

OUDE MOLEN PRECINCT PROJECT
'Fist Nation' Grouping: Hoogstander Royal House

DATE: Tuesday, 25 May 2021
TIME: 10 am – 11:15 am
PLACE: Virtual Meeting – MS Teams
ATTENDEES: WCG: Department of Transport and Public Works

Name and Surname	Designation / Role
Lindelwa Mabuntane	Director: Special Projects
Amozelle Lambrechts	OMP Project Manager
Shameerah Abdurahman	Project Administrator

HOOGSTANDER ROYAL HOUSE:

Name and Surname	Designation / Role
King Melton Valensky (Present for introductions and 1 st part of the meeting)	King of the Hoogstander Royal house, representing the Western Cape communities
Executive Chief Princess Beverly Malong	Executive Chief of the HRH
Chief Prince Vincent Valensky	Prince of HRH
Prince Glen Valensky	Prince of HRH
Prince Ricardo Valensky	Prince of HRH
Chief Saul Bosman	Chief of the Ngwine Coalition Rei Korana Aboriginal Tribe, representing the Witzenburg region
Chief David Malong	Secretary of HRH

APOLOGIES: None

ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION: Record of Meeting to be published on the OMP webpage
(<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/tpw/oude-molen-precinct-omp>)

NOTES OF MEETING:

AGENDA ITEM	
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Project Manager (PM) for the Oude Molen Precinct (OMP) welcomed all to the meeting. She stated that this meeting was requested by the Hoogstander Royal House (HRH), so it is essentially their meeting, but she will be chairing the session and there are some 'house-rules' that need to be highlighted before the session formally commenced.</p> <p>Attendees were informed that the meeting will be recorded, which was not objected to and the recording was activated.</p> <p>The purpose for the meeting raised by the HRM was to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) "How they will lobby other clans in other regions to support the OMP project"b) "Negotiate inclusion in the development process and future projects." <p>AL introduced the attendees from DTPW – Directorate: Special Projects and asked that the HRH representatives present to introduce themselves. (refer to attendance record above)</p> <p>After the introductions AL reconfirmed that this session would form part of the current preliminary stakeholder engagements, will be recorded and that this set of notes will be published on the OMP webpage as part of public record in the interest of transparency.</p> <p>This was understood and no objections raised.</p> <p>AL handed over the discussion to the Secretary of the HRH, Chief David Malong to facilitate and direct the discussion from the HRH representatives present to address the matters highlighted for discussion.</p>
2	<p>Speaker 1: Chief Prince Vincent Valensky</p> <p>Chief Prince Vincent Valensky kicked-off the discussion by indicating that this Groups represent the Kei! Korona and provided a brief overview of the Groups' historic relation to Oude Molen; stating that the 1st Kora King was born on the OM Site.</p> <p>He referred to other Groupings, from Northern and Eastern Cape, that have pledged their support for future redevelopment of OMP. These groups include decedents from the <i>Pofadders, Bitter Bosse, Koranas, Griquas, Gonnemas, etc.</i></p> <p>The HRH has been mandated by these Groupings to speak on their behalf in the Western Cape for the redevelopment of OMP.</p> <p>The implementation of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act 3 of 2019 has not been activated to date and is in process which is a matter for another discussion.</p> <p>The reality is that Government has never recognized the First Indigenous People, they have never been given the status they needed as the First Nation of this Country.</p> <p>South Africa is a Country that does not give this recognition, compared to International recognition that has been implemented already in other parts of the world. This needs to change as elders that have fought hard for recognition are dying without experiencing the fruition of being recognized as the First Indigenous People, but this Group will endeavor to fight for the next generation to take ownership.</p> <p>He stated that he is speaking under correction, but that ito his knowledge the HRH represents the five (5) major bloodlines of the Khoi and San in South Africa.</p>

He continued that the HRH is not anti-development, but if supported there will be some terms and conditions attached to this support, these can be summarized as follow:

- Receiving recognition in developments,
- Being involved in process, and
- Being involved in design of recognition process.

AL acknowledged the matters raised and thanked the Chief Prince for this insight. She asked LM if there are any responses to the statements made.

Response provided to Speaker 1:

LM thanked the Chief Prince for the insights provided.

She acknowledged the assertion by the previous speaker of not conflating the OMP development proposals with other developments in the area including the River Club development.

OMP is a WCG: DTPW driven project and the Department aims to follow a fair and transparent communication and engagement process. It seems from the information above that a lot of thought has gone into what this Group wants to see happen on OMP, as highlighted above. The consultation process has started with the activation of a few sessions with preliminary key interested and affected parties (I&AP) for which this Group was also represented. These are initial pre-planning engagements and there will be further engagements as detailed work on the Project progresses and as various statutory processes are triggered. The aim from this Team is to develop an inclusive vision for OMP. It should be noted that this Team's mandate is to create a vision and secure development rights for OMP, which is required irrespective of development proposals being implemented, to address the status quo. This process will lay the foundation for development and construction.

Involvement throughout the process is key and welcomed. It should be noted that we cannot include or address everybody's wishes, which will mostly likely be hindered by technical constraints, such as environmental consideration and conservation, etc.

We are aware and cognizant of the crucial heritage significance of OMP, both tangible and intangible; it is therefore important that this Group and other I&AP Groups interact and provide inputs in the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) process once initiated. She stated that it is important for the I&APs with history of the site to share with the team so that intangible heritage can be gathered to enrich the heritage process and entire development.

The Department is eager to have the open dialogue continue via the established protocol through the OMP Project Manager.

She asked that if there are any additional Groups that need to be added to the OMP database that these be shared so that future notices can be directly received by all I&AP Groups, and all are urged to use the OMP webpage to keep updated about Project information, notices and notes of meetings.

