

MINUTES OF 2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

DATE: 15 JANUARY 2026

TIME: 18H00

VENUE: BOTANICS SPORT CLUB

NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	
1	OPENING	Derek Light asked everyone to take a moment of silence.	Derek Light
2	WELCOME	Derek Light welcomed everyone to the meeting. • Derek Light highlighted the fact that Graaff-Reinet is celebrating its 240th Birthday this year and this is a great opportunity for our town. • Derek Light provided background information on how he came to know about the CID. • Derek Light informed the public that he submitted the application to establish a CID on the 3rd September 2025 and met with the Executive Manager on the 4th September 2025. • Derek Light emphasized the importance of ensuring that the CID is driven by the community, for the benefit of the community. • Derek Light thanked the members of the community who commented on the draft Business Plan. • Derek Light informed the members that the Business Plan has been revised and that this is a statutory meeting that must be convened to present the final Business Plan. • Derek Light informed the members that the Business Plan is available online and that after tonight's meeting voting for the establishment of the CID is open. • Derek Light informed the members that if we receive the required 60% plus one vote, we will need to submit our application to the Municipality, whereby Council will need to	Derek Light

		approve the application. • Derek Light informed the members that if approved, the steering committee will fall away and an NPC will be formed and the rate payers can apply to become members of the NPC that will be responsible for the implementation of the Business Plan. • Derek Light informed the members that the Business Plan will be implemented in a phased approach. • Derek Light finished off with a quote by Rabbi Hillel the Elder - <i>"if I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I? and if not now, when?"</i>	
	STEERING COMMITTEE PRESENT	Derek Light introduced the steering committee 1. Derek Light – Chairperson (DL) 2. Wessel Landman (WL) 3. Rob Hobson 4. Anziske Kayster 5. Andy Johnson 6. Niel Keyser 7. Chrisjan Maya 8. Tanya Kroon	Derek Light
3	INTRODUCTION TO GRT CID	• WL highlighted the fact that the details of this meeting are similar to the previous meeting, however adjustments have been made based on comments and feedback that were received since the last meeting. This is a statutory requirement. • WL gave an outline of what a CID is and why there is a need to establish a CID. • WL reemphasized the GRT CID focus areas. • WL outlined the proposed geographical area of the proposed GRT CID. • WL outlined the processes to date that the steering committee has completed and highlighted the current step that we are currently busy with, highlighting that voting will be open until the 16th of March 2026.	Wessel Landman

4	SURVEY RESULTS	WL highlighted the details of the Urban Management Survey that was conducted from mid-September to mid-November.	Wessel Landman
5	BUSINESS PLAN	WL presented the Business Plan, giving details of the proposed initiatives across the four pillars; Safety & Security, Cleaning & Maintenance, Environmental Development and Social Upliftment.	Wessel Landman
6	BUDGET & FINANCE	WL presented the proposed five-year budget: • WL noted that changes have been made to the budget due to discrepancies that were highlighted by a member in the community. • WL highlighted that residential properties will contribute two fifths of the budget while commercial properties will contribute three fifths. • WL highlighted what an average household and commercial properties additional rate will be. • WL highlighted the issue of VAT as it was asked at the previous meeting, he mentioned that it can change but for now there will be no VAT charged on the additional rate. • WL explained that the budget has been escalated by 6%, he highlighted that we initially had it at 3%, therefore we have made adjustments. • WL explained the breakdown of general expenditure to run a CID. • WL gave details across the core business of the CID.	Wessel Landman
7	FOCUS GROUP/ COMMENTS	WL presented the feedback received from the Focus Group and Comments. • WL highlighted the adjustments made to escalation of the budget, the VAT and adjustments to the additional rate formula.	
8	GOVERNANCE	WL highlighted the details of how the NPC will be governed.	
9	COMMUNICATIONS	WL highlighted the different forms of communications.	

10	NEXT STEPS	WL outlined the next steps to be taken in the process after the meeting concluded. WL highlighted the fact that voting will start after today's meeting and encouraged everyone to participate.	Wessel Landman
11	QUESTIONS	1. Q: I would like clarity on the relevance of the word upliftment. Is it inclusive or exclusive? It seems like upliftment isn't open to new initiatives. A: It's a word that comes out of the statutory documentation. Social upliftment is aimed at addressing the most desperate individuals in our communities. Its not exclusive. 2. Q: Did you make a risk assessment with regard to the CIDs relationship with the municipality? A: A specific risk assessment was not done. There's a level of trust with the municipality that we will keep working on because people can let you down and they do. But it gives us greater insight into what's happening in chambers, and it gives us greater involvement. 3. Q: Will you prioritize the high-risk areas within the CID? A: Yes, high risk and problem areas will be identified. 4. Q: Would it be possible to swap the budget of the Safety & Security with Environmental Development? A: Environment is a broad concept. The pillars overlap significantly. As the Environment pillar includes people, safety is inherently embedded and remains a key priority. 5. Q: I just want to ask a question about the impact on the property, especially related to the transfer of our property. If your additional rates becomes part of your monthly account, what effect will it have on the transfer of the property within this period if you become a member of the CID? What will happen if you decide after year 2 or 3 you want to no longer be part of the CID? A: If a 60% plus one is achieved and the CID is legally established, you will be bound to pay the additional rate. With the transfer of	Derek Light

property, you will have to get clearance from the municipality.

6. **Q:** What do you have in mind for under the biodiversity heading?

A: We will meet with specialists in this field to help put together a plan for all the 'green' spaces within town.

7. **Q:** I would like some background information regarding the consultation with the community.

A: We had a responsibility to meet with members who are directly impacted by the CID and the ward councilors of that area. However, we went above that and hosted meetings in Umasizakhe, Kroonvale and Asherville as well as we hosted additional focus groups. We went out of our way to consult as broadly as possible.

8. **Q:** Most of the problems, lie in the broader community. I would suggest taking the worst area, applying this concept and making it a centre of excellence.

A: The law prevents us from including areas that don't meet the 80% collection ratio. However, our vision is to have an impact beyond the boundaries of the CID.

9. **Q:** You can't think of social upliftment without thinking about overpopulation. We have an issue of overpopulation. We should make it our responsibility to address that issue.

A: Unfortunately, I don't think this question is related to the business of the CID.

10. **Q:** Why is significant emphasis not put on economic development?

A: The pillars are prescribed by law. The vision is that if you continue to improve your town and its environment, that attracts investment, and that creates job opportunities. And that creates opportunities for all of our people.

11. **Q:** This is a help to the municipality; is there any support they provide?

A: No.

		12. Q: There is so much corruption in the municipalities. They will use the money collected from the CID for their own projects. A: The funds will be swept off to a dedicated account and administered by the NPC. It's not a municipality initiative.	
12	CLOSURE	DL thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting.	Derek Light