

## R E S O L U T I O N .

Whereas it appeared several times in recent issues of the "Star" that the City Council was discussing and considering the removal, renovation or otherwise of Pimville township; and whereas the residents became alarmed and fearful of what was going to happen to them, their children and their properties; and whereas through this fear the residents met and discussed the matter, as a result of which they appointed a deputation to approach the Town Clerk with a view to obtaining the minutes of the Council dealing with this matter; and whereas as a result, the Assistant Manager of the Native Affairs Department addressed a meeting on the 15th March, 1943, to explain the Council's intention; and whereas as a result of such explanation the residents became still more fearful and suspicious, and approached the authorities through the Advisory Board to defer its action pending further and fuller discussion; and whereas the Manager, Non-European and N.A. Dept., attended and addressed the meeting of the Advisory Board on the 17th March, 1943, and finally deferred the action of the Council for one week; and whereas the residents thereafter met and in a calm spirit resolved to approach the authorities and offer to cooperate with the Council only, however, when they had been given an opportunity to know what is in the Council's mind, and allowed the right to discuss in full and exchange suggestions with the council before they commit themselves; and whereas Mr. Ballenden, Manager, Non-European and N.A. Dept., is here tonight for that purpose and has already explained to us the Council's mind, therefore be it resolved that this meeting of the residents of Pimville held this 24th day March, 1943, places on record, and through Mr. Ballenden, conveys its appreciation to the Council and further declares and makes known its suggestions, proposals, and desires that:

- (1) The remodeling of Pimville is necessary.
- (2) Such remodeling should not interfere with the rights now enjoyed by the residents.
- (3) To assure that residents erect good and substantial homes, Freehold Tenure be granted. This is essential and remains urgent and paramount. We would request the Council to consider plans which envisage the attainment of this objective either immediately or in the not too distant future. Meanwhile good homes can and will be established if the monthly tenancy is altered to long lease.
- (4) All registered tenants living in the tanks be given stands in the remodeled Township on the same basis as stand holders.



NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD  
ON FRIDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1944 AT 4.30.-P.M.

6th June, 1944.

I. MARKS,  
TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - (Already circulated):

- (a) Special Meeting held on 24th April, 1944
- (b) Special Meeting held on 28th April, 1944
- (c) Ordinary Meeting held on 5th May, 1944
- (d) Special Meeting held on 12th May, 1944

2. REPORT OF MANAGER, NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
(Attached): PAGE. 1.

3. JOINT REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,  
MANAGER NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE - (Attached) PAGE. 41.

4. JOINT REPORT OF MANAGER, NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT,-- AND ACTING DIRECTOR SOCIAL OF  
WELFARE -(Attached) PAGE. 42.

5. REPORT OF TOWN CLERK - (Attached): PAGE. 43.

6. REFERENCE FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE POST WAR  
DEVELOPMENT ETC.--(Attached) PAGE. 45.

7. RETIREMENT OF MANAGER, NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT.

8. GENERAL

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## Pienville Native Advisory Board.

The Eighth meeting of the abovementioned Board was held at the Superintendent's Office on Tuesday evening, the 21st August, 1946, at 7 p.m.

The following members attended :-

Messrs. J.D. Swan (in the Chair); L.T. Mvabaza; D.J. Koma; T.W.M. Skota; A.G. Bokhalu; Jos. Mchube and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the Sixth meeting, the copies of which were distributed amongst the members during the month of July last, were read and passed as a correct record.

### ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

#### HOME-BREWING.

Mr. Mvabaza raised a bitter complaint with regard to the attitude adopted by the South African Police. He stated that since the Board's application for Home-brewing was rejected by the City Council of Johannesburg, the S.A. Police have intensified their liquor raids and many people were arrested from Saturday evenings to Sunday evenings. The record of prisoners has greatly increased. He, therefore, moved as follows :-

- \* Resolved that this Board of Pienville Township inform the
- \* Council of Johannesburg that since they turned down the
- \* recommendations of the Non-European Affairs Committee and
- \* of the Advisory Boards on the question of Home-Brewing, the
- \* South African Police Force have greatly intensified the
- \* liquor raids in the Native Townships of Johannesburg.
- \* As a result of these raids, the Prisons have become
- \* crowded and the Native Revenue Account has swelled up.
- \* This Board, therefore, asks the City Council for a change
- \* of heart as advocated by that great Ruler and Soldier
- \* Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts."

