Onrus Vermont SRA Newsletter - July 2022

English version follows below

Beste huiseienaar, inwoner, belastingbetaler van Onrus en Vermont

Dit is vir my aangenaam om te rapporteer oor die werksaamhede van Onrus Vermont Spesiale Aanslag Gebied sedert die vorige nuusbrief.

U Onrus Vermont Spesiale Aanslag Gebied nie-winsgewende maatskappy was op 1 Julie 2022 een jaar oud. Daar sal volledig oor die eerste jaar se werksaamhede gerapporteer word in die Voorsittersverslag wat aangebied sal word op Dinsdag 13 September 2022. Die amptelike kennisgewings en dokumentasie vir die Algemene Jaarvergadering sal eersdaags beskikbaar wees. Intussen moet kennis geneem word dat minstens twee bestuursposte vakant sal wees en dus moet nuwe lede op die vergadering verkies word.

Die hooffokus oor die afgelope drie maande was op die verbetering van sekuriteit deur die patrolleerders se opleiding en veral om voldoende fondse te bekom sodat addisionele kameras opgerig kan word op strategiese plekke.

Kameras

Die poging om fondse te bekom van inwoners was goed ondersteun in sekere areas. Die posisie was as volg op einde Julie:

AREA	REEDS BETAAL	ONDERNEEM	TOTAAL
Bosplasie	R 33,800		R 33,800
Algemeen	R 22,095		R 22,095
Skiereiland	R 197,850	R 109,000	R 306,850
TOTAAL	**R 253,745**	**R 109,000**	**R 362,745**

Die Overstrand Munisipaliteit is in die proses om 'n CCTV Beleid vir alle areas te finaliseer - die konsepbeleid was voor 29 Julie oop vir publieke kommentaar en hul beplan om dit by die Raadsitting in middel Augustus goed te keur. Hierdie beleid sal uitvoering gee aan die voorwaardes waaraan sekuriteitskameras moet voldoen wat op Munisipale eiendom opgerig is. Intussen word die installering van Onrus/Vermont se kameras teruggehou in afwagting van die finale goedgekeurde CCTV beleid van die Munisipaliteit. Daar is egte versoeke aan die Munisipaliteit om intussen voort te gaan met kamera installering in ons area. Die Bosplasie kameras is reeds geïnstalleer en word voltyds in die Beheerkamer gemonitor.

Individue woonagtig in Onrus Noord en in Vermont is geïdentifiseer om behulpsaam te wees met die verkryging van fondse vir die daarstelling van kameras op strategiese posisies (reeds geïdentifiseer) in daardie gebiede. Hierdie proses sal voortaan spesiale fokus en dryfkrag geniet

Die OVSAG Bestuur het ‘n kapitaalbegroting opgestel waarvolgens R350,000 uit eie fondse benodig gaan word vir die aanskaf van battery bystandskrag vir bestaande kameras, ses bestaande maar uitgediende kameras vervang moet word, die bestaande 32 kanaal moniteringstelsel vergroot moet word na 64 kanale om al die toekomstige kameras te kan moniteer. Die doelwit is om hierdie uitgawes in die volgende jaar te finansier vanuit die OVSAG begroting.

Finansies

Die geouditeerde finansiële verslag van OVSAG sal beskikbaar wees by die Algemene Jaarvergadering. Bestuurstate toon voorlopig dat die eerste jaar sal eindig met ‘n oorskot van R570,000. Hierdie oorskot is uitsluitlike te danke aan die volgende:

(i) 24/7 kamera monitering (voorheen was kameras slegs 18h00-06h00 gemoniteer) eers vanaf Februarie 2022 ingestel is.

(ii) Die Algemene Bestuurder eers op 1 Oktober 2021 in diens geneem was.

(iii) Die motor wat voltyds die area patrolleer op 1 November 2021 ingestel is.

(iv) Voetpatrolleerders op 1 April 2022 in die area ontplooi was.

Indien hierdie dienste vir die volle jaar in werking was, sou die maandelikse inkomstestaat ‘n gemiddelde surplus van ongeveer R5,000 beloop (+/- R60,000 in jaar een).

