



## CITY OF CAPE TOWN

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## Call on Salt River and Woodstock communities to co-create their neighbourhoods

***The City of Cape Town is piloting a new approach where we want residents to help us co-create their neighbourhood. Woodstock and Salt River are the first areas where we are calling on the local community to help us shape the vision for future development. Read more below:***

'Co-creation is different to participation. We are saying to residents we want to follow a more inclusive approach where they can influence how their local neighbourhoods are developed and look like in future. This approach will be piloted in Woodstock and Salt River and I'm calling on all sector organisations and associations in this precinct to join us on this journey,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Spatial Planning and Environment, Alderman Marian Nieuwoudt.

A Project Management Team (PMT) consisting of officials from key City departments has been appointed to coordinate City projects in this precinct. The intention is for the PMT to meet regularly with community organisations and residents to co-create a vision for the precinct.

'Those living in Salt River and Woodstock have first-hand knowledge of the needs and priorities in their area. We want them to work with the PMT to identify these and to craft a vision for the precinct, based on their experience and understanding of the local issues. It is high time that we tap into this knowledge. Also, we want residents and community organisations to propose solutions and innovative actions, and to work with the City on a plan of action, going forward,' said Alderman Nieuwoudt.

The following issues were raised by community leaders at initial meetings with the City in the latter part of last year:

- How to integrate the precinct's heritage and history with future developments and tourism opportunities;
- The need for residents to understand the development process, and how and where they can comment on applications for new developments, land uses, and building plans
- Future affordable housing developments in response to gentrification
- The impact of development on infrastructure
- The management and maintenance of green spaces and public open spaces as the area is becoming more prone to development
- Crime and safety, traffic
- Economic development and job creation

The PMT is planning on hosting a meeting in July 2019.

**All sector organisations and associations from Woodstock and Salt River are requested to nominate two representatives and to send their names and contact details to the following email address: [w-sr.precinctdevelopment@capetown.gov.za](mailto:w-sr.precinctdevelopment@capetown.gov.za) by 21 June 2019. These representatives will be invited to the meeting in July 2019.**

The form of future engagements and the process will be discussed at this meeting, as well as a broader outreach programme to involve as many residents as possible.

'We are committed to this pilot project and want to build trust and relationships with the residents of Woodstock and Salt River,' said Alderman Nieuwoudt.

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