Developments around MGV

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Background of Garden Village

Maitland Garden Village, one of the oldest communities in the Cape Flats. Nothing has changed in 90+ years. Residents lived in fear of being forcefully removed by the Group Areas Act. Many “pillars” chose to move out for better stable life during this era. Garden Village is remembered for its beautiful green gardens and white painted houses.

The now known Golf Driving Range was first a Municipal waste dump which then caught alight and burnt for years. It was zoned for low cost housing before it was decided it was going to be a golf range because of the grounds instability. The community was not consulted in this development. Some adults and children from this community was recruited as ball boys and handymen. The re-opening of the range was once again not consulted with the community. We learnt from he counsellor that the range was a mayoral project, it was mentioned that we as the community has no say.
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The Methodist School, established on the 24 April 1926, opened its doors to all children in the community. The comradery is still felt today an after 30 years when the school moved to a new location and is now known as Garden Village Primary. The then Civic Organisation helped with getting electricity for houses and the roads tarred, under the leadership of L. Sellers and W. October.

Village Day was established in the first week of October and soon became the highlight of every youngsters calendar. The uniqueness of this day was that all organisations eg. MGV Soccer Club, The Churches all plays a part in the success of this event. The event is still celebrated annually and is the only even that brings the community together as a whole.

Geographically we are situated in one of the most beautiful areas around Cape Town. It’s on the banks of the Liesbeeck River and we have an awesome view of Devils peak.
Gallery Walk Through Garden Village 😊
MAP OF MGV
THE ENTRANCE TO MGV
MGV Park
MGV Soccer Field
VALKENBERG BRIDGE TO M5
Now Used Pathway To M5
Methodist Church EX Primary School
Garden Village Primary School
Village Tods Educare Centre
Beatty Avenue

then

now
From Laundry rooms to Rent Office
The Caretakers house
Our previous playground
Alexandra Road
Needs of the community

- Lack of a high school
- No indoor recreational facility
- No health clinic
- Children's safety at risk; playing in the park, to and from school & in the streets of Garden Village
- The need for housing
- The need of Jobs
- Education is low because of lack of enthusiasm by the learners
Thank you for your time.