



**REPORT OF THE SECTION 79 – PUBLIC PLACES & STREET  
NAMING FOR THE 2022 YEAR**

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### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to appraise the Municipal Council on the progress made thus far, regarding naming and renaming of our streets, areas, facilities and buildings.

### **2. FORWARD BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

This report is a reflection of the work done by the Section 79 – Committee: Public Places and Street Names. It is also reflective of issues considered from the previous work done by the last term committee. Moreover, for our councillors; our policy-makers, officials, our key stakeholders, and others to see what value naming of areas carries. And further the work that still needs to be done in the new year. Clearly, our city is crucial to the well-being, positive livelihood's, growth and development of our region and province at large. The committee and all our stakeholders, and residents too, need to do more to make and improve public naming processes of our city. It is of utmost necessity to have names that are an embodiment of our history, our culture and that seek to invoke the Ubuntu spirit and principles. Truly, the expression cannot be more relevant today, "When playwright William Shakespeare asked the question, "What's in a name?" he was referring to the idea that names themselves are a convention to distinguish things or people, ...".

I would like to thank members of the Committee, the whip, officials and the office of the Speaker for the work that the committee had done up to so far. The committee convened three official meetings and also undertook a site inspection during the month of November 2022.

The communities living at Vista Park, Unique Homes, Bergman, Botshabelo and Thaba Nchu continue to complain about lack of street names, settlements and features. In some parts of our city naming process took place, however the process just stopped or paused and the process remains inconclusive. Their patience and understanding has been so overwhelming and we thank them for that.

The committee wish to express to all the councillors a happy new year! May it be filled with new adventures and good fortunes.

"If you have, give. If you learn, teach." Maya Angelou

We hold the view that 2023 will be a year of progress and development, thank you again



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**Councillor Puseletso Seleke**  
**Chairperson of the Committee**

### 3. BACKGROUND

The **Section 79 Committee : Public Places and Street Naming** is one of the five Council committees established by the Council during the December 08, 2021. The Committee started with its work from June 2022 and the following members are part of the committee

<b>Councillor P.L. Seleke</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Councillor L.N. Lecoko</b>	<b>Whip</b>
<b>Councillor M.S. Ramolele</b>	
<b>Councillor M.E. Nkiane</b>	
<b>Councillor T.S. Fantisi</b>	
<b>Councillor M.M. Mohulatsi</b>	
<b>Councillor M.E. Dennis</b>	
<b>Councillor H.J. van Niekerk</b>	
<b>Councillor M.J. Ramatlama</b>	
<b>Councillor M.W. Mongale</b>	

### 4. PROGRESS REGARDING NAMING AND RENAMING

The Municipal Council in the previous term approved a number of resolutions regarding naming and renaming of our roads, streets, different areas, townships, settlements, public buildings and features.

The reasons for the Municipality in naming those areas, was influenced by the numerous requests received from the South African Police Services. SAPS indicated the challenge and difficulty they encounter in crime prevention because of lack of streets and area names.

Moreover, ward councillors are inundated with requests from members of the community to provide them with proof of residence which is a requirement for some of the transactions with certain institutions and service providers.

Most unfortunately most of the names approved by the Municipal Council are yet to be implemented, through placing name boards and registering with the cadastral register, municipal names bank, SG (Surveyor General) and Google Maps.

The reasons provided by the Planning Department is that, they do not have the required budget to make new name changes.

The committee has been grappling with the requirements for naming of new areas, whilst at the same time trying to enforce the old Council resolutions. Numerous meetings with the Roads division had been made, including seeking solutions with the Acting HOD, Mr Wallace Mcleod. Those scheduled meetings with the relevant officials were not honoured, including by the acting HOD of Engineering Services and thus it is very difficult for the committee to fully establish reasons why names boards are not erected in all those settlements and areas.

