnhill are requested to stand united and support this.

SOLUTION

The CSP currently has as its main objective the intention to create a defined access and egress area where these three entrances will be guarded and checked by static security officers. A dedicated motorised patrol will move around 24/7/365. All residents will be provided with access cards and panic buttons to summon help. The problematic green belt will be barbed wired to direct foot traffic to our security check point. A CCTV system will be in operation at the gates. Security will be monitored by Magtouch and GPS. A number plate recognition system will be installed -funds permitting. We are advocating a proactive security service that will patrol a set number of kilometers a day.

GOALS

- Obtain details of all residents and advertise widely
- Create vehicle to bundle this and sign SLA with security company eventually chosen
- Include residents on whatsapp and send survey
- Contact 4 security companies for proposals
- Get audit team to veto decision to objectively and independently choose one
- Look at cost vs benefit & insurance saving
- Look at incremental vs subsidised cost for residents
- Communicate choice to residents

COSTS

- Prelim estimates show that this initiative will cost each resident ~R300 to have a closed off estate like our Broadlands neighbours.
- The security company will provide a certificate that will be placed with your insurance company to get your R150 rebate. This may be more than R150.
- Businesses in the area will spend more from their corporate responsibility budget and other executives living in Centenary Park may approach their companies to assist with donations
- Signage will be for the account of the residents so we are looking to cover that once off cost.
- CCTV, Magtouch monitoring and data have cost implic

STRATEGY

Like any safety and security project, there will be opportunities to assist on an operational, tactical or strategic level. We still envisage a neighbourhood watch and a patrolmen group for the 12am to 5am slot while we finalise this strategy.

Our intention is to direct traffic both foot and motorised to points where unwanted elements are eliminated or monitored.

Our intention is to improve our property values by 15% and create a City Improvement District.

Our intention is to make our neighbourhood safer and cleaner for our mothers and fathers, our children, sisters, brothers, wives, workers by placing a safety net over them

We wish to have a high quality of life and make a difference.