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# ROTUNDA PARK PRECINCT

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Turffontein serves as a reception area for many first time entrants to Johannesburg, thereby creating potential living environment to a large number of diverse user groups. This creates an opportunity for affordable rentals to suit a variety of income groups. The proximity to job opportunities makes Turffontein a significant potential contributor in the City's urbanisation plan.

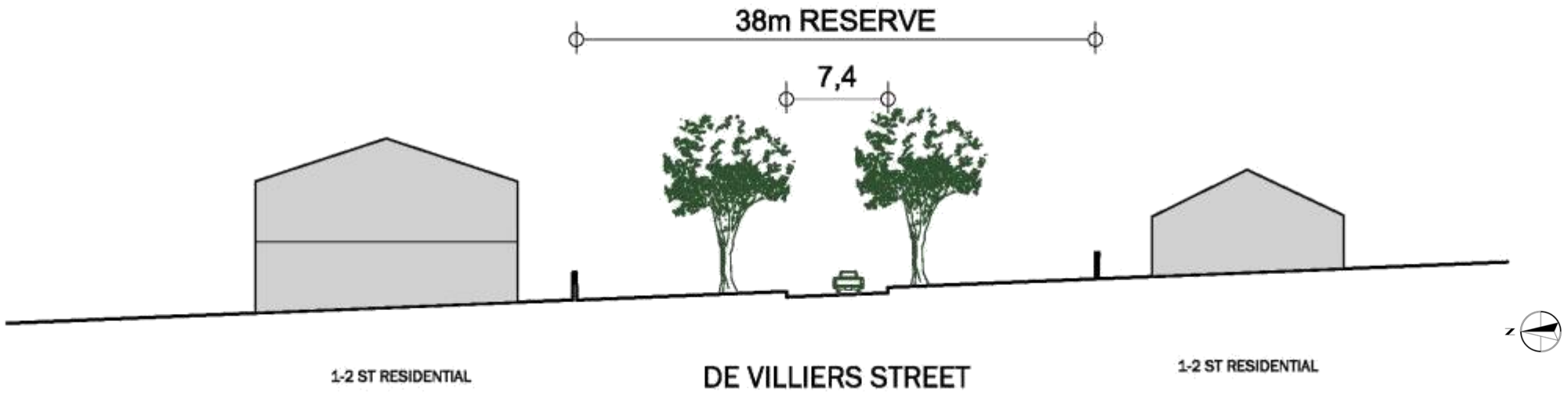
The corridor is also a potential recreation destination due to the location of facilities such as the Race Course, Transport Museum, Hector Norris Cycling Velodrome and the Wemmer Pan recreation precinct. The recreation area is also directly linked to the Gold Reef City entertainment precinct via Turf Club Road.

The SAF is developed around four structuring elements:

- ***Movement Network*** – optimising connectivity within the corridor and harnessing connections with the City
- Structure for the ***Space Economy***, that identifies key nodal and mixed-use areas and integrate them into a future corridor system
- An underlying structure of social infrastructure (***social clusters***) that can grow and intensify over time to support growth in the corridor
- An approach to ***densification*** within the corridor that is appropriate to the existing structure and context, but also supports a high level public transport system.



