

Call for comment on plans

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THE City's Development Planning Department has prepared draft spatial development plans (SDPs) for eThekweni's Central, South, Outer West (second revision) and North planning regions, and will be seeking public comment.

The Municipality is developing a comprehensive land use management system for the entire Municipal area.

This involves preparing a planning and development management "toolbox", which will include a package of plans.

Manager of Forward Planning and Development, Helen Epstein, said the City's long-term strategic planning is guided by its integrated development plan and the IDP's spatial development framework (SDF).

"This is the spatial response to the development context, needs and vision of the Municipality. It is the first level of translation of social, economic and environmental development into spatial terms and is the primary land use management tool of the Municipality," said Epstein.

She said that a spatial development plan was the next level of translation of the IDP's SDF.

Although it has a more detailed geographic focus, it is not site or street specific, but indicates the role of each planning region and directs, at a broad level, where and at what density, future residential, industrial, agricultural, commercial and mixed use development should occur throughout eThekweni, said Epstein.

The SDP will also indicate opportunities for new nodes, corridors, road linkages and development opportunities and will direct the type of land uses and densities relative to

the role of the node and corridor.

For example, the SDP will promote higher density residential and mixed use development along major public transport corridors or within an urban node, to permit easier and more cost effective access to houses, work, shops and community facilities.

In a similar way, rural nodes have been identified to let more people get better access to social and community facilities in rural areas.

Better access

Genevieve Hartley, a Senior Technical Planner, said new metropolitan level road linkages have been identified such as Main Road 577 and 579 linking the Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu areas to Clermont and KwaDabeka, and Pinetown to Umlazi. This will give residents greater access to facilities and make it easier to get around in Durban.

"These are some of the spatial tools being used to redress the social, spatial and economic inequities in our city and at the same time promote development that is more cost effective, equitable and sustainable," she said.

The spatial development plans will guide, manage and direct future development and investment over 20 years.

They will also indicate transport, environmental and infrastructure implications as well as identify the City's development priorities and phasing.

The plans will guide the preparation of more detailed local area plans, precinct plans and land use schemes.

The Municipality now plans to seek comment and discussion from land owners, developers, the public and other parties interested in the

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

CENTRAL SDP		
Meeting Venue	Date	Time
1. Pinetown Civic Hall. 60 Kings Road, Pinetown	Wed 2th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
2. Clermont KwaDabeka. 59 Clermont Road	Wed 3rd September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
3. Nirvana Hills Library. 1 Marcellin Road, Nirvana Hills	Fri 4th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
4. Westville Civic Hall. 1 Leister Drive, Westville	Wed 9th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
5. Yellowwood Park. 1 Pelican Place, Yellowwood Park	Thurs 10th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
6. City Health Auditorium. Archie Gumede Place. (Old Fort Place), Durban	Fri 11th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
7. Umkumbaan Community Hall. 35 Bamcote Road Cato Manor	Mon 14th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
8. Montford Community Hall Road 736, Montford	Tues 15th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
9. Merebank Library Bombay Square (Raj Mahal Rd.), Merebank	Thur 17th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
10. Queensburgh Civic Hall. 420 Main Road, Escombe	Wed 23rd September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am

SOUTH SDP		
Meeting Venue	Date	Time
1. Isipingo Beach Civic Hall	Sat 5th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
2. Amanzimtoti Civic Hall Hutchinson Road	Tue 8th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
3. Mpandwini Hall - R603, Umbumbulu	Sat 12th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
4. Victoria Mxenge Hall - M30 Highway, Umlazi	Tue 15th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
5. Umlazi V Hall, Veni Yeni Road	Sat 19th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
6. Lovu Community Hall Lovu Hall, B	Sat 26th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
7. Craigieburn Hall	Tue 29th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
8. Hlanzeni Hall - Umnini	Sat 3rd October 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am

OUTER WEST SDP		
Meeting Venue	Date	Time
1. Michael Gwala Community Hall - Fredville Main Road	Sat 5th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
2. KwaXimba Main Hall - off P98 Mazwezulu Road	Sat 12th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
3. Hillcrest Library - 22 Delamore Road, Hillcrest	Fri 18th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
4. Mpumalanga Main Hall-Shezi Main Road	Sat 19th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
5. Salem Community Hall- Rd 48118 off M461/ Shongweni Dam Main Road	Sat 26th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
6. Kloof Civic Hall - Old Main Road, Kloof.	Wed 30th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
7. Lower Molweni Hall-	Saturday 3rd October 2009	9am - 1pm Presentations at 10am