The Chairman put the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Koma, to the Board and asked them to vote on it. It was unanimously voted for by every member of the Native Advisory Board.

#### HEALTH REGULATIONS:

The Chairman told the Board that, as a result of its representations on the above subject, the City Council has now appointed two European Sanitary Inspectors to carry out the Health Regulations within the Native Townships, and that they will be under the direction of the Superintendent when they are executing their duties.

Mr. Skota moved that the Superintendent be asked by the Board to voice its appreciation to the City Council for the appointment of the two European Sanitary Inspectors for advising and educating the Bantu residents to observe the desired and necessary hygienic conditions of the Native Township. The whole Board showed their support by raising their right hands.

#### LIGHTS IN THE NATIVE TOWNSHIP:

The Chairman stated that the electric lights were definitely promised, and the Representatives of the Electricity Department have been in Pienville to note and mark for meters and transformers.

He will, therefore, find out from that Department when they are likely to commence their work.



ROAD FROM POTCHEFSTROOM ROAD TO MANCHEFIELD RAILWAY STATION.

It was stated that this portion of the road was in a deplorable condition.

The Chairman promised to draw the attention of the Authorities concerned and ask them to attend to the complaint. All the members of the Board were unanimous on the deplorable condition of all roads leading to and inside the Township of Pinville. The streets of the Township were bad and very dusty, and should therefore be watered for the protection of people's health.

CHRISTMAS OX.

The Chairman explained that the ox for Christmas was granted by the City Council, and the reason why it had not been delivered to the Board, was that the Meat Controller would not sanction its slaughter at Pinville Township.

It has been pointed out to the Meat Controller that the ox was not for any other ceremony or for trading purposes, but for the entertainment of the watchmen who helped to bring about order and peace inside the Township, during Christmas and New Year holidays; but the Controller refused.

Mr. Nwabaza said the war was now over, and the Christmas ox has been eight months overdue.

The Board now begs to ask the Meat Controller to re-consider his war decisions and grant the request.

DEPUTATION TO THE SYSTEM MANAGER, SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS, JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Skata stated that the Deputation met the System Manager and placed all matters which affect badly and oppressively our Bantu passengers patronising trains running between Jeppe - Johannesburg and Orlando and Pinville Townships.

The Deputation was sympathetically told that everything it stated, on behalf of the Bantu passengers, will be looked into and rectified.

They were further told that the Railway Administration was preparing a very big scheme as it proposes to build a big Railway Station at Faraday which, they hope, will minimise all matters now complained of.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

The Chairman expressed disappointment because of the absence of all members of the Pinville Advisory Board at a meeting convened by the Manager on the afternoon of the even date.

He, however, gave a very short report on the formal discussion with the other three Boards whose members attended that meeting.

He stated that the Council proposed to memorise the peace celebration and to plant it in the minds of the Bantu children by ear-marking a certain amount of money for the purpose, and choose a day for their sports, entertainments and picnics, so that it will be a Red Letter Day which will be remembered by both the Bantu adults and their children.

The recommendation of the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department on this expenditure has to be submitted to the Finance Committee through the Non-European Affairs Committee, and if approved, it will then be necessary for each Township to appoint a strong Committee to work out the ways and means of making the celebration a



success. Such Committee will work under the supervision of the Superintendent and the Native Advisory Board, should the four Boards decide that each Township will run its own Peace Celebrations.

The Boards suggested that it be left in the hands of the Africans to run the celebrations in the best way they thought. That is to say, that the money voted for the purpose be handed over to the Boards and the Residents' Committees.

Mr. Koma stated that the City Council of Johannesburg be thanked for these proposals, and that it would not be too much to ask that the City Council recommend to the Government that the day to be chosen for Peace Celebration by the Bantu people, be declared a holiday.

He further promised to submit a skeleton programme to the local Advisory Board for recommendation to the Manager. The Board agreed that Mr. Koma proceed with his skeleton programme.