Insidente

In die afgelope drie maande was daar heelwat kriminele insidente. Die suksesse behaal deur die samewerking van verskeie organisasies te wete, OVSAG, Alfa Buurtwag, Munisipale Wetstoepassers, SA Polisiediens, OnVerWag en Cam Live Vision word hieronder opgesom. Al hierdie organisasies is per radio met mekaar in verbinding sodat insidente eerstehands versprei kan word en reaksie vinnig kan plaasvind.

Voorbeelde van sommige van die voorvalle wat onlangs bygewoon is vandalisme, diefstal, herwinning van verlore en gesteelde eiendom, ’n betalingsdispuut, bedel, onwettige karwagte, ondersoek na verdagte gedrag en voertuie, en soek na verdagtes.

Ons is baie dankbaar dat ons Qhubeka-fietse van OnVerWag Buurtwag ontvang het. Dit het ons in staat gestel om baie meer grond te dek, en om verdagtes meer doeltreffend te volg.

Omgewing

Benewens hul veiligheidspatrollies, het die omgewingspatrolleerders opleiding oor verskeie omgewingsonderwerpe ontvang, die heininglyn langs die westelike grens van Vermont skoongemaak, die kus skoongemaak by Brekvisbaai, deelgeneem aan bioblitzing as deel van die City Nature Challenge: Overstrand, en verskeie praatjies by die Welcome Whales Celebration bygewoon.

Ten slotte

My dank aan al die OVSAG Bestuurslede en die Algemene Bestuurder vir die eerste jaar se werk om van Onrus en Vermont ‘n veiliger en mooier woongebied te maak. My dank ook aan die organisasies en inwoners wat met ons saamwerk, bereid is om fondse beskikbaar te stel en ‘n aktiewe rol speel in belang van ons area.

Onthou

Algemene Jaarvergadering op Dinsdag 13 September 2022 in die Onrus NG Kerk.

Anton du Preez

OVSRA Voorsitter

Opsomming van voorvalle wat deur die Onrus Vermont SAG beheerkamer bestuur word:

Summary of incidents managed by the Onrus Vermont SRA control room:

SUMMARY	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22
Assisting Distressed Public/animals	13	1	5	37	33
Missing Persons Reported/Found	0	0	2	0	0
Public Complaints/Vagrancy	8	11	41	23	21
Medical incidents	0	2	0	3	0
Property Related Crimes	5	9	12	10	7
Public Disorder	17	26	57	97	43
Recovery of Property	0	0	1	2	3
Law Enforcement Matters	0	7	16	25	25
Arrests made	1	2	0	0	1

Definisies/Definitions:

Assisting Distressed Public/Animals
Animals, Fires, Traffic/Law Enforcement, Public Assistance, Reporting open windows/doors/gates
Diere, brande, verkeers-/wetstoepassing, openbare bystand, aanmeld van oop vensters/deure/hekke

Missing Persons
Missing people reported or found
Vermiste mense aangemeld of gevind

Public Complaints
Singers, Beggars, Vagrants, Hawking
Sangers, Bedelaars, Vagrants, Hawking

Medical incidents
Suicide/attempted suicide, Deaths, Injury on duty, Public Injuries, Mentally Disturbed, Drowning
Selfmoord/poging tot selfmoord, Sterftes, Besering aan diens, Openbare Beserings, Geestelik versteurd, Verdrinking

Property Crimes
Theft out of, or of a motor vehicle, Housebreaking/Attempted housebreaking, Theft/Attempted theft, Malicious Damage to Property, Trespassing
Diefstal uit, of van 'n motorvoertuig, Huisbraak/Poging tot huisbraak, Diefstal/Poging tot diefstal, Opsetlike saakbeskadiging, oortreding

Public Disorder
Common Assault or Grievous bodily harm, Coastal Path Robbery/attack, Robbery, Warnings, Drugs, Public Indecency, Shoplifting, Loitering, Drinking in Public, Fighting, Public Drunkenness, Abandoned property, Unruly Behaviour
Gewone Aanranding of ernstige liggaamlike besering, Kuspad-roof/-aanval, roof, waarskuwings, dwelms, openbare onsedelikheid, winkeldiefstal, ronddwaal, drink in die openbaar, baklei, openbare dronkenskap, verlate eiendom, onregmatige gedrag

Recovery of Property
Recovery of Suspected Stolen Property
Herwinning van vermoedelik gesteelde eiendom

Law Enforcement Matters

Traffic Control/Accidents, Environmental Management, SAPS Backup, Municipal By-laws
Verkeersbeheer/Ongelukke, Omgewingsbestuur, SAPD Rugsteun, Munisipale Verordeninge

Arrests made

Arrests SRA Field staff/neighbourhood watch, Arrests CCTV intervention
Arrestasies SAG personeel/buurtwag, Arrestasies CCTV intervensie

Dear Homeowner, Resident, Ratepayer of Onrus and Vermont

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area since the last newsletter.