NORTH SDP		
Meeting Venue	Date	Time
1. Osindisweni Hospital Hall, Road P98	Sat 5th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
2. Waterloo Community Hall, 129 Python Road, off M27	Mon 14th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
3. Newlands East, 10 Tandipa Road	Tue 15th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
4. La Mercy Civic Hall, 4 Everest Drive	Wed 16th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
5. Greenbury Hall, 1 Garb Green Close	Sat 19th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
6. Greenwood Park, 4 Cheron Road	Mon 21st September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
7. Sharks Board, Umhlanga Rocks Drive	Tue 22nd September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
8. Besters Community Hall, 20 Dalmeny Road	Sat 26th September 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am
9. Tongaat Town Hall, High Street	Mon 28th September 2009	4.30pm-8pm Presentation at 6.30pm
10. Inanda Newtown A Hall, off KwaMashu Highway	Saturday 3rd October 2009	9am - 1pm Presentation at 10am

Should you have any queries regarding this process, please contact:

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long-term (20 to 30 years) future development of the City, as well as short-term priorities. Submissions will be considered with a view to finalising and consolidating the SDPs.

Public meetings and pres-

entations will be held in September to give people an overview of the plans for different regions.

The plans will also be available at City libraries, Regional Offices, Sizakala Centres and Area Based

Management Offices. The public will be able to access the plans at <http://www.durban.gov.za/durban/governments/planning/planning-news/sdpview>.

Public comments must be submitted by no later than 20

October, to the Manager: Framework Planning, Room 200, second floor, City Engineer's Building, 166 KE Masinga (Old Fort) Road.

For details of the dates, times and venues for public meeting, see the table above.

SMME conference

SOHANA SINGH

THE Municipality is calling on SMMEs to register to take part in the SMME Business Conference and take advantage of the 2010 boom.

Although exhibition space for the SMME Fair is fully booked, small, medium and micro enterprises can still participate in the event by registering for the informative conference.

The conference, hosted by the Business Support and Markets Unit, will take place during the fair at the Durban Exhibition Centre, from 25 to 26 September 2009.

This year's conference will focus largely on 2010 business issues, with speakers from the World Cup Local

Organising Committee and the City speaking about 2010 bylaws, soccer as a stimulator of small business development, ambush marketing and trade marks for the tournament.

Business opportunities related to fan parks, public viewing, and destination markets will also be discussed.

Other topics up for discussion include access to finance and business procurement opportunities for SMMEs in the public and private sector.

Conference registration closes on 11 September and a commitment fee of R100 is required. For more details call 031 266 9937/8 or e-mail info@ikhono.co.za.

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METRO REPORTER

FOLLOWING the recent furore surrounding the City's decision to decline approval for a poster until it had been amended to meet City guidelines, here are some suggestions potential poster advertisers should consider before they spend time and money printing posters.

The control of posters is a critical function of the General Advertising Department. Its aim is to ensure the city is not flooded with posters, making it visually unappealing. It is also responsible for ensuring posters do not pose a danger to motorists in any way, by blocking the view of drivers for example. The City has a responsibility

to ensure the content of any poster is suitable for public display and is not offensive, demeaning, indecent or harmful to any member of the public who may view it.

Strict rules apply when seeking permission to put up posters and it is always advisable to show the artwork to the General Advertising Department for advice before printing the poster.

This will save the applicant time and money if the printed poster is not approved.

Applications must be submitted no later than 21 days before the event to be advertised is due to start.

The department also needs 48 hours to put stickers on approved posters before they can go up. These stickers

show that the posters have been approved.

Poster advertising is primarily to tell the public what is happening, when and where, so this should be the main information on the poster.

A maximum of 15 figures are allowed on a poster, including the words, pictures, and logos. To be properly visible, lettering of key words on the poster should be at least 5cm high. Other letters should be a minimum of 2cm high.

A blank white box on the right hand corner should be left for the approval sticker.

The poster needs to be a minimum size of A2 or maximum size of A1. Prices and web addresses are not allowed on the poster. There are also restrictions on the number of

posters that can be printed and put up. Posters may be put up 14 days before the event and should be taken down three days after it ends.

Only one poster is allowed per electricity lamppost, and posters are not allowed to be displayed on roads with a speed limit greater than 60km/h.

Posters and banners are not permitted on bridges, traffic lights, traffic signs, trees, freeways and national routes.

Appeals against decision on posters can be made to the Head: Development Planning and Environment Management Department.

For more details, call 031 311 7046/48/55, or e-mail signage1@durban.gov.za or mfusisi@durban.gov.za.

Posters: costly mistakes to avoid