#### LIVESTOCK OWNERS' COMMITTEE.

The Secretary read a letter from Messrs. S.B. Mtonbeni, P.S. Merafe and P.L. Koele and S.H. Mubube, who formed themselves as the Livestock Owners' Committee in compliance with the request made by the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department at a meeting he held with the residents of Pinville Township on Friday, the 10th July, 1945, at 7.30 p.m. in the Ballenden Hall.

The Chairman asked the Board if they knew anything about those men.

Messrs. Mvabaza and Skota explained that the real Committee has recently been appointed by the residents meeting, and that that Committee was the only one recognised. The abovementioned Committee was self-elected and was, therefore, not recognised.

The allegations made by the members of that unknown Committee, that the Board members were to be blamed for failing to comply with the Manager's request was unfounded and untrue. The reason why that Committee was not appointed immediately after the Manager's meeting was because mistakes were detected in the Minutes of the Manager's meeting, and as the attitude of the residents was becoming dangerous as a result of the incorrect remarks attributed to Mr. Mvabaza, it became most necessary that those mistakes should be corrected before the appointment of the Livestock Committee was made.

Now that the corrections have been effected, the real and approved Committee has been appointed, and that it is now working and will submit its recommendation to the Board for transmission to the Manager.

These two speakers were strongly supported by Messrs. Koma, Sokhulu, Mkhube and the Secretary.

There being no other subject for discussion, the meeting terminated at 9.40 p.m.



MONTHLY MEETING OF JOINT NATIVE ADVISORY BOARDS WITH  
ACTING MANAGER HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, 501/2, 5TH  
FLOOR, HIS MAJESTY'S BUILDINGS, ELOFF STREET,  
JOHANNESBURG, AT 3.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH  
SEPTEMBER. 1945.

PRESENT: Mr. D.F. Hennessy, Acting Manager (Chairman): Mr. J. Kruger, South African Railways and Harbours: Mr. E.F. Kieser, Acting Chief Clerk: Mr. A.S. Welsh, K.C., Senior Welfare Officer: Mr. Q. Whyte, South African Institute of Race Relations: Mr. A.R. Celverly, Western Native Township: Mr. J.G. Swan, Pimville: Lt.-Col. T.W. Armitage, D.S.O., Orlando: Capt. W.E. Barber, Eastern Native Township: Mr. V.B. MacFadyen, Orlando: Mr. C. Jordan, Relief Superintendent.

Messrs. G.G. Xorile, J.G. Mophiring - Orlando Native Advisory Board.  
Messrs. D. Koma, T. Skota - Pimville Native Advisory Board.  
Messrs. C. Matloporo, J.J. Mohlamme, T.F. Mngomezulu, J.C.P. Mavimbela - Eastern Native Township Advisory Board.  
Mr. D.G. Sihlahla - Western Native Township Advisory Board.

APOLOGY: Rev. O. Mooki - Orlando Native Advisory Board.

Owing to the absence of a quorum after the requisite period of twenty minutes had elapsed, the Chairman regretted that the formal business of the meeting could not be discussed. He proposed, however, dealing with Item No. 6. as Mr. Kruger of the Railway Administration was present.

Mr. Mavimbela was of opinion that it had been agreed at a Special Meeting, at which a quorum was present, that in future the Joint Native Advisory Board Meetings be held in the evenings. The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Venables had raised no objection to this suggestion, but no decision had been arrived at.

Before proceeding further, the Chairman welcomed and introduced to those present Mr. Quentin Whyte of the Bantu Trust who would deputise for Mr. Rheinallt Jones.

(6) CONDUCT OF RAILWAY OFFICIALS TOWARDS AFRICAN PASSENGERS.

Mr. Skota complained that on numerous occasions the coach doors were locked and this considerably inconvenienced passengers. On the 5.5 p.m. Pimville train on the 10th September three doors had been locked. He had had similar experiences when travelling from Springs. The previous week the 5.15 p.m. train had arrived late and only left Park Station at about 5.30 p.m. This train had not stopped at the usual stations and the Pimville residents were obliged to alight at Orlando. The Orlando residents, who boarded the next train were put off as this train passed straight through. Passengers were obliged to wait for the Booysons train. When trains were late passengers for Pimville were obliged to alight at Orlando and this was a common occurrence. In bad weather the position would be considerably worse. He advised that about two weeks previously the barriers at Pimville had been narrowed, a pole being placed in the centre with wires running across.

