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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Wednesday, 15 September 2021 (at 09:00) Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Members

Democratic Alliance

Maseko, L (Chairperson) Van der Westhuizen, A America, D

African National Congress

Lili, A Smith, D

The following persons were in attendance:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Mr. T Keswa, Manager: Public Education Outreach & Community Development Mr. K Mkunyana: Senior: Public Education Outreach & Community Development

Mr. C Alexander, Senior: IT and Digital Officer

Mr. M Odendal, Stakeholder and Communications Officer

Mr. J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer Ms. L Cloette, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms. Z Adams, Procedural Officer

Apology

Herron, B (GOOD)

Absent

Marran, P (ANC)

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all in attendance. She informed members that all attempts to engage with Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development did not come to fruition. She proposed having a communication campaign involving a survey and public hearings on the matter to elevate the concerns of the District Six Land Claimants who are now reaching out to the Standing Committee for assistance with their claims. This she informed the Committee would be done in the form of a survey in conjunction with written submissions and a communication campaign that would utilise media statements, radio messages, and print advertisements in newspapers. Preference for oral submissions would be provided to beneficiaries. The Committee intends to finalise the process before the end of the year.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) staff were requested to join the meeting to discuss how they will be able to assist the Committee to streamline the public participation process.

2. Discussions on the District Six Land Claims Public Participation Process

The WCPP Staff proceeded to brief the Committee on the process to be followed which would be similar to the one used for UIF/TERS. Advertisements would be placed in Western Cape community newspapers. The claimants would be able to respond via email, SMS and other channels. The media plan would include social media posts. This is due to a limited advertising budget, radio would be the main medium to inform communities. Whether public hearings are held or not, the proposed campaign would help the Committee to get the desired response.

Mr Alexander advised the Committee that a survey would have to be designed and placed on a digital platform.

Mr Odendal discussed the communication plan with the Committee. He indicated that Social media would be used to complement the survey on the website. Social media literate people would be asked to help senior citizens to make use of the website, and radio ads, voice clips and media statements would be used to sensitise senior citizens on the subject and to encourage them to make submissions. This would depend on the timelines agreed on. If the Committee does decide to go the public hearings route, then the invitations would use all those suggested communication platforms.

Mr Keswa, indicated the beneficiaries are spread throughout the province and that a request was made for the Department to escalate the information to all Thusong Centres and communities who have claims. It was important to manage the expectations of the communities. Stakeholders would be informed of when the Committee would engage with them.

3. Questions to be used for Adverts, Infographics and Dear South Africa Questionnaire

3.1 The Chairperson submitted the following questions:

The Chairperson requested that Members submit any additional questions to the Procedural Officer. The consolidated list of questions would be submitted to the Members by the Procedural Officer by end of business on Thursday, 16 September 2021, which Members should approve via email by close of business on Friday, 17 September 2021. Members agreed unanimously about considering other radio stations and timelines for the advertising campaign. It would run from 27 September until 27 October 2021.

3.2 Advertising, radio and Social Media

The Committee recommended advertising in the following mainstream and community newspapers:

- 3.2.1 The Argus English
- 3.2.2 Die Burger Afrikaans
- 3.2.3 I'solezwe isiXhosa
- 3.2.4 Die Son Afrikaans
- 3.2.5 The Daily Voice English
- 3.3 The Committee recommended advertising in the following mainstream and community radio stations:
- 3.3.1 Heart 104.9
- 3.3.2 Voice of the Cape FM 91.3

4 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Minutes of the meeting that was held on 18 August 2021

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes which were considered and adopted.

5 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Oversight Report to Social Housing projects as at 15 September 2021

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Oversight Report which was considered and adopted.

6 Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED to conduct an oversight visit to a Communicare social housing development.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00



MS LM MASEKO (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

DATE: 11 March 2022