Your Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area non-profit company turned one year old on July 1, 2022. There will be a full report on the first year's activities in the Chairman's report which will be presented on Tuesday 13 September 2022. The official notices and documentation for the Annual General Meeting will be available shortly. In the meantime, it should be noted that at least two management positions will be vacant and therefore new members must be elected at the meeting.

The main focus over the past three months has been on improving security through the patrollers' training and especially obtaining sufficient funds so that additional cameras can be set up in strategic locations.

Cameras

The effort to obtain funds from residents has been well supported in certain areas. The position was as follows at the end of July:

AREA	ALREADY PAID	PLEDGED	TOTAL
Bosplasie	R 33,800		R 33,800
General	R 22,095		R 22,095
Peninsula	R 197,850	R 109,000	R 306,850
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The Overstrand Municipality is in the process of finalising a CCTV Policy for all areas - the draft policy was open for public comment before 29 July and they plan to approve it at the Council meeting in mid-August. This policy will give effect to the conditions to which security cameras installed on Municipal property must comply. Meanwhile, the installation of Onrus/Vermont's cameras is being held back pending the final approved CCTV policy from the Municipality. We have made a request to the Municipality to continue with camera installation in our area in the meantime. The Bosplasie cameras have already been installed and are monitored full-time in the Control Room.

Some individuals residing in Onrus North and in Vermont have been identified to assist in obtaining funds for the establishment of cameras in strategic positions (already identified) in those areas. This process will henceforth enjoy special focus and drive.

The OVSRA Management has drawn up a capital budget according to which R350,000 will be required from our own funds for the acquisition of battery standby power for existing cameras, six existing but obsolete cameras must be replaced, the existing 32 channel monitoring system must be increased to 64 channels for all to be able to monitor the future cameras. The objective is to finance these expenses in the following year from the OVSRA budget.

Finance

The audited financial report of the OVSRA will be available at the Annual General Meeting. Management statements provisionally show that the first year will end with a surplus of R570,000. This surplus is solely due to the following:

(i) 24/7 camera monitoring (previously cameras were only monitored 18h00-06h00) was only introduced from February 2022.
(ii) The General Manager was only employed on 1 October 2021.
(iii) The car that patrols the area full-time was introduced on 1 November 2021.
(iv) Foot patrollers were deployed in the area on 1 April 2022.

If these services were in operation for the full year, the monthly income statement would amount to an average surplus of approximately R5,000 (+/- R60,000 in year one).

Incidents

In the past three months there have been quite a few criminal incidents. The successes achieved through the cooperation of various organisations, OVSRA, Alfa Neighborhood Watch, Municipal Law Enforcement, SA Police Service, OnVerWag Neighbourhood Watch and Cam Live Vision are summarised below. All these organisations are in communication with each other via radio so that information about incidents can be disseminated first hand and response can take place quickly.

Examples of some of the incidents attended recently are vandalism, theft, recovery of lost and stolen property, a payment dispute, begging, illegal car patrols, investigating suspicious behaviour and vehicles, and searching for suspects.

We are very grateful to have received Qhubeka bikes from OnVerWag Neighborhood Watch. This allowed us to cover much more ground, and to track suspects more efficiently.

Environment

In addition to their safety patrols, the enviro-patrollers received training on various environmental topics, cleaned the fenceline along the western border of Vermont, cleaned the coastal area at Brekvisbaai, participated in bioblitzing as part of the City Nature Challenge: Overstrand, and attended various talks at the Welcome Whales Celebration.

In closing

My thanks to all the OVSRA Board members and the General Manager for the first year's work to make Onrus and Vermont a safer and more beautiful residential area. My thanks also to the organisations and residents who work with us, are willing to make funds available and play an active role in the best interest of our area.

Remember

Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 13 September 2022 in the Onrus Dutch Reformed Church.

Anton du Preez

OVSRA Chair

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