Mr. Mavimbela stated that on one occasion when he was holding a first-class ticket, as the door was locked and the second-class was over-crowded, he was obliged to travel third-class. He had noticed that accommodation was reserved for the conductor who had a compartment to himself whilst many passengers could not find seats. He was of opinion that this should be remedied and such accommodation made available for passengers.

Mr. Mophiring reported an instance of trains travelling at excessive speeds. He was not sure, but thought this occurred on the 6.15 p.m. train leaving Johannesburg for Orlando on either Monday or

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Tuesday. This information had been passed on to him by prominent residents of Orlando, and he was under the impression that a written complaint had been forwarded to the Railway Authorities in this connection. He requested that replies be given to matters previously raised, such as over-head bridges, complaint re sale of 7d. tickets, etc. He could not remember any of these matters being rectified with the exception of the stopping time of trains. These complaints were serious and might result in accidents, and he thought they should be attended to.

Mr. Mohlamme outlined a personal complaint which he had experienced, but Mr. Kruger pointed out that as far as he was aware it was the intention that only general complaints and matters affecting the travelling public as a whole be dealt with at the Joint Native Advisory Boards' Meetings. He suggested that Mr. Mohlamme submit a written complaint to the System Manager, Bloemfontein, which in turn would be forwarded to the Railway Administration in Johannesburg for investigation. If he so desired, Mr. Mohlamme could send a copy of his complaint to the System Manager, Johannesburg.

Mr. Xorile stated that the trains did not stop sufficiently long enough to permit of passengers boarding and alighting. He realised that the trains must adhere to their schedules, but in view of their being over-crowded when passengers wished to alight it was not possible for them to do so in the time allowed. Something should be done in this connection until such time as the congestion was not so acute. He referred to an incident at Canada Junction, where the officials appeared to be impatient. A number of passengers were unable to board the 1.33 p.m. train on the previous Saturday at Canada as it arrived late and did not stop in the station sufficiently long enough to permit of them entraining. On the same day the train did not leave Park Station from the usual platform and it was necessary for intending passengers to cross the line in order to board it.

Mr. Koma suggested that monthly tickets be issued on the last day of the month as well as the first of the month, as considerable difficulty in obtaining tickets was experienced under the present arrangement. Mr. Kruger was under the impression that it was possible to obtain monthly tickets on the last day of the month, but Mr. Koma assured him that this was not the position in Fimville where tickets were not issued until the first of the month. Mr. Matloporo informed him that this also applied to George Coch. Mr. Kruger undertook to investigate this matter.

He advised those present that the schedules of trains were laid down as a guide, and instructions had been issued to the effect that no train should depart before all doors were closed irrespective of the time taken by passengers in boarding or alighting. The first consideration of the Administration was the safety of passengers. These instructions had again been issued to the examiners, but unless there was an inspector at each station it was not possible to ensure that they were carried out. In most instances members did not give definite complaints, and if examiners were accused proof must be given before action could be taken. He suggested that in future members accuse the examiner and note his number and the time in the presence of witnesses. This would eliminate the position of one man's word against another's.

In regard to accommodation reserved for the examiner, Mr. Kruger stated that it was not permitted to accommodate him in the driver's compartment. As material became available lockers would be provided for the examiners in the vans when it was hoped that the position would be improved.

As far as the narrowing of barriers and monthly tickets were concerned, he would make representations to the departments concerned.

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Mr. Xorile enquired if it would be possible to obtain quarterly tickets from stations other than Park. Three-monthly tickets were at present unobtainable at Orlando and Pimville. Mr. Kruger undertook to investigate the matter.

Mr. Mavimbela advised that on Sunday afternoons at Jeppe and Park Stations people wishing to travel on local trains formed long queues whilst waiting for their tickets. He asked if it were not possible to increase the staff at these stations at the time mentioned. Mr. Kruger noted this request.