We welcome I&AP Groups to engage.

She continued to state that DTPW is aware of the DCAS driven Resistance and Liberation Heritage Route (RLHR) Project, for which the Two Rivers Area (TRUP) has been identified as one (1) of three (3) of the cultural interventions in the Western Cape.

DTPW is interacting with DCAS in this process to ensure that whatever comes from the DCAS process is incorporated to the OPM vision where applicable.

She referred to previous engagements related to the drafting of the Two Rivers Phase 1: HIA and indicated that the guidance from these studies will guide the OPM HIA and additional supporting specialist studies. The detailed studies to follow will inform and guide the proposals to ensure celebration, recognition, enhancement, preservation, and memorialization of the heritage; the design process will address these.

DTPW is also aware of the heritage processes being re-activated with HWC around the protection of TRUP; and does not want to disregard heritage preservation, therefore we are in contact with DCAS representatives to keep abreast of progress and recommendations made.

We reiterate that we welcome open communication and urge I&AP Groups to participate, we can facilitate sessions to clarify proposals and documents if needed to avoid misinterpretation.

Chief Prince Valensky noted the responses provides and thanked the Team that they are being recognised and acknowledged to be part of I&AP Groups engagements. He referred to the *United Nations Declaration of the Indigenous People (adopted September 2007)* as a guiding document for information purposes.

Speaker 2: Chief Princess Beverley Malong

Chief Princess Beverley Malong stated that as the HRH in terms of their response to the question "What is it that HRH wants to see on OMP?" the following should be noted:

- It will be appreciated is the heritage of the First Nations can be considered and placed first and foremost.
- The identified remaining Spring be preserved for future as a significant heritage element due to the historic connection/use.
- The current condition of OMP is unacceptable and needs to change for the better.
- The fight is for the next generations, not just the current FN itself, it is about leaving a legacy that the next generations can be proud of.
- The HRH wants to be part of the development and see the fruition.
- This Group is in-principle support of the presented OMP vision shared to date, the thinking and what the Team is trying to achieve but is asking again to be part of the process.
- This Clan wants to move forward, wants to be part of the redevelopment, and offered to be part and support proposals.

In response to the reference to involvement in the HIA process, this Group will attend workshops to provide inputs and be part of the process, but the information needs to be easy to understand/communicated in a manner that it is understandable to enable communication with Our People when asking their participation and inputs.

Response provided to Speaker 2:

LM clarified that there is not a vision for the property yet, as referred above, there is a statement that includes broad vision principles, the key drivers for development proposals on this Site from DTPW's perspective.

We want the vision to be inclusionary, therefore the preliminary pre-planning stakeholder engagements to date, are meant to facilitate the process to develop a vision; which will be

informed by the aspirations from DTPW, technical information and inputs received from key I&AP Groups.

DTPW encourages the First Nation Groupings to ask questions and engage with the Department to continue the open dialogue, clarify issues, and ensure that this Group is not being left behind. DTPW wants the processes to be fair and transparent to all parties involved.

Speaker 3: Chief David Malong

Chief David Malong stated that the HRH has a few questions for clarification and additional information. These include the following:

1. The erf number for the OM property
2. Value of the property
3. Cost of development

Response provided to Speaker 3:

AL noted the request and responded accordingly:

1. The erf number for the OM property

This information can be provided but was included in the presentation made at the session on 5 May 2021. It should be noted that the current property cadastral boundary still includes the Valkenberg Hospital Estate services. The mandate of this process is only to investigation within the identified OMP boundaries.

2. Value of the property

This information can be accessed from the City of Cape Town General Valuation system.

3. Cost of development

Given that there is no development proposal(s) on the table, there is no cost of value of development. This exercise will only follow later in the process once there is a concept proposal on the table which can be assessed.

Chief Malong noted and expressed thanks for the responses and clarification provided.

Closing remarks from the Hoogstander Royal House by Chief David Malong

Chief David Malong, on behalf of the HRH, expressed their appreciation for the acknowledgement and facilitation of the meeting and affording them the chance to directly engage with the DTPW Team.

He indicated that HRH is committed to lobby all other communities to support the redevelopment of OMP and future DTPW Projects; but the conditions highlighted in earlier discussion will apply. This Group wants to be part of and active in the process. A consideration for the communication going forward, it will be appreciated if technical information can be broken down into easy understandable sections to enable better understanding and easy communication to communities speaking/acting on behalf of.

AL asked whether the HRH will be providing inputs on the presentation made at the session 5 May 2021 as a response to the request to provide these, which could not be made at the said session.

	<p>Chief Malong responded that a new process has been started today with this interaction and they wish to move on and will engage onwards.</p> <p>LM elaborated and indicated that it will be appreciated if the representatives present today as the mandated parties can comment on the information presented to date to share ideas, be part of creating the vision and to enrich the process. She also asked that the ideas shared in this interaction be shared with AL. This can be a short summary or few paragraphs on the historic connection of this I&AP on OMP as summarised by Chief Prince Vincent Valensky, the wishes for OMP and the aspirations for OMP from HRH. LM asked if possible, this be shared by Friday, 28 May 2021.</p> <p>Chief Prince Vincent Valensky noted the request and indicated they will endeavor to provide the requested inputs. He stated that from his side as closing remarks he would like to see that the Heritage be visualized and presentable to ALL, that proposals link to tourism as there is international interest in this regard (linked to heritage and memorialization) and telling the story of the Rainbow Nation.</p> <p>It was confirmed that all communication should go via the Project Manager, contact details to be shared.</p>
	<p>Close</p> <p>Meeting closed 11:15 with the significant prayer "Our Father".</p>