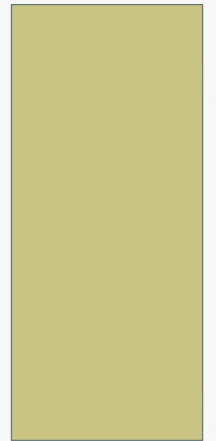


MAITLAND GARDEN VILLAGE

THE GREEN LIGHT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND THE CAPE TOWN PROJECT CENTRE



- Interactive Qualifying Project Experience
- History of the Cape Town Project Centre
 - Past Project Efforts
 - Breaking New Ground This Year in Maitland Garden Village

ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Problems with a Traditional Needs-Based Approach
- Benefits of ABCD



THE GREEN LIGHT PROJECT INITIATIVE

Community Meeting Conducted



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More Than Fifty Community Members
Participated



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Open-Ended, Community Driven Meeting Agenda



MEETING OUTCOMES

- Nine Committees of the Green Light Project Established
- Programme Executive Board Elected
- SLOT Analysis Created



SLOT ANALYSIS



BACKGROUND: MAITLAND GARDEN VILLAGE

Survey Topic	Total
Number of Houses	237
Estimated Population	1614
Unemployed	262
Back-dwellers	457
Drug-users	41

POPULATION BREAKDOWN BY AGE

Age Group	Total
0-6 yrs	185
7-12 yrs	157
13-18 yrs	163
19-35 yrs	403
36-59 yrs	510
60+ yrs	196

STRENGTHS: SOCIAL ASSETS

- Close-knit community
- Motivated residents
- Talent
- Pride in community
- Low crime rates

STRENGTHS: EXISTING COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

- Youth Soccer Programme
- Church Youth Groups
- Drum Majorettes
- Seniors Clubs
- Esther's Dream Centre
- Primary School After Care



LIMITATIONS

- Lack of skill development
- Stagnant youth
- High unemployment
- No central community venue

OPPORTUNITIES



The **Green** Light
Project

EXECUTIVE BOARD

A Group of Executives to Represent the Community Was Chosen to Lead the Programme



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- Members: Margaret, Elenore, Elaine, Macey, Sheila, Ronell
- Mission: Raise money for the other committees to purchase equipment
- Current Initiatives: Boers worst sale on 2 December and 9 December – money raised being used towards painting the Methodist Church Hall



AWARENESS COMMITTEE

- Members: Caren-Lee, Jamie-Lee, Kershia
- Mission: Raise awareness of issues including HIV/AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancy, and abuse (sexual, physical, emotional, verbal)
- Current Initiatives: AIDS Awareness Presentation on 15 December in the Methodist Church Hall



DANCING COMMITTEE

- Members:
Bernodean, Ryan,
Charlton, Ashney
- Mission:
Choreographed and
freestyle dancing led
by a youth instructor
- Current Initiatives:
Compiling music to
begin choreography



GYM COMMITTEE

- Members: Esmeralda, Lucia, Lena, Fiona
- Mission: Hold different fitness classes based on demand (walking, spinning, zumba, yoga, aerobics)
- Current Initiatives: Finalizing details for walking programme (supplies & advertising)



GARDENING COMMITTEE

- Leader: Nathan Hardenberg
- Mission: Lead beautification of the community by cleaning up yards and planting gardens
- Current Initiatives: Starting projects on 15 December



SOCCER COMMITTEE

- Coach: Germalowdean Rezant
- Mission: Support a competitive under-nineteen youth soccer programme
- Current Initiatives: Street Soccer on Beatty Ave on 15 December



DRUM MAJORETTES COMMITTEE

- Coach: Natasha Hendricks
- Mission: Practice new dances so that the team may be competitive
- Current Initiatives: Working to get the necessary uniforms for all participants



FIRST AID AND HOMECARE COMMITTEE

- Members: Miriam, Devona, Janine, Shadika, Dawn, Carol
- Mission: Care for elderly residents of Maitland Garden Village by carrying out simple tasks such as washing, cutting nails, restocking toiletries, and cleaning the house.
- Current Initiatives: Obtaining the necessary supplies needed to begin their care



MUSIC COMMITTEE

- Members: Roben, Alistair, Nathan, Neagan, Lucinda
- Mission: Practice instrumental and vocal music
- Current Initiatives: Creating instruments to be rented to the youth.



THREATS

- Lack of a central community venue
- Lack of organisational support
- Lack of leadership skills
- Lack of advice and guidance

MOVING FORWARD

- Sustainability – motivation within the community is high and action is being taken by the project committees
- Collaboration with the city
- Collaboration with Oude Molen Eco-Village – how do you see yourself playing a role in the future of The Green Light Project?