He advised those present that instructions had been issued, especially in Johannesburg, that any change of platform must be announced. Also before trains left the station this must be made known. Complaints from Europeans, that this procedure was not properly carried out, had been received and the Administration was at present endeavouring to improve the loudspeaker system and employ both European and Non-European announcers. In addition it would also be announced at which stations the trains would stop. In reply to a suggestion by Mr. Xorile that special consideration be given to Orlando and Pimville trains when these left from different platforms, Mr. Kruger said that it had been requested that no alteration in the platforms be made, and he did not think changes occurred very frequently. In all probability instructions would be issued to the effect that these trains should leave from the same platform.

At this stage Mr. Kruger left the Meeting.

Mr. Matloporo suggested that complaints in connection with trams be dealt with, but the Chairman advised him that as an official from the Department concerned was not in attendance no good purpose would be served by such a discussion. If complaints were submitted to him in writing he would forward them to the Tramways Department. Mr. Matloporo handed the Chairman a written complaint.

Mr. Xorile submitted the following items for inclusion in the Agenda for the next meeting;

1. Report by Manager on policy of the City Council in carrying out the requirements of Section 19(5) of Act No. 25 of 1945.
2. Allocation of Houses for Institutions in the Location.
3. Representation of Hostel Dwellers.

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1. Public Conveniences at Orlando Office.
2. City Councillors in company with the Native Advisory Boards to visit the Non-European Cemeteries.

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PIMVILLE NATIVE ADVISORY BOARD.

The second meeting of the abovementioned Board met at the Superintendent's Office on Tuesday evening, the 19th February, 1946, at 7 p.m.

The following members attended:-

Messrs. J.C. Swan (Chairman), L.T. Mvabaza, T.V.M. Skota, P.S. Merafe, S.B. Mtoabeni, D.J. Koma and the Secretary.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as a correct record.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

LOCATION DRAFT REGULATIONS.

The Secretary read a letter from the Manager, Non-European Affairs Department on the Resolution passed by the Pimville Native Advisory Board, in which he states that he has written to the Secretaries of the Advisory Boards of Orlando, Western Native Township and Eastern Native Township asking for their individual views on the proposal made by the Pimville Board.

The Chairman asked the members to state their views and name the Organisations they wanted to be invited to the Round Table Conference.

Mr. Skota suggested that representatives from the following organisations should be invited to the Round Table Conference:-

- (1) The African National Congress.
- (2) The All African Convention.
- (3) The Democratic Party
- (4) The Transvaal African Teachers' Association.
- (5) The Undenominational African Ministers' Association.
- (6) The African National Bus Association.
- (7) The National Council of African Women.
- (8) The Daughters of Africa
- (9) A. Senator and the Native Representative Council. *ds*

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He was seconded by Mr. Mvabaza and all members of the Board unanimously agreed.

STREETS AND LIGHTS.

Mr. Mvabaza stated that streets were in a very deplorable condition as they have been neglected for over 40 years. Pimville has the worst luck on earth. It is altogether neglected and forgotten. The streets are full of ruts and on rainy days there are lakes here and there and are impassable. The Health Department has failed to exercise their Health Regulations, and the streets are unclean beyond comparison.

The Boards are passing Estimates every year, yet such monies, intended for hygienic purposes, are spent otherwise. The Sanitary Services are provided for in the Estimates.



Mr. Merafe asked that the Council be asked to proceed with the remodelling of Pinville Township, as it is now a very long time since residents have been waiting. It would appear that the Council wants or is awaiting depreciation of houses so that when the time of remodelling comes the compensation shall have fallen in value. It is therefore prayed that the remodelling be expedited, so that this sorrowful state of streets and lights shall be eliminated.

Mr. Skota supported both speakers in their argument on the question of streets and lights and further stated that there are many things that need urgent attention and the Council should meet the residents half way by paying attention to the aspirations and appeals placed before it.

#### FOOTBALL AND CRICKET GROUNDS.

Mr. Mtombeni asked that a tractor be used for sports grounds and streets as it was necessary that streets should be properly laid out and put in order and also that the lights should be put right.