## **5. ROLE OF THE DEVELOPERS IN STREET NAMING AND PLACING OF STREET NAME BOARDS.**

Mangaung Municipality is responsible for providing and maintaining street nameplates for roads which have been adopted in the area of jurisdiction. However, it is the developer's responsibility to provide appropriate street nameplates for any new developments. This further imply the following, namely;

- It is the responsibility of the Developers to erect and pay the costs of registering new street names in new townships developments for the cadastral, GIS and with the Post Office and google maps capturing.

## **6. REASONS FOR THE RENAMING OF PLACES**

On rare occasions, it may be necessary to rename or renumber a street. This is only done as a last resort when:

- there is confusion over a street name and/or numbering;
- a group of residents are unhappy with their street name as it is causing confusion/problems;
- new properties are built in a street and there is a need for existing properties to be renumbered to accommodate the new properties;
- the number of named-only properties in a street is deemed to be causing confusion for emergency services, deliveries or visitors;
- When detected that duplicate names exists; and
- when members of the community submit petition for name change

## **7. WHAT NEED TO HAPPEN POST 2022**

The work of the committee will be strengthened through participation and contribution by all stakeholders. We will therefore also engage our Provincial geographical names committee to strengthen ties and collaboration.

We further call on the Head of Departments to contribute adequately in the work of the committee. The committee will issue a Program of Action during January 2023 which will detail areas that needs urgent intervention with regards to street naming process.

**Annexures in this report:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Annexure</b>
1.	Letter issued regarding participation and attendance of meetings	Annexure A
2.	Letter issued regarding preparations for the site visit	Annexure B
3.	Draft Report regarding site visit during November 2022	Annexure C

'Annexure A'



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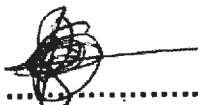
**THE SPEAKER  
COUNCILLOR STEFANIE LOCKMAN-NAIDOO**

**NON-ATTENDANCE OF ACTING HODS TO SECTION 79 COMMITTEE MEETING :  
STREET NAMING**

A section 79 Committee meeting was convened today, 22 November 2022, at 11h00 in the Boardroom, seventh floor, Bram Fischer Building. The agenda had six items, which required the contribution and inputs of the relevant departments. The committee is not impressed at all with the current continuous absence of the Acting HOD's to our meetings. It should be mentioned that this trend of absence of Acting HOD's had been happening since they joined Mangaung Municipality in July 2022. What strikes the chord is that they are duly invited to the meetings and they do not even submit application for leave of absence. Madam Speaker, how does the committee perform to expectations and meet its obligations when the management team disrespect and disregard invitations to the meetings.

Your urgent intervention will be highly appreciated

Regards;

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**CLLR PUSELETSO SELEKE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE STREET NAMING COMMITTEE**

'Annexure B'



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**LOCO-INSPECTION BY THE SECTION 79 COMMITTEE MEETING : STREET NAMING**

Kindly take note that the meeting of the Section 79 Committee: Street Naming that was held today, 22 November 2022, at 11h00 in the Boardroom, seventh floor, Bram Fischer Building, resolved to do a loco-inspection of the following locations, Vista Park 1,2,3 & 4 Unique Homes in Phahameng location; these two settlements do not have street names. Including the viewing of the proposed Hauweng Bus stops, some of these bus stops already have names and the committee resolved to view these bus stops for compliance to our by-laws relating to Street Naming. The Committee had invited the Developer of Vista Park, Mr. Spencer and other developers to be available at the venue and engage the committee on the funding of the process towards the naming of streets in the entire Vista Park area.

We therefore request the Speaker to issue an instruction to ensure the following, namely;

**Availability of the Hauweng bus for the site visit;  
The site visit will start at 13h:00 (1pm) at the Bram Fischer Building  
Date of the site visit is on Monday, 28 November 2022**

Your urgent cooperation is appreciated in anticipation

Regards;

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**CLLR PUSELETSO SELEKE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE STREET NAMING COMMITTEE**

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## **OVERSIGHT LOCO INSPECTION VISTA PARK & UNIQUE HOMES**

**Date: 28 November 2022**

### **1. Overview**

Public Places and Street Naming committee conducted site visits in two areas within the Mangaung Township on Monday, November 28, 2022, the program started at 13:00 in the afternoon and concluded at 15:39 in the afternoon. The loco-inspection came as a result of the resolution of the Public Places and Street Naming meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The Chairperson of the Committee, led the Public Places Committee and Street Naming Councillor Puseletso Seleke and the administration was led by the Secretariat Services team, including Official from the Planning Department, Mr. Mathoko Mathobisa.