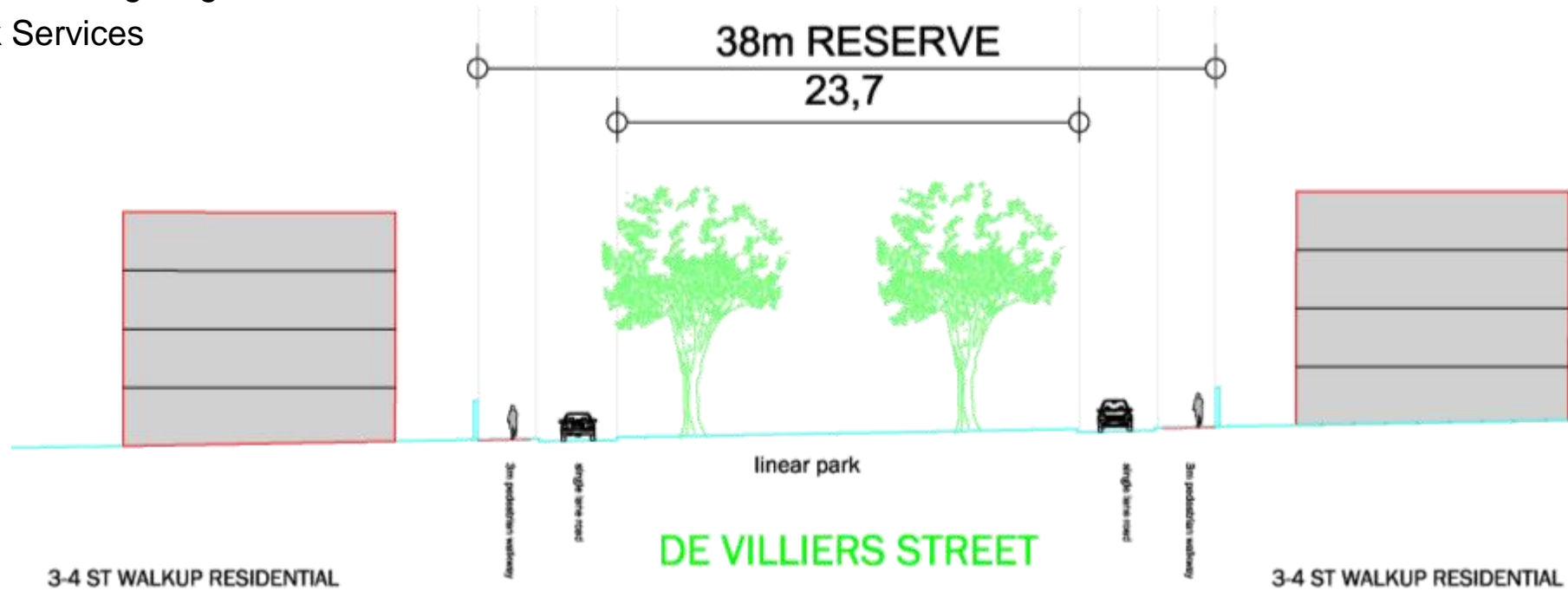
De Villiers Street Linear Park



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# INTERVENTION

- Split Vehicular Movement to run alongside properties
- Linear Park (Multi-function)
- New sidewalks
- Upgraded Lighting
- Bulk Services



## De Villiers Street Linear Park

Moving from this...



To this...



## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

- Step 1: Presented design concept and participation process at public meeting
- Step 2: Conducted survey of residents / property owners along De Villiers Street between Park Crescent and Main Street
- Summarised issues raised and feed into design
- Step 3: Conducted Street Block Workshops for each block along De Villiers Street to get design input on physical elements to be applied to each block
- Input from Street Block Workshops used to refine the design for each block
- Step 4: Focus Group sessions with key stakeholders
- Step 5: Public Open Day held to present the revised designs for each block and get comment from the community
- Comments from Public Open Day used to finalise the designs for each block
- Step 6: Final Design Drawings put on public display for review by community



## **PUBLIC MEETING: STEP 1**

- Public Meeting for Ward 124 held on 23 May 2015 at Reuven Age Old Home in Turffontein hosted by ward councillor Clr Radebe
- Leaflets distributed and posters placed around project area
- Overview of the Upgrade of De Villiers Street and the design concept presented
- Overview of the community participation process presented
- 81 people attended the meeting

## STEP 2: SURVEY OF RESIDENTS / PROPERTY OWNERS

- Local community members recruited and trained to conduct survey
- Field workers provided with letter of identification and conducted door-to-door interviews at each property
- Survey instrument gathered information on the type of property and the details of owners and tenants and any businesses operating from the premises
- Survey instrument also asked questions about people's opinions of De Villiers Street, how they currently make use of the street, what type of interventions they would / would not like to see as part of the upgrade, and whether / when they would prefer to attend meetings on the project
- There are 112 properties on this section of De Villiers Street
- There were 39 properties where it was not possible to verify the owner details from either the WinDeed Search or the survey