#### RAILWAY MATTERS.

Mr. Skota expressed the desire of the residents in as far as the Railway matters are concerned.

He stated that the present Ticket Issuer is very hostile to Native passengers and that he does not give the correct change of monies tendered to him by ticket buyers, and further that there is never a policeman at the window to see that buyers get their correct change of monies tendered.

The Railway need not pay a man who makes his fortune from the poor Native passengers.

At this juncture, the Chairman intimated that the City Engineer's Department has or will commence the work of putting up a verandah for an extra ticket window.

Mr. Mvabaza again stated that the Railway Administration need not pay a man who is enriching himself from the poor Bantu public. The Bantu people have been forced to hate this man, and will reluctantly be compelled by the acts of this Ticket Issuer, to take the law into their hands, and break down the barriers, and that they will board the trains without tickets. Many people are left behind the trains they intended to travel by.

Mr. Mtombeni stated that the time is now ripe that the residents should find a solution of their complaints which are taken no notice of at present.

Representations have been properly made to the proper authorities, through Mr. Kruger, who has been attending the Joint Boards' meetings, and taking the complaints to the Railway Authorities but all these have proved a failure.

Both Messrs. Kuma and Skota spoke very strongly about the attitude of the Ticket Issuer towards the passengers and pointed out that such attitude will compel the residents to take the law into their hands. The young men are still thirsty for the bad treatment and always want to show themselves that they are white people, and that they will teach the Native's to bend down to the will of a white per-



The Bantus have been continually asking for fair treatment but instead of that they were being insulted and robbed. The only solution of the whole trouble would be that Africans be employed by the Railway Administration to serve their own people. They may be supervised by the European Clerks. Finally Mr. Skota moved that the Board have lost faith in the Railways Administration, and therefore we believe that the Broedersbond is ruling within the Railways Departments, more especially those which are responsible for Non-European passengers. The Board therefore resolves:-

- " That a deputation from the Residents' meeting and
- " itself should be sent to the Railways in Johannesburg to
- " re-affairs previous and present complaints and requests
- " which have not been rectified.
- "
- " The Manager, Non-European Affairs Department is hereby
- " prayed to arrange with the Railways' General Manager for
- " the desired interview."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was read by the Secretary for the information and consideration of the Advisory Board:-

- (1) Production of Food for Natives in Urban Locations.
- (2) Aged Home.
- (3) Overcrowding in Locations.
- (4) Moshoeshoe's Day Celebration Committee.
- (5) African Women's Association.

There being no subjects for discussion the meeting terminated at 10.20. p.m. The next meeting to be held on the 19th March, 1946 at 7 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

SECRETARY:

5th March, 1946.



MINUTES OF A MEETING ON DRAFT LOCATION  
REGULATIONS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, 5TH  
FLOOR, HIS MAJESTY'S BUILDINGS, ELOFF  
STREET, JOHANNESBURG, AT 9.30 A.M. ON  
WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1946.

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PRESENT:

Messrs:-

L. I. Venables, Manager, Non-European Affairs Dept.,  
(Chairman).  
W. J. P. Carr, Deputy Manager, Non-European Affairs Dept.  
D. Cadle, Superintendent, Orlando West No. 1.  
V. B. MacFadyen, Superintendent, Orlando.  
J. G. Swan, Superintendent, Pimville.  
H. P. Jones, Superintendent, Orlando West, No. 2.  
J. M. K. Chalker, Superintendent, Eastern Native Township.  
F. W. Koch, Superintendent, Jabavu.  
T. D. Mveli Skota, Pimville.  
Paul R. Mosaka, Member of Native Representative Council  
Orlando.  
T. J. N. Sondlo, Western Native Township.  
P. O. Vundla, Western Native Township.  
Alfred Maqubela, Transvaal African Teachers Assoc. (Orlando).  
Zephaniah Mothopeng " " " "  
Rev. C.M. Mapumlo, Sophiatown Interdenominational African  
Mins. Assn.  
Chas L. Matloporo, Eastern Native Township.  
Rev. H. G. Mpitso, Interdenominational Afr. Mins. Assn.,  
Pimville.  
H. Mtombeni, Pimville.  
H. B. Martin Mdingi, Orlando, (Advisory Board).  
P. S. Merafe, Pimville, (Advisory Board).  
W. S. Pela, Orlando, (Advisory Board).  
G. G. Xorile, Orlando (Advisory Board).  
James Z. Mdatyulwa, African Democratic Party.  
Self Mampuru, African Democratic Party.  
George Mabuza, Eastern Native Township, (Advisory Board).