### **2. Purpose of the site inspection**

The purpose of the site visits was primarily to determine the following, namely -:

- reasons for the lack of street naming poles in the old locations (Vista Park 1,2,3 & 4, including Unique Homes settlements);
- secondly to assess the level of readiness of approved Hauweng bus stops, the Municipal Council meeting held on the September 2021, confirmed the names linked to the bus stops and related features;
- the committee invited affected ward councillors in the specific areas to be part of the inspection of the mentioned areas;
- The committee further invited and informed developers in those established settlements to explain the reasons for the delay in erecting street names.



### **3. Specific Areas visited**

#### **a) Inspection of the bus stop names - Tempe Bus stop**

The Tempe Bus stop which is located in Brandwag suburb, about 100 meters from the Tempe entrance gate.

##### **Key takeaways -:**

- The name depicted on the Hauweng bus stops are clearly visible and are related to the Council resolution made during September Council meeting, which resolved that no new names should be given, and that the names must be linked to the suburb name or feature.
- The remaining bus stops, that is, the university of the Free State and Brandwag center names are in line with the Council resolution taken during the meeting held on the 30 September 2021.

#### **b) Vista Park Township**

Vista Park Township came into existence in 2003. It is adjacent to the Ehrlich Park and the memorium road to the west, bordering the Uitsig suburb. More than three developers at this settlement got involved in the construction of bulk infrastructure and will have to come to the party to install street names.

##### **Key takeaways -:**

- Councillor Qondile Peter explained that the process of naming of street took place during 2017. Vista Park community members took part in the naming process. What should have happened afterwards is the installation of street names and registration of those names in the names bank.
- That it be noted that Vista Park does not have public schools, police station, public clinic or community park residents using services from adjacent suburbs.

#### **c) Unique Homes settlement**

This location was established during the early 1990's and it's a middle class settlement found on the eastern outskirts of Phahameng location. All the streets in Unique homes are fully tarred, however with less or limited storm water drainage system.

##### **Key takeaways -:**

- a) Councillor Letlhogonolo Lecoko explained that during the early 2012 the street naming process took place at this settlement and community members participated in the naming process. What is strange is that the names recommended by the community were never registered in the names bank or even the street poles never erected.
- b) Councillor Lecoko, requested that all those names which had been approved by the community should be registered in the names bank and further be used as street names and also be erected.
- c) The committee members noted that the settlement had been in place for well over thirty years and it might be almost unrealistic to find the developers of the settlement towards financial contribution of street name boards. Further, proposed that the municipal administration should engage residents living on corner yards to install street names within their properties, to mitigate theft and damage of street name boards.

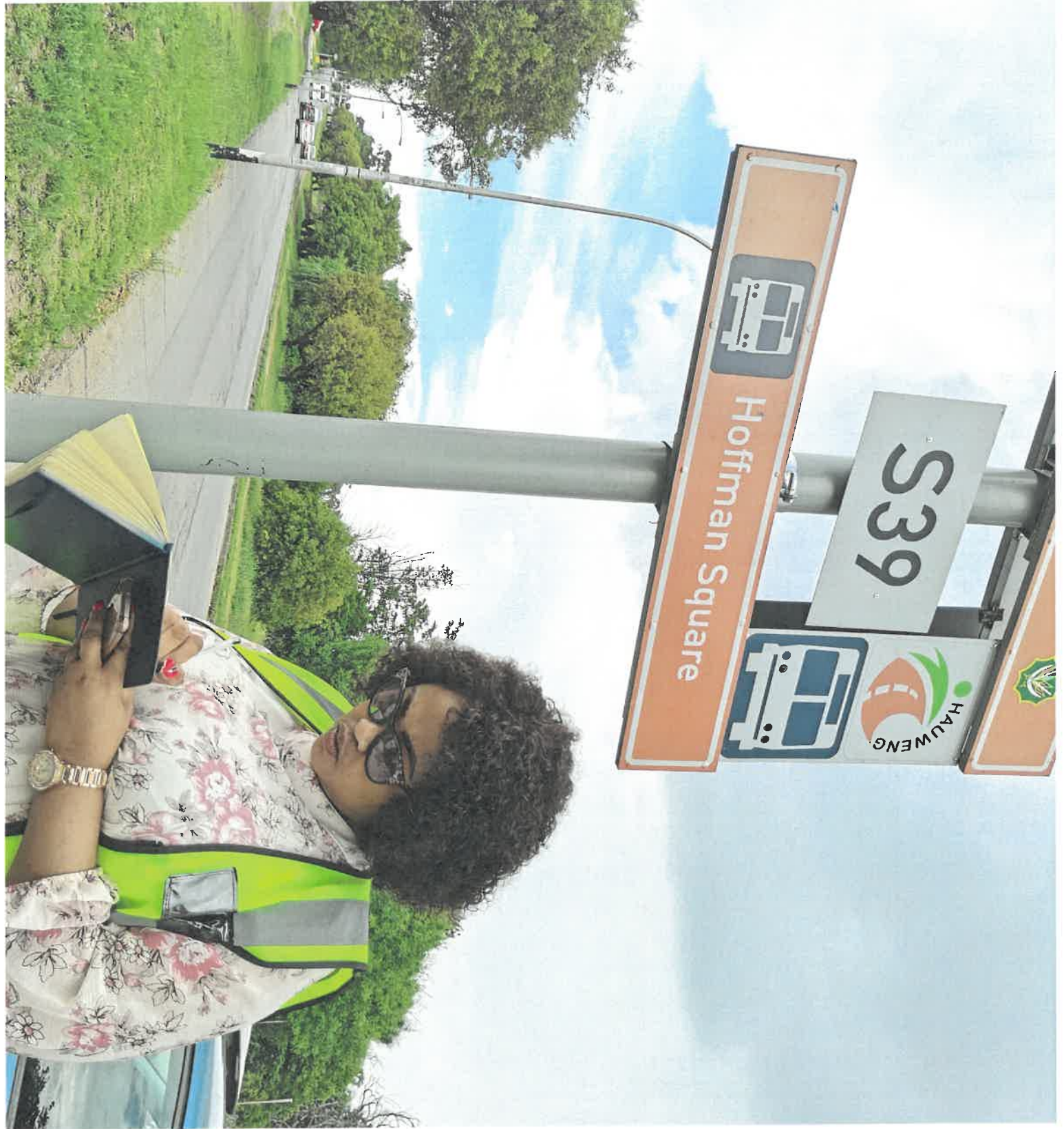
#### **4. Observations by the Committee**

The Department of Engineering services, especially the Storm Water and Roads division is failing to attend and erect the street board names already approved by the Municipal Council. The committee further noted the backlog of all those approved names in Botshabelo and various settlements within the city that still needs to be captured in the names bank and the cadastral register.

#### **5. Recommendations and way forward**

- a) That Council note the contents of this report;
- b) That the Municipal Council should consider setting aside funds for erecting street names for Unique Homes settlement, during the budget adjustment in February 2023.
- c) That the Acting City Manager be requested to evaluate and submit all outstanding Council resolution relating to the p, features, public places and street names finalized and approved since 2012.

# ANNEXURE 'AA' 'Bus Stop Sign Boards'



Annexure BB'  
Councillor Peter explaining at Vista Park.



'Annexure CC'  
Umqoke Homes

