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Bulletin 83:

A New Year!

Most of you are wondering what has been happening since the judgement in the Hurlingham Manor North court case late last year. We are happy to advise that we have engaged with the City on a number of issues, namely:

1. We have lodged a complaint against Lisa Seftel with regards to her handling of the Hurlingham Manor North road closure application and will be lodging similar complaints on behalf of other road closures. Lisa Seftel is the person who makes decisions on road closure applications.
2. We are pushing the City to engage with us on the issues of automation and the locking of pedestrian gates as promised by them in December of last year.
3. We are seeking a meeting with the MMC for Transport to discuss other issues of concern for road closures in the hope of solving such issues amicably.

In order for our efforts to be taken seriously we need a mandate. We already have a mandate from those areas that contributed to the Hurlingham Manor North High Court application, and thank them for their financial contributions which have created the environment where the City is now prepared to talk to us.

We would like to invite all road closures to a meeting where we will provide a comprehensive update on all of the above issues, together with a plan of action for engaging with the City and a summary of the issues that we would like to raise with the City regarding road closure applications.

If you would like us to represent you in such negotiations, please attend this meeting and provide your input as to the issues you would like us to raise with the City. In particular, we would like to know what forms of automation are currently being utilized by road closures and how well they work as we need to present a proposal for automation that is not too expensive, does not violate the right of the general public to access your area, achieves maximum security for the residents and is financially sustainable.

We are aware that there are a number of areas that are utilizing various types of automation but need input as to what systems are working the best. It may well be that the persons best suited to advise in this regard are your security companies and we request that you contact us to discuss this issue prior to the meeting.

Should you wish us to represent you in the negotiations with the City regarding these issues, we will be asking for a payment of R5 000 per road closure. This will cover our time as well as the costs of expert reports that we anticipate we are going to need.

If anybody has any questions in this regard please do not hesitate to contact me.

We will communicate details of the meeting next week and highly recommend that you attend to get an idea of what is to be discussed and to enable you to decide whether or not you wish to participate in this venture.

Best regards

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