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NEWS: A Clearer Path Forward for Our Vredehoek

Hi ,

It has been a while since our last update, and we appreciate your patience. The quieter period has not meant inactivity. In fact, it has been the opposite. Behind the scenes, significant work has been underway to finalise our proposed budget and engage directly with multiple departments within the City of Cape Town. These conversations are essential to ensuring that the [Vredehoek CID](#) is not only well planned, but properly supported and positioned to deliver meaningful, visible improvements in our neighbourhood.

For a clearer understanding of what this engagement has involved, we encourage you to watch this short explainer video from Greg Kempe below:



From next month, you can expect a longer newsletter. The intention is not simply to circulate information, but to build connection. A CID only works when a community is informed and involved. Regular communication is one of the ways we strengthen that foundation together.

There is real opportunity ahead for Vredehoek. Thank you for being part of the conversation. Please see the important information below.

Public consultations on the draft CID Business Plan to start soon

The Vredehoek CID **draft Business Plan** was submitted to the City for initial review in late December, and the first round of City feedback was received on 16 January 2026. The Steering Committee has responded to the feedback and submitted a revised draft to the City.

Once we have go-ahead from COCT, we will share the draft Business Plan with the community and hold our first public participation meeting to discuss and refine the Business Plan.

Stay tuned for the details of the draft Business Plan and public participation meetings. [See the full CID Process on our website.](#)

Illegal structure evictions in Lower Gardens

Early January saw the [Lower Gardens CID](#) - in collaboration with law enforcement agencies - execute an eviction order for illegal structures on Hope Street and surrounding areas. Extensive follow-up cleaning and repairs to public

infrastructure were also performed by the CID and the City, and additional CID security patrols were put in place to monitor the evicted areas.

Increase in criminal activity in Vredehoek

Since the evictions in Lower Gardens, DPVWatch has reported an increase in criminal activity in Vredehoek, including an increase in foot traffic and multiple unfamiliar individuals coming into the area in the early hours of the morning.

A violent mugging occurred on Warwick Street during the day on 7 January. Thanks to DPVWatch and community volunteers, two suspects were arrested.

DPVWatch relies entirely on a small group of volunteers for patrols and responses to incidents.

A Vredehoek CID will enable 24/7 active patrols, reduce the burden on volunteers, and make Vredehoek safer for us all.

Please be vigilant and [report incidents to DPVWatch](#) and law enforcement.

Best regards,
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