



SIGCID Third Public Meeting Minutes

Location:

Stadtmission, Devonport Road

Date

20th November 2025

IN ATTENDANCE

SIGCID SteerCo:

Bevis Hoets (Chair)
Trip Allport
Tim Harris
Simon Campbell-Young
Murray von Hirschberg (*apologies*)
Johan le Roux (*apologies*)
Peter de Jong (*apologies*)

CID Branch, CCT :

Joepie Joubert
David-John Michael-Steyn

CID Central Services:

Helen Snell

AGENDA

Welcome
Update on progress
Revised Business Plan
Budget & finance
Next steps
Questions

Welcome: SIGCID Chair Bevis Hoets (BH) welcomed attendees and opened the meeting. BH explained this was a third public meeting being held to present the reduced geographic area and revised business plan and budget. He explained that the name of the CID was being amended to Signal Hill CID (SIGCID) to better reflect the new geographic area.

Revised geographic area: The decision to reduce the geographic area was taken as a result of voting stalling after initial strong momentum in the first two months. A heat map of votes received clearly indicated strong support for the uppermost section of Tamboerskloof and the Steering Committee took the decision to revise the boundary to reflect where votes were concentrated. However, other important logistical factors had to be taken into consideration such as ensuring all properties which would be passed by the patrol vehicle be included likewise all properties directly adjacent to the mountainside cameras.

Revised business plan & budget: As a result of reducing the geographic area, the business plan has been scaled back and the budget reduced accordingly. BH presented the highlights of the new plan, ran through the new budget and explained the financial impact on property owners which will be slightly reduced to R129.28 incl VAT per month per R1m of municipal property value. Full details are set out in the revised business plan available on the Signal Hill CID website www.sigcid.co.za.

Next steps: There will now be another 30 day feedback period. Comments can be submitted until 8 January 2026. Assuming the threshold of 60% votes in support is achieved, then an application can be made to Council to establish the Signal Hill CID.

KEY QUESTIONS

Q: Does the revised business plan still budget for donations to TBKWatch?

A: No. Firstly, due to budgetary constraints of the smaller area comprising a smaller number of homes. Secondly, due to direct feedback received from TBKWatch in a face-to-face meeting that the donations were not wanted nor required. However, the intention is explicitly to continue to allow TBK Watch access to the network of existing cameras and additional cameras which the CID will install.

The topic of TBKWatch collaboration was revisited several times during the Q&A session. Many of the community would like to see the CID collaborate with TBKWatch and the Steering Community clearly stated that was always its intention but engagement has been very difficult and it would appear the two entities have very different opinions on how best to improve public safety in the area. A TBKWatch representative at the meeting claimed that currently 250 residents in Tamboersloof are making regular donations.

Q: What measures are taken to ensure the well-being of guards stationed in the guard huts? Does this include the guard in the hut at the Russian Embassy?

A: They have access to ablution facilities and sources of heat in the colder months. All possible measures are taken to ensure their comfort notwithstanding that by definition

the nature of the job means being somewhat exposed to the elements. The CID has no mandate over the guard at the Russian Embassy of course.

Q: The Steering Committee is still “all pale and male”, why can it not be more diverse?

A: This issue has been raised many times. The SteerCo has consistently stated it would welcome more diverse representation and any other members of the community are welcome to come forward. No one else has ever offered to join.

Q: How can the Steering Committee just decide to change the area and name of the proposed CID? Why does the whole process not have to be restarted? How can it just be assumed that votes already cast in favour still stand? What happens to the support votes from property owners who now fall outside the area?

A: CID by-law and policy provides for a geographic area to be reduced if this is presented within 9 months of the second public presentation of the original plan. There is precedent with other Steering Committees having done so, most recently Clifton for example. All votes cast can be revised. Anyone wishing to do so must just contact the Steering Committee at info@sigcid.co.za to confirm their intention. Votes already received from properties now outside the area are set aside.

Qs: What right does the CID have to put cameras on the mountainside which is owned by SanParks? How will this help security anyway.

A: The cameras will be placed on the boundary of the mountain and in a point-to-point layout such that should anyone attempt to access the Signal Hill area they will be detected as soon as they approach the boundary. This is a standard security practice for a boundary onto open space. If budget permitted, long range thermal cameras could be added for an additional layer of security.

Q: What use are the guard huts? Where I live we have a response vehicle which is what is really effective.

A: Guard huts are generally seen as an outdated public safety measure but it is the steps in Tamboerskloof which are particularly challenging to secure and monitor and the guards have proven to be the most effective means of doing so. Importantly, they are just one layer of the planned public safety solution which includes monitored cameras, loudspeakers and a dedicated response vehicle.

The chair closed the meeting at 19.10.