

**The Bergvliet Meadowridge area would not have retained its spacious, green and community friendly character had it not been for the BMRA and the many volunteer residents over the past 75 years.**

**Looking forward, we need to be ever more aware and pro-active.**



Dr Donald & Winnie Craythorne



Brian Gripper



Gordon Evans



Neville Postings

## THANK YOU FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE!

**Dr Donald Craythorne** – was elected Chairman at the end of 1991 and served as Chairman for +/- 18 years until he passed away in 2010.

**Winnie Craythorne** – wife of Dr Donald Craythorne, has contributed her time and skills unstintingly for over 24 years and continues to do so, an invaluable asset to the BMRA and community at large. She has received 3 awards from the City of Cape Town commending her service.

**Gordon Evans** – served on the committee for 16 years, 2001 – 2017, holding the Environment Portfolio until 2004.

**Brian Gripper** – joined the Association in 1962 and, 60 years later, he is still a member of the Association. Brian served as an Executive Committee member for many years and as Chairman of the Association for 10½ years.

**Louis Knoop** – served on the committee for 12 years, 1990 – 2003 and held the Town Planning Portfolio until 2004 and thereafter assisted the Chairman with meetings, obtaining documents pertaining to Town Planning matters, etc. He also served as Vice-Chairman.

**Gail Lawson** – has to date served on the committee for 29 years. In December 1993 Gail was elected as Joint Treasurer with Di Starkenburg, and from 1996 to date, Gail has been Treasurer for the Association.

**Graham McPhun** – voluntarily audited the Association's books and annual financial statements for more than 20 years.

**Neville Postings** – served on committee for 13 years, 1998 – 2011, holding the Amenities and Health Portfolios until 2004; also acted as Vice-Chairman and Acting-Chairman when required.

**Mark Schäfer** – our current Chairman – has been leading the Association for over 12 years.

**Byrall Smith** – has served on the committee 22 years from 2000 to date, holding the Municipal Finance Portfolio until 2004 and also acted as Vice-Chairman.



Gail Lawson



Byrall Smith



Mark Schäfer

The Association would like to record its thanks to all our Councillors for their hard work, often going the extra mile and assisting in the development and maintenance of our suburbs.

### Provisional and Divisional Council era:

Mr J N Henshilwood  
 Commander Albrecht  
 Mr John F van Niekerk  
 Mr Kent Durr

### Cape Town City Council Councillors:

Ald Bronnie Harding  
 Cllr Frank Firth  
 Ald Frank Van Der Velde  
 Ald Gordon Oliver  
 Cllr Rev Herbert Syré  
 Cllr Debbie Schäfer  
 Cllr Leon Van Rensburg  
 Cllr Dennis Joseph  
 Cllr Penny East  
 Cllr Carol Bew  
 Ald Eddie Andrews

### CHAIRPERSONS OF THE BERGVLIET CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND THE BERGVLIET-MEADOWRIDGE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Year	Name	Years
1947/1948	Mr R F BULL	2
1949/1950	Mr W A VISSER	2
1951/1954	Mr C G STARKE	4
1955	Mr C F MORKEL	1
1956/1958	Dr H FREUND	3
1959/1961	Mr J O SLINGSBY	3
1962/1967	Mr R WILLIAMS	6
1968-1969	Mrs J LEWIS	2
1970	Mr I WILLS	1
1971/1972	Mr C E ACTON	2
1973	Mr L VERMEULEN	1
1974/1975	Mr B K ROSS	2
1976/1977	Mr G B RODGERS	2
1978/1980	Mr B B GRIPPER	3 +
1981/1982	Mr I N MCKENZIE	2
1983/1989	Mr B B GRIPPER	7 +
1990/1991	Mr C SEHA	1½
1991	Mr B B GRIPPER	½
1992/1997	Dr D L CRAYTHORNE	6 +
1998	Prof R CAMERON	1
1999/2010	Dr D L CRAYTHORNE	10 ½
2010	Mr N D POSTINGS	½
2011 - current	Mr M T SCHÄFER	12

## The Future : City Spatial Development Programme

The City controls what is allowed to be developed.

The current policy of “densification” of our suburbs seems to prioritise densification development with little or no attention given to retaining other important facets such as environmental conservation, the character of the area, and quality of life.

We feel all these elements are crucial in creating a desirable development framework.

The City planners have what they call “Integrated District Spatial Development Frameworks (DSDFs) and Environmental Management Frameworks (EMFs) for the eight planning districts across Cape Town”, including us in the Southern Planning District – all the way from Mowbray down to Simons Town.

These frameworks seek to respond to the question: “How do we want the city to be structured and to function in the future?”

The contents of these frameworks have dramatic consequences for us residents as, from a top-down policy point of view, they inform and control what can and can't be done in our areas for the next +/- 10 years.

This City process is currently being updated and new draft documents are available.

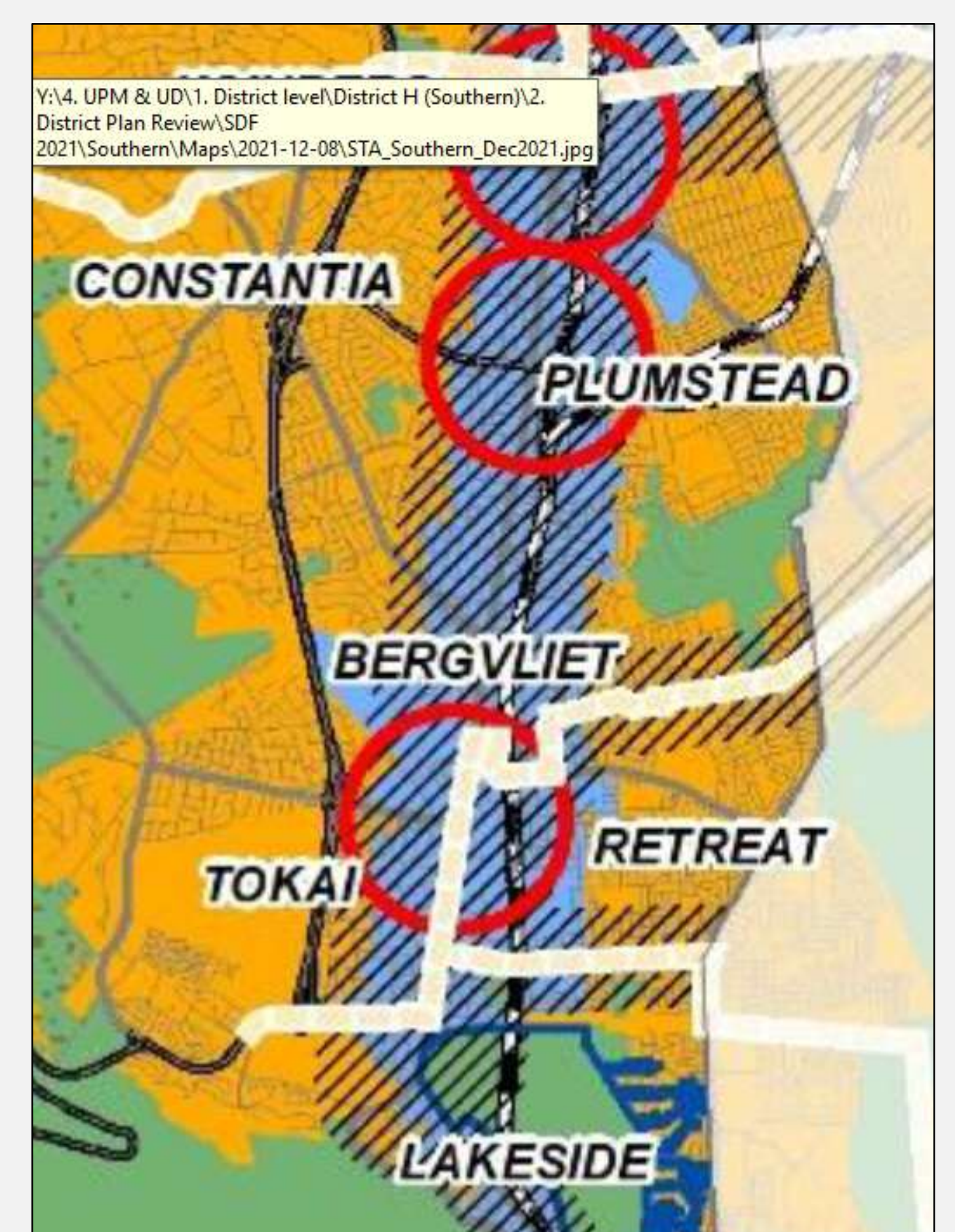
The map alongside reveals an envisaged “Structuring Corridor” along the entire length of Main Rd and within 1km environs, leading to high densification, seemingly based on First World utopian models where a sophisticated populace lives in densified high rise communities, making use of a public transport system that is safe and financially viable because it is effective. They use the extensive public green spaces for recreation where they can socialise and exercise with their families in a safe and healthy environment, where people of different economic and social classes peacefully co-exist; where high-level health care and education is readily available to all and unemployment and homelessness are aberrations.

Unfortunately this structure does not exist here and this vision is at odds with local community welfare, lifestyle and security. We feel that the imposition of this high-density model is not in keeping with protecting our area's green environment and character and will be of negative effect. We believe that greater consideration needs to be given to the fact that we are an African city, that green spaces should include private gardens, that Covid and the work from home response has dramatically changed the way people want to live and that “one size does not fit all” – differentiation is not a bad thing.

The BMRA is of the view that our community voices should be heard and has been trying to implement a “Local Structure Plan” for our area since 1994, which would see the implementation of overlay zones to protect the environmental nature of our “green-lung” area, with a view to combating climate change and preserving the character and way of life of our suburbs. Development needs to be area-appropriate.

The BMRA continually submits comments and suggestions as regards policies in the hope that City will listen to - and hear - its rate-paying residents and allow local planning nuance to be made possible, rather than the apparent one-size-fits-all approach.

By being a member or by joining the BMRA, you are assisting by adding your weight to our efforts.



	Urban Inner Core
	Incremental Growth Areas
	District Node
	Structuring Corridor

**Thank you to Stodels Garden Centre for kindly providing space for our poster display.**

### We would also like you to help us gather information about our suburbs

During the preparation of these posters we have made every effort to check the information. Much of the information has been gleaned from personal memories of our longstanding residents and from our records. We hope to capture a more complete history of the development of our suburbs along with interesting snippets of our history in order to produce a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary document about our suburbs and the Association. Therefore, we welcome any updates to the posters that you can provide, as well as any information, stories or pictures that you think are relevant to our history, development and civic affairs so that we can include this information in the document.

Please email us [membership@bmra.co.za](mailto:membership@bmra.co.za) with any information or stories that you would like to provide.

**Thank you for viewing the exhibition.**