### STEP 3: STREET BLOCK WORKSHOPS

- Workshops for each of the six street blocks along De Villiers Street were arranged based on the times people said were most convenient during the survey
- Invitations were via leaflets delivered to each property and emails / SMSs to all survey respondents who provided such details
- **A total of 62 people attended the street block workshops as shown below**

DATE	TIME	STREET BLOCK	ATTENDEES
Thursday 25 June	09h00 to 12h00	Leonard Street to Van Hulsteyn Street	5
Thursday 25 June	13h00 to 16h00	Park Crescent to Bishop Street	19 + 2 ward committee
Friday 26 June	09h00 to 12h00	Lindhorst Street to Main Street	3
Friday 26 June	13h00 to 16h00	Moffett Street to Leonard Street	15 + 1 ward committee
Saturday 27 June	09h00 to 12h00	Bishop Street to Moffett Street	6
		<b>Lindhorst Street to Main Street</b>	<b>4</b>
Saturday 27 June	13h00 to 16h00	Van Hulsteyn Street to Lindhorst Street	8
		<b>Leonard Street to Van Hulsteyn Street</b>	<b>2</b>
			62

## STREET BLOCK WORKSHOPS

- **The Street Block Workshops lasted 3 hours** and attendees were given presentations on the issues and preferences of the residents / property owners from their block, the background to the project and the preliminary design for the whole street with a focus on their block
- **A discussion then took place on the issues and preferences and design concept**
- Attendees were then divided into breakaway groups to debate and prepare lists of their issues / concerns and the interventions they would like to see on their block
- Each breakaway group reported back to the whole group in a plenary session
- Each attendee was then given three coloured stickers to place next to the interventions that they most wanted on their block in order of preference
- **The issues / concerns and prioritised interventions were summarised for each street block and given to the project team to refine the designs for each block**

#### STEP 4: FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS

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DATE	TIME	STAKEHOLDER
Wednesday 15 July Session 1	08h30 to 09h30	<b>SOJO*</b> BUSINESS & TOURISM <small>*South of Johannesburg</small>
Wednesday 15 July Session 2	09h30 to 10h30	<b>LINDHORST STREET TO MAIN STREET BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS</b>
Wednesday 15 July Session 3	10h30 to 11h30	<b>TORNOLUX (COMMUNITY RUN NGO IN TURFFONTEIN AREA)</b>
Wednesday 15 July Session 4	11h30 to 12h30	<b>FARADAY TAXI ASSOCIATION</b>

## ISSUES THAT INFLUENCED THE DESIGN

ISSUES AND WANTS	COMMUNITY PREFERRED RESPONSE	PROJECT TEAM RESPONSE
Not enough lighting	Upgrade existing lighting	Upgrading existing street lights and installing additional lighting for the park
Untidy blue gum trees	Cut down trees	Trees cannot be cut down due to heritage status, but will be trimmed to make them more appealing
Not enough security in precinct	Install cctv and employee guards	In process of securing MOU to provide security with local businesses and NGO's
Not enough public ablutions	Design to include additional ablutions	Two sets of ablution blocks to be built within park
Maintenance of development	-	In process of securing MOU to provide security with City Parks and NGO's
Want public swimming pool	-	Can not be provided due to space restrictions. Providing a Splash pad instead

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Safety when crossing streets	-	Providing raised intersection on all cross streets and speed humps to slow traffic down and pedestrian crossings
Safety of children in park	Fence off entire park	Decided to fence off play areas and court to still allowed permeability through the park
Parking on street	Provide adequate parking	Provided parking were required after consultation with community and also considerations to future developments

- **STEP 5: Public Open Day** - to present revised proposals at block level, allow for one-on-one discussion around specific design elements and obtain further input.





- **Step 6** : Placement of design in public venues and open comment period to allow for final comment.



# OVERALL RESPONSE

Park Crescent to Bishop; BLOCKS 1

Moffett to Leonard; BLOCK 3

Van Hulsteyn to Lindhorst ; BLOCK 5

Bishop to Moffett; BLOCK 2

Leonard to Van Hulsteyn; BLOCK 4

Lindhorst to Main; BLOCK 6



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