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Attendance of Meetings and Response to Mails

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Norwood Orchards Residents Association (NORA) <noracommittee@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 25, 2017 at 9:39 AM

To: Dave Fisher <dfisher@unique-technology.co.za>, dave fisher <dfisher@iafrica.com>

Cc: cirota@worldonline.co.za

Dear Councillor Fisher,

It is not acceptable that you do not attend NORA meetings, particularly when these have been moved to accommodate you, and do not respond to mails from NORA. It would be dangerous for the DA to take our community's support for granted.

We require urgent written responses to the lack of action at Hilson Bridge and the illegal encroachment at 35 Orange Road.

Regards,

Brett McDougall
Chairman

Dave Fisher <dfisher@unique-technology.co.za>

Tue, Sep 26, 2017 at 2:01 PM

To: "Norwood Orchards Residents Association (NORA)" <noracommittee@gmail.com>

Cc: cirota@worldonline.co.za

Good Morning Brett,

I was not aware that the meeting was moved to accommodate me, if I was aware I would have advised against it as I have a very demanding schedule and am not able to commit to RA meetings. I prefer to work by email and to that end I have included you in all emails that concern Orchards.

I have a large number of meeting in a month that I have to attend in my capacity as Ward 74 Councillor, a Council meeting, two days for quarterly reports, a Finance Section 79 committee meeting and a pre Caucus meeting, two DA CoJ Caucus meetings, a Regional Caucus meeting, a Regional Councillor Forum meeting, two DA Constituency meetings. This is eight meetings in a 20 working day month.

If I add RA and CPF meetings I would/could attend 6 RAs and 7 CPF (station and sector) meetings giving a total of 21 before the ad hoc meetings for projects, planning tribunals, development plan feedback and sundry public participation meetings.

Clearly a part time Councillor cannot attend every meeting in his ward. I also handle between 10 and 25 email queries and problems in a working day.

Neither I nor the DA take community support for granted. I am acutely aware that there are 26 976 people living in the ward. Of those 15 439 were registered voters on 3 August 2016. Of those 7 822 out of the total 10 157 votes cast (77.01%) voted for me as the Ward councillor and 7 754 out of the 10 198 votes cast (76.03%) voted for the Democratic Alliance in the proportional vote. As the Ward Councillor my focus is on all constituents, (residents, businesses and organisations) in the ward, irrespective of political affiliation.

As you will be aware the DA has a declared policy of pro poor government. To this end I concentrate my efforts on the eastern side of the ward where we experience huge socio-economic challenges which manifest in issues of overcrowding, service delivery, crime and land uses problems, illegal connections to services and many others. The threat of this encroaching across Louis Botha is very real unless we establish a culture of “rule of law” and apply the controls and bylaws with vigour.

I can assure you that I am working diligently on all issues in the Ward and I am very grateful for the proactive and engaged RAs that have a huge impact on their communities, particularly Municipal issues, NORA being a leading example of this. I will continue to have as big an influence as possible in bringing meaningful change to local government in Johannesburg and specifically Ward 74.

I trust that this clarifies my position with regard to regular attendance at NORA meetings and my unwavering commitment to the Ward. Could I suggest that you send me a copy of the monthly meeting minutes so that I can diarise the next meeting and that I am fully apprised of the issues that may affect me.

With regard to the two specific issues of the Hilson Bridge and the encroachment on City property in Orange Rd, you have the latest emails that have been sent in this regard. Your 17 September email to Ms Scheepers is awaiting a reply and your 11 September email to Celiwe is also awaiting a reply. I have asked for updates .

Regards

Dave

David R Fisher

Councillor Ward 74

City of Johannesburg

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Subject: Attendance of Meetings and Response to Mails

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Norwood Orchards Residents Association (NORA) <noracommittee@gmail.com>
To: Dave Fisher <dfisher@unique-technology.co.za>

Tue, Sep 26, 2017 at 3:16 PM

Cc: cirota@worldonline.co.za

Dear Clr Fisher,

Thank you for your reply. If you are unable to attend meetings, then we would expect a written report on all outstanding matters for Ward 74 to be submitted on a monthly basis.

In the two matters in question, you were specifically addressed in the mails, and failed to respond.

The DA may have a pro-poor policy, but if this means that DA councillors will not answer mails and attend to matters in so called "wealthy" areas, then our choice at voting day will be very clear.

I look forward to improved engagement.

Regards,

Brett

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