APOLOGY:

D. J. Koma, Advisory Board Member, Pimville.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman welcomed those present to the "Round Table Conference", which he, as Manager of the Non-European Affairs Department, had convened to enable them to discuss Draft Location Regulations as a basis of government in our townships - a matter of considerable importance.

He mentioned that he had enquired from the Advisory Boards whether, in view of the Fagan Commission, it would not be advisable to hold the whole matter over pending the findings of that Commission, but he had decided in deference to the express wishes of the Advisory Boards to convene this "Round Table Conference".

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DISCUSSION ON NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING:

Mr. H. Mtombeni, Representative of Pimville Advisory Board, denied that any reference had been made to the Fagan Commission when the invitation had been extended to his Board to attend this Conference, and consequently he wished to dissociate his Board from the decision to hold this meeting.

The Chairman then pointed out that in the Notice convening the meeting, copy of which had been received by Mr. Mtombeni, reference had been made to the forthcoming Fagan Commission, and in view of this Commission's scope the principle object of this meeting could only be to prepare the opinions of those present for submission to the Commission.

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The views expressed by Mr. T. D. Mveli Skota were then supported by Mr. T. J. N. Sondlo of Western Native Township, and Mr. Chas L. Matloporo of Eastern Native Township. They too felt that the time for discussion on the Draft Location Regulations was not propitious, and that these Regulations could better be discussed when the findings of the Fagan Commission had been published.

The Chairman pointed out that the Fagan Commission had been appointed to enquire into the enabling Act and not into these Regulations. He further stated that it was now necessary to promulgate regulations to govern Jabavu Township, and he requested the meeting to consider and discuss these regulations in order that they may be used for this purpose. It was, however, to be clearly understood that after the findings of the Fagan Commission were published the Regulations would probably need review.

At this juncture the Representative of Western Native Township, Advisory Board, requested that the meeting go into recess for a few minutes to enable them, (the Representatives of the Advisory Boards), to discuss the matter among themselves.

The Chairman sanctioned this, and the meeting adjourned for 15 minutes.

On the resumption of the meeting the delegates expressed the decision that they thought it inadvisable to discuss the Draft Location Regulations at this stage, and suggested that the existing Regulations be promulgated as applying to Jabavu Township.

Mr. Paul R. Mosaka thanked the Chairman for convening the meeting, and asked him if he would not, before dispersing the meeting, make a statement giving a brief out-line of his policy on Africans affairs. He said he felt that such a statement might alleviate some of the dissatisfaction which the proposed Draft Location Regulations must inevitably cause.

#### STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN'S POLICY ON AFRICANS AFFAIRS.

Mr. Venables said that he made no secret of his views and that he had spoken publically on the question of Local Government and Political Representation. He maintained that the present system was no longer a satisfactory basis of government of the African people. He pointed out that at this stage of development the African had thrown off tribalism as the basis of the organisation of his society, and he now desired a different and more democratic form of Government. He did not think that the Africans would be content until they had secured an improved system of political representation. He felt that such a policy should be given effect to in our locations, as well as in areas outside the locations, where Africans live in large numbers. The question of how to give effect to that policy presented difficulty.

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He believed that the European system of Political Organisation was not satisfactory. It had many defects. For instance, Europeans show apathy to the exercise of the franchise, and felt that Government was a function remote from their own affairs. He did not want to pass on this weakness to the African. He would rather pioneer and give the Africans something better than the Europeans have.

#### POLITICAL REPRESENTATION.

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Mr. Venables then outlined the system of Political Representation that he had in mind. He recommended the "unit" or "cell" system under which "wards" would be created in communities, each of which would elect a ward committee. This Committee would then elect a Chairman from their number who would represent them on a representative Central Council. The Central Council would comprise the best part of 50 members and he desired that it should have defined executive responsibilities, including finance. This system should give the African people a sense of responsibility.

