



## Shangoni Gate Development Forum

<b>DATE:</b>	05 <sup>th</sup> June 2013
<b>TIME:</b>	10h00 – 13h00
<b>VENUE:</b>	Thohoyandou – Thulamela District Municipality Library Hall
<b>Attendees</b>	Attendance register has been attached

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION LIST

Discussion Items	Action/Decision	Resp.	Action Date
<b>Welcome to Giyani</b>	<p>Mr. Abe Sibiya (Managing Executive: Kruger National Park), officially opened the meeting as the chairman of the forum, and requested Councilor S.G. Maluleke to do the welcoming.</p> <p>Councilor S.G. Maluleke, on behalf of the Greater Giyani Municipality welcomed all the attendees of the forum to Thohoyandou.</p>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Introductions and apologies</b>	<p>Mr. A Sibiya requested every attendee to introduce themselves, and their representation capacity in the forum.</p> <p>The following apologies were recorded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chief Shibiti (Thomo)</li> <li>- Chief Mapindani (Mninginisi Block 2)</li> <li>- Mr. Jan Bezuidenhout (from the DBSA)</li> <li>- Mr. Leon Lombaard (from DBSA)</li> <li>- Mr. Tebatso Matlala (from IDC)</li> </ul> <p>Mr. T Mokoena (TM) gave a feedback that Mr. Lombaard's (LL) is back at work following the previous report that he (LL) was hospitalized following a surgery.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>A. Sibiya</b></p> <p><b>T. Mokoena</b></p>	
<b>Previous meeting minutes</b>	<p>Previous meeting's minutes were presented through a projector, adopted by Mr. W Mabasa who was seconded by Councilor H.D. Shivambu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Several attendees raised a concern that they have not been receiving previous meetings' minutes, as they do not have access to email communication. On the other hand, those who have access to emails said they receive them late, hence they are unable to evaluate their (minutes) trustworthiness and accuracy in time.</li> </ul>	<b>N/A</b>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It has been agreed that in future, representatives from the municipalities, would assist in the distribution of meeting minutes. Priority however will be given to those members who do not have access to emails and telephones communications including postage, especially those who are residing in in remote areas, as physical addresses are a challenge.</li> <li>- Other methods for effective distribution of meeting minutes should be investigated by the secretariat of the forum.</li> <li>- The dossier of all forum meeting minutes from last year should be prepared and forwarded to respective municipalities for further distribution to forum members for their record keeping.</li> </ul>	<p><b>M. NemaKonde, S. Maswanganyi &amp; L. Mabunda</b></p>	
<p><b>Land claim</b></p>	<p>Subsequent to the land claim issue that was raised by Adv. Sono (who represents the Nwazekudzeku, Madonsi, Ndindani and Muyexe communities) from the previous forum meeting, it was agreed that this matter should not be discussed in this forum, however it should be addressed at a different forum to be agreed upon by all affected stakeholders.</p>	<p><b>A. Sibiya</b></p>	
<p><b>Shangoni Gate position</b></p>	<p>Following the previous discussion about the proposed gate position, Altein community (under Chief Mtititi) raised a concern that movement of the gate from its current ranger/management gate, they might lose their historical connection to it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- However, the forum anonymously agreed and concluded that the gate should be constructed where it was proposed by the KNP engineers i.e. Position - coordinates: S 230 04,662 E 300 56,139.</li> <li>- KNP and the entire forum should continue to engage and demonstrate economic benefits of the chosen gate position to the Altein community.</li> <li>- Municipalities should ensure that these resolutions are properly and effectively communicated to all parties affected.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Other matters arising</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The feasibility should equally cover all communities to avoid being biased in their research outcomes where possible, particularly those within the vicinity of the proposed gate</li> </ul>		

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	<p>position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As this project would require enormous funding, KNP and Councilors have to work together to unlock the project funding, particularly from government.</li> <li>- This project should also form part of all affected and surrounding municipalities' Infrastructure Development Programme (InfraDP) to enhance required fundraising.</li> <li>- Rural Development programme that is being undertaken in Muyexe should be integrated into the planning phase of this project.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Progress Report by Technical Planning Committee Chair</b></p>	<p>Mr. T Mokoena (SANParks) provided a brief Technical Committee Chairman's progress report, and the following were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Several meetings were held in which draft feasibility reports produced by the consultants (STRISA) were technically interrogated.</li> </ul> <p>This included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demographic profile of communities surrounding the G. Giyani.</li> <li>• Geographical and geological report, which presented flood-plain surrounding the area where the new gate has been proposed – i.e. GPS coordinates: S 230 04,662 E 300 56,139.</li> <li>• Feasibility of the entire project, including related economic impact analyses, which included benefits and opportunities.</li> <li>• The "Hub" was proposed as one central initiative which can be central to the entire project.</li> <li>• Detailed costs for both inside and outside the KNP development.</li> <li>• Two road type constructions have been evaluated for inside the park (KNP), namely the tare and paved road.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Further details were presented by the Mr. Mike Gardner (MG) from STRISA.</li> </ul>	<p><b>T. Mokoena</b></p>	
<p><b>Presentation Report on the of Draft Feasibility</b></p>	<p>Mr. Mike Gardner (from STRISA) presented the project feasibility study report, and the following key study outcomes were presented:</p>	<p><b>M. Gardener</b></p>	

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<p><b>Study.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Opening of the Shangoni Gate is generally feasible, although there are strategic and investments matters that needs to be addressed to make whole project to a reality.</li> <li>✓ The entire external road networks leading to the Gate (from Malamulele and Giyani) and the one joining the gate to the H1-6 (inside the park – about 45 km), need urgent attention, as the project success depends on them.</li> <li>✓ There is a need for new tourism facilities inside and outside of the park to drive tourism and economic growth.</li> <li>✓ This project is expected to create multiple business opportunities for surrounding, including job creation, training and other poverty alleviation initiatives.</li> <li>✓ Extensive marketing plan will be required to drive and stimulate further demand to prospective tourists.</li> <li>✓ A “Hub” has been proposed to integrate all initiatives relating to the Shangoni Gate development.</li> <li>✓ The project is expected to create 620 temporary jobs and 58 permanent jobs. The figure on permanent jobs has been disputed and the consultant was required to review his calculations in this regard.</li> <li>✓ The entire project cost is estimate to R312,3 million (assuming tar road inside KNP), however this figure can be R 90 million more if the KNP road is paved, although paved road is expected to create 567 more job during construction.</li> <li>✓ The entire project is expected to be rolled out within 3 to 4 years to be fully functional, on condition that all required resources, such as funding, are obtained on time.</li> <li>✓ Other opportunities relating to this project include but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Art &amp; design Centre</li> <li>○ Jewelry manufacture</li> <li>○ Adventure activities and village micro-brewery, and</li> <li>○ Indigenous nursery, muti plants and essential oils</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Possible area challenges area: extreme floods, drought and dysfunctional mining sector.</li> <li>✓ New developments will have few negative impacts that cannot be avoided.</li> <li>✓ Although new development is needed and it is possible,</li> </ul>		

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	<p>periodic floods in the areas may inhibit development.</p> <p>✓ Proposed architectural design will include Tsonga themes, and surrounding schools have been engaged to provide proposal drawings.</p> <p><b>Research methodology:</b></p> <p>The following key areas relating to how research was undertaken were presented:</p> <p>✓ Data sampling included 89 interviews with KNP tourists, 47% of Ba-phalaborwa tour operators. Please note that the Shingwedzi rest camp was closed during the study period due to flooding.</p> <p>✓ Demand - 67% of interviewed tourists indicated interest to use the Shangoni Gate once it has been established.</p> <p>✓ The Shangoni Gate will need to attract 1-3% of the current tourists currently using the Phalaborwa and Punda Maria gates. This is averaged at 83 guests per month.</p> <p>Executive Summary Report is attached.</p>		
<b>Critical dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (Friday)</b> – Forum members to consult with their relevant constituencies and make their final inputs into the feasibility report.</li> <li>- <b>11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (Thursday)</b> – SANParks to communicate decisions made by the forum to DBSA and IDC.</li> </ul>		
<b>Proposed next Forum meeting</b>	Final date and venue to be confirmed by the secretariat		

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**Mr Abe Sibiyi:**  
**Managing Executive: Kruger National Park**  
**Chairperson: Shangoni Gate Development Forum**