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Message from the CEO

We have come to the end of another exciting year. The SACPLAN Bulletin reported a number of stories which inter alia included the following:

- The rollout of the Tshwane Inner City Precinct Master Planning Project;
- The release of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Bill (SPLUMB);
- The launch of the new SACPLAN Website, which went live on the 1st July 2012;
- The SACPLAN Bulletin also showcased two women in Planning that were chosen as finalists for the Women in Engineering and the Built Environment (WiEBE) 2012 Excellent Woman in Engineering and Technology Awards. The one being Ms Allopi who was a finalist for the category "Excellence at Sector Level" for her work as a founding member of the Package of Plans approach contained in the Integrated Development Plan for the eThekweni Municipality, as well as the piloting of the implementation of the first three dimensional LUMS in Brickfield Road (Felix Dlamini Road) which is being duplicated in other parts of the city. The second was Dr Tanja Winkler, who

won the category "Excellence at Company Level — Education Sector" for inter alia her work in community-based teaching projects in which students, staff and community members worked together to solve pressing urban problems.

- A number of new books were also released during the year.
- We also celebrated World Town Planning Day in November. November 8 is a special day to recognise and promote the role of planning in creating liveable communities.

The SACPLAN also participated in celebrating World Town Planning Day (WTPD) through inter alia the WTPD online Conference. The topic for the 2012 conference was "Smart Communities Connect". This theme was chosen by the WTPD Online Conference organising committee to learn about how technological advancements impact on our communities, how we can better plan ahead to prepare for this 'knowledge revolution' and improve our awareness of the challenges and opportunities that are presented to our communities through advances in technology. This event is part of a collaboration by planning organisations from around the world.

There has also been a growth in the number of planners registering in all three the categories of registration. The LinkedIn group also grew and has now a membership in excess of 500 people.

As we go to the December holiday and the festive season, let's enjoy ourselves, but remember to keep our environment clean. I wish all a well deserved rest to be able to approach the new year with renewed energy.

Important Notice

The SACPLAN Offices will be closed from the 18th December and will reopen again on the 7th January 2013.

SACPLAN's VISION

To pioneer the founding spirit of innovation in the facilitation of sustainable and inclusive development in the planning profession.

SACPLAN Motto:

Reinvent Planning, Changing Lives

No Ivory Tower for UCT's Planning Students

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Dr Tanja Winkler
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"Nothing for us, without us" was a key message from the impoverished community in Langrug, Franschhoek, for UCT students and staff from the School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics that visited the area in February 2012.

The first-year Master's students in City and Regional Planning (MCRP) and Landscape Architecture students were in Langrug for their first official site visit and data gathering expedition as they began researching ways to improve living conditions in the informal settlement. The semester-long project, facilitated by Dr Tanja Winkler and Ms Liana Muller, also forms the core of the Programme's CPD course on Basic Planning Skills for in-situ Upgrade that is attended by community leaders and residents. The project is a long-term collaborative initiative with the Municipality of Stellenbosch, the official owner of the land upon which the informal settlement is located, and Slum Dwellers International (SDI).

The students were tasked with recommending upgrades and spatial development frameworks for the area, which had 4,000 Langrug residents. The Deputy Director of Integrated Human Settlements for the Stellenbosch Municipality, David Carolissen, said it was important for the state and other partners to work with communities like Langrug instead of "talking down" to them if it hoped to correct social ills. "Informal settlements in Franschhoek present a complex challenge," Carolissen said. "Langrug has



Masters in City and Regional Planning (MCRP) students planning with community leaders and residents

4,000 people. All have challenges like access to water and electricity".

In the first of many visits to the area, hidden from view from the picturesque and wealthy Franschhoek town centre, students were taken aback by the physically and economically stifling conditions. Many agreed that the most pressing need was installing safe, running water and sanitation facilities into the settlement.

"Proper facilities like water and sanitation are definitely the most urgent needs," said Aa-ishah Petersen, a Master's student in City and Regional Planning.

Professor Vanessa Watson, deputy dean of the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, explained that the project stemmed from a 2010 memorandum of understanding signed by a number of African Planning Schools with Slum Dwellers International (SDI). The schools pledged to teach students to plan *with* communities,

as opposed to planning *for* them.

"Planners had a very bad reputation worldwide, because they hoped to control things," Watson explained. "So now we're trying to train planners to learn from communities as well as from books."

**Consent vs
Rezoning: "Easy"
vs "Difficult /
Complicated"?**

Prepared by Adv Petrus J Steyn
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Some might agree with the above statement, whilst others might – as we say in Afrikaans – 'stik in hul pap'. But – reason for this statement serves as point of departure is precisely the following – and I stand to be corrected:

Municipalities do not consider consent use applications to have the same impact / consequences as rezoning applications!

The reason for the above statement is that some officials will easily hand a land owner / estate agent a pile of papers and indicating to them that they can complete



Langrug Informal Settlement, Franschhoek Valley, Western Cape

and submit same, when a consent use application is sufficient for certain land use rights to be obtained.

But – is this really the case? For example, the client wish to erect a second dwelling on his property. Although provided for as a consent use right, the question could be ask, is the impact of this second dwelling not also as significant as rights for higher density residential development, which will also result in a second dwelling to be erected. Is the impact on services (water, sewer, roads, etc.) not the same? Will the uninformed landowner be able to address such issues in his/her application?

In some Town Planning Schemes a Place of Instruction (providing for amongst others crèches) or a Place of Public Worship can be obtained by means of a consent use application. Again – is the landowner, who is now going to compile and submit an application 'qualified' to address traffic impact matters, impact on services, adhering to Council policies for the specific land use. Was this landowner informed that he / she need to investigate whether there are restrictive title conditions that might need to be amended / removed?

More often than not such landowners proceed with their applications – but then – when the objections start streaming in or there are more serious issues to be addressed – suddenly a Town Planner is called in – please come to our rescue! The Town Planner must start panel beating an application, uninformed motivating memorandum, and problems with advertising in order to take this application forward.

Therefore – a plea to council officials – please, you are also professionally trained – be careful, you might 'feel sorry' for a landowner and assist him / her that they can do their own application. Be careful – it can happen that it will cost the applicant now more to rectify the situation. If the applicant / landowner was advised to utilize the services of a Planner in private practice from the start – most of the issues would have been addressed!

So – the conclusion should be – there are no easy / difficult applications – each has its own merits and matters to be addressed – make use of the planners in private sector and unnecessary problems

with applications could be addressed before arriving on your tables!

Job Opportunities

Please forward any information on Planning Positions (Full time, Internships, Experiential learning / Work Integrated Learning) being advertised in your organization, to planner@sacplan.co.za. You can also upload such job opportunities on the SACPLAN LinkedIn group under Job discussions.

Newly Registered Planners

The following applications for registration with SACPLAN were approved during the last Council Meeting:

As Professional Planners:

Maleta, Ramosibihla Timothy;
Mgudlwa, Lonwabo Zinzo;
Nene, Zamaduma Gugulethu;
De Kock, Stefan Ethan;
Botha, Michelle Lorette;
Tsekwa, Mpho Richard;
Mojapelo, Mahlaku Anna;
Mashiloane, Raisetsa Doris;
Sibanda, Skhumbuzo;
Mathebula, Man Adam;
Loubser, Janet Margaret;
Cilliers, Charlotte;
Ramnath, Alka;
Steenkamp, Lorryn;
Ralfe, Katherine Anne;
Nzimande, Khanya Khayelihle;
Guest, Ilan Daniel;
Puana, Raymond Ngwedi;
Strydom, Sandra;
Masekela, Tiisetso Reitumetse;
Kruger, Liezel;
Vermeulen, Frederik Saaiman;
Johnstone, Dylan;
Sambo, Vusi Vincent;
Kriel, Monique;
Nel, Ilani Marianna;
Crewe-Brown, Tamara Louise;
Kwinana, Clarence Mphuthumi;

Irragang, Berendine Gesie;
Marks, Antony Brett;
Dookhilal, Larish;
Vandayar, Sainessa;
Rachidi, Siwisha Thabane;
Smith, Jaun Hester;
Sibiya, Njabulo Ntuthuko;
Faling, Cornelia Wilhelmina;
Rousseau, Eloise;
Ferreira, Ansa;
Akkiah, Puvendra;
Loubser, Matthys Johannes;
Mlangeni, Patrick Vukile Lawrence;
Redman, Toni Moira;
Rushton, Craig Morland;
Titus, Nigel Brendan;
Ahmad, Peter Khaled;
Van Zyl, Marietjie.

As Technical Planners:

Martin, Stacy Sarah;
Letsoalo, Khumo;
Zwane, Lunga Gordian Macmillan;
Baloyi, Marcia Rirhandzu;
Moabelo, Choene Prudence;
Matebula, Canesia Djeketseng;
Sudu, Ashok;
Madikizela, Samora;
Du Toit, Cornelius Johannes;
Shange, Nosipho Nomusa.

As Candidate Planners:

Shortles, Enrico;
Maphumulo, Simphiwe Njabulo;
Cebekhulu, Khethiwe Peggy;
Sadiki, Ndivhuwo Winnie;
Nabi, Ebrahim;
Kam, Yasmine Mukonde;
Ngcobo, Nhlanhla Lungelo Paiseogod;
Ngonyama, Nyeleti Gugu;
Mashotha, Headman Vhuhwavho;
Tshivhase, Rialivhuwa Reality;
Mdaka, Eliphelet Nkosifaneludumo;
Allie, Adeeb;
Jonas, Sinaye Siyasanga;
Madidimetse, Magdeline Motshegoa;

Call for Articles

SACPLAN Bulletin urge all registered persons to contribute to this newsletter and to share interesting news, dates, facts, happenings, projects, etc. regarding planning and development issues.

Mokubiyane, Emmilda Mmamile;
Mzinyane, Simangele Portia;
Thabede, Mandisa Treasure;
Mthethwa, Mpilonhle Zamokuhle;
Moteane, Monyake Eugene;
Dlamini, Nomcebo Twinie;
Chili, Christopher Siphephelo;
Prins, Jaco;
Lechuti, Itumeleng Tsholofelo;
Sewpershad, Shoba Millan;
Malabele, Thabiso Gift;
Ngcobo, Sandiso Shakespear;
Nxumalo, Comfort Nsizwa;
Shongwe, Simphiwe Jacqualine;
Nkambule, Khulelaphi Dorah;
Mniki, Nangamso Lisa;
Muvhango, Livhuwani;
Mangera, Aasif;
Mathebula, Nomsa;
Gwala, Sizwe Njabulo;
Madlala, Zinhle Giralagain.

SACPLAN LinkedIn Group hits 500

The SACPLAN LinkedIn group was established and is aimed at professional networking among registered planners, to serve as a discussion forum, to facilitate the sharing of experiences, views and opinions between young and mature professionals, and as a platform for the seeking of advice.

We have now passed the 500 mark with the membership to the group.

Members of this group are urged to use this forum to network with other registered planners, to discuss issues, experiences, views and opinions. This would then also help young professionals to gain from more mature professionals. Please also

use this as a platform for seeking advice.

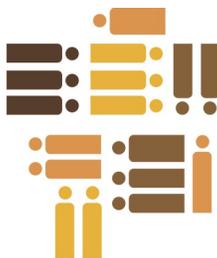
If you are not a member yet please use the link provided and submit a request. If the email you use on LinkedIn is different from the one on the SACPLAN Database, you will be requested to provide your email address as well as registration number. This is also a way to ensure that SACPLAN has your correct contact details to enable us to communicate effectively with you.

The link to the SACPLAN LinkedIn Group is http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3851414&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

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