Continuing Mr. Venables said he felt that the Africans should be represented on the City Council. Initially their representation should be one person, but in time that number should be increased. The Chairman of the above-mentioned Central Council should be elected from a panel of names drawn up by the local authority in consultation with the Government. For the time being the Chairman should be a European who should be ipso facto a Member of the Non-European Affairs Committee and the City Council, and in time that European Member should be replaced by an African. Later the African community should have more than one representative on the City Council.

He felt that if the urban Central Council is empowered by law with specific functions in the governing of Africans in their own areas, the African people themselves would recognise to a greater extent than they do to-day, that it is not possible to live under urban conditions without a strict system of rules or laws.

As a consequence of this democratic organisation individuals would recognise their responsibilities both to their communities and to the state particularly as they themselves would impose their own laws which they must observe. He felt that this system of government would enable the African to demonstrate his right to be accepted as a permanent part of our urban City life.

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ADEQUATE HOMES FOR AFRICANS.

Mr. Paul R. Mosaka thanked the Chairman for the expression of his views, and suggested that they should be put in print and circularised to all the locations and townships who could offer constructive criticism thereon. He expressed surprise at Mr. Venables mentioning the matter of political representation as this was a subject avoided by most people. In his opinion the Council was responsible for the essential requirements of its community, and he considered that adequate steps were not being taken to provide homes for the African population as a permanent section of the urban community. He maintained that this was a matter of vital importance, and he requested the Chairman to place this subject in a prominent position in any statement he might make on African Affairs.

The Chairman drew the attention of the members to the regulations which the Council had recently submitted to them regarding the proposed Dube Township. Under this scheme it was intended to lease ground to them for 99 years to enable Africans to build their own homes. Under present laws it was not possible to sell ground in Locations to the Africans, and the foregoing proposal was designed to provide security of tenure. The Council further proposed to lend money to Africans at a low rate of interest for the erection of their own homes, which loans would be repayable over 30 years.

In addition to the proposals mentioned he quoted the case of Zuurbekom Township, where Africans will be permitted to acquire ownership of land at a capital cost including essential services, such as, roads, sanitation, light and water. The African would thus be treated on a similar basis to the European.

Mr. Venables mentioned these two schemes to demonstrate that the Council now accepted the African as a permanent part of our urban community.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 11 a.m.

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NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF BI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIVE ADVISORY BOARDS WITH THE ABOVE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE LARGE COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1946, AT 8.15 P.M.

PRESENT:

HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR, Councillor Mrs. J. McPherson.  
Councillor W. Light (Chairman)  
Councillor L. Berman  
Mr. L.I. Venables, Manager, Non-European Affairs Department.  
Mr. W.J.P. Carr, Deputy Manager, Non-European Affairs Department.  
Mr. E.H.T. Thompson, Town Clerk's Department.

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Mr. A.R. Cleverly, Superintendent, Western Native Township.  
Mr. J.R. Chalker, Superintendent, Eastern Native Township.  
Mr. D.T. Nicholas, Senior Superintendent, Orlando.  
Mr. E.G. Jones, Superintendent, Orlando West (2)  
Mr. D.M. Cadle, Superintendent, Orlando West (1)  
Mr. J.G. Swan, Superintendent, Pimville.

Native Advisory Board Members:-

Orlando

Mr. W.S. Pela  
Mr. H.B.M. Mdingi  
Mr. G.G. Xorile  
Mr. J.S. Mpanza  
Mr. J.S. Mophiring

Pimville

Mr. T.D.M. Skota  
Mr. L.T. Mvabaza  
Mr. P.S. Merafe  
Mr. S.B. Mtombeni  
Mr. D.J. Koma

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:-

Mr. P.A.M. Bell.

Eastern Native Township.

Mr. M.H.T. Plata  
Mr. C.L. Matloporo  
Mr. G. Mabuza  
Mr. J.C.P. Mavimbela  
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-  
Mr. T.F. Mngomezulu  
Mr. