

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)

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**FROM: FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
FISH HOEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FISH HOEK CENTRAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**TO: Director: Integrated Development Plan
Director: Environment and Heritage Department**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BUDGET PROVISION 1 JULY 2017 TO 30 JUNE 2018 FOR
FISH HOEK'S BI-CENTENNIAL EVENT**

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In terms of Section 17 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000, Council must afford the public and interested parties or groups an opportunity to submit comments to the municipality. We as the Fish Hoek Valley Residents and Ratepayers Association (FHVRRA) wish to submit our comments relating to a budget provision for our Bi-Centennial celebration. The National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 prescribes that the City of Cape Town is tasked to identify, protect, conserve and manage the rich cultural heritage of the people of the Cape for future generations. Fish Hoek's cultural heritage was a result of human action and activities. We feel that it is important to maintain a link with our heritage as it shapes who we are. It is important to us to remember our historical roots. Fish Hoek wants to celebrate its 200th birthday on 5 May 2018 with a suitable ceremony dedicating a plaque and monument and presenting an historical book to the Fish Hoek library.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that, for the reasons set out in this report:

That the City's Environment and Heritage Department reserve funds in the 2017/18 budget for Fish Hoek's Bi-Centennial Celebration, specifically:

- Education and awareness campaign of this community event in the local newspapers: Fish Hoek Echo and People's Post (~ R6 000 – R12 000);
- Suitable Plaque be created (~ R5 000 – R7 000);
- Stone masonry monument be built to display the plaque (~R15 000 – R20 000);
and
- Historical book be prepared for presentation to the Fish Hoek library during the monument celebration (~R2 000 – R6 000).

3. DISCUSSION

We recognise that we need to educate and make our new citizens aware of our past, possibly through the local newspapers: Fish Hoek Echo and People's Post.

As a minimum, a plaque needs to be designed and suitably inscribed, possibly in marble or non-oxidising metal. This could simply be the old village crest and "1818 – 2018 Bi-Centennial". More suitable would be the addition of an inscription describing that in 1818, Governor Lord Charles Somerset granted the 1528-hectare Visch Hoek (Dutch Hoek being Glen) property as a farm, on condition that the owner was not allowed to sell liquor. To this day, there are still no liquor off-sales in Fish Hoek.

A stone masonry monument needs to be built to hold the plaque. This could be a stone surround plus base 850 cm x 850 cm x 1.7 metres tall then tapering to three metre tall stone and cement structure so that the plaque could be at eye level. This monument should ideally be sited at the entrance to the Fish Hoek library and Civic Centre complex with appropriate City approval and possible tender process that may be required. See Annexure A: Current Entrance to Fish Hoek's Civic Centre Complex and superimposed proposed location in Annexure B: Proposed Monument Location.

We will be requesting road closures for a parade by our schoolchildren and parents through the Fish Hoek Central Business District (CBD) to the Fish Hoek Civic Centre complex to start the ceremony.

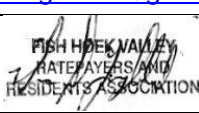
The Fish Hoek Historical Society states that such events are usually accompanied with the preparation of an appropriate historical book. Our Councillors will be invited to present this book to the Fish Hoek Library and to dedicate the monument celebrating the event.

We wish to engage with the Environment and Heritage Department in the suitable creation of ideas, planning and lodging of this historical activity.

4. CONSULTATIONS

Councillor: Felicity Purchase

Manager: South Peninsula Subcouncil (19): Desiree Mentor

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ANNEXURE:

Annexure A : Current Entrance to Fish Hoek's Civic Centre Complex

Annexure B : Proposed Monument Location

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Annexure B : Proposed Monument Location

