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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

*Wednesday, 28 April 2021 (at 09:50) Hybrid Meeting*

**PRESENT:**

**Members**

**Democratic Alliance**

Maseko, L (Chairperson)  
Van der Westhuizen, A  
Mitchel, D (Alternate member)

**Apologies**

Herron, B (GOOD)  
America, D (DA)  
Marran, P (ANC)  
Ms T Didiza, Minister: Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

**Persons who were in attendance**

**Ministry**

Mr T Simmers, Minister: Human Settlements  
Ms V Njalo, Head of Ministry  
Mr M Martin, Media Liaison Officer

**Department of Human Settlements**

Mr R Smith, Acting Head of Department  
Ms P Mayisela, Chief Director: Human Settlements Implementation  
Mr P Chandaka, Director: Regional Support Overberg and Cape Winelands

**City of Cape Town**

Ms E Naude, Acting ED Spatial Planning and Environment  
Ms C Knott, Manager: Governance Support Services  
Ms R Walker, Executive Personal Assistant to the Executive Mayor  
Ms O Vumindaba, Stakeholder Engagement Officer  
Mr R Rughubar, Director: Housing Development

## **Media**

Ms S Payne, Journalist: Daily Maverick

Ms W Wilkinson, Journalist: Voice of the Cape

## **Parliamentary Monitoring Group**

Ms P Mkorotlo, Monitor

### **1. Opening and welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed all in attendance.

The Chairperson advised the Committee that the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (the Department) provided the committee with the presentation for the scheduled for 28 April 2021.

She indicated that shortly after the presentation was received, a second e-mail was received from Ms Thoko Didiza, Minister: Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, informing the Committee that the Ministry and the Department would not be able to attend and participate in the meeting due to other commitments.

The Committee raised its concern regarding the absence of the Department. It was mentioned that in the interest of co-operative governance, challenges that caused delays in phase three of the District Six Land Reform Housing Project could have been discussed and resolved between the three spheres of government.

Minister Simmers concurred with the Committee and added that it was a misfortune that the key role-players were not in the meeting to participate in the meeting as their attendance played a pivotal role in the discussions.

### **2. Briefing by the City of Cape Town**

Ms Naude briefed the Committee on the efforts by the Municipality pertaining to the overall planning for District Six. She elaborated on the financial implications for reticulation services amongst others and the SPED trouble shooting role and the formalisation of the Memorandum of Incorporation. Further discussions were held on the ongoing collaboration between the Intergovernmental Steering Committee and the Municipality's approach to the public realm. This is in a bid to harmonise the interrelationship between humans, nature and history.

The Municipality listed land invasions as the District Six Land Reform Housing Project's biggest challenge. They indicated that the illegal structures are spanning across 23 properties owned by the Municipality, Land Restitution Claims, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Church of the Province of South Africa and Murray and Roberts limited. Further hereto, they informed the Committee that the department should develop the remainder of the land as soon as possible to secure the land for beneficiaries.

### **3. Briefing by the Department of Human Settlements**

The Department briefed the Committee on its role pertaining to the Special Needs Allocation Panel for Phase 3 of the Housing Project. They indicated that a panel was appointed to process the special needs application forms and implement the allocation of 27 dwellings set aside for the originally dispossessed individuals, who have applied for consideration due to special needs. Further hereto,

the panel would be responsible for finalising the short-list and submit the Allocation Report with the names of the recommended beneficiaries to the National Minister by 30 April 2021.

#### **4. Resolutions/Actions**

The Committee RESOLVED to re-invite the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to attend a Committee meeting and to brief the Committee at a date to be determined that is more conducive to their schedule.

Meeting Committee adjourned at 11:23.

LM Maseko

**MS LM MASEKO (MPP)**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

**DATE: 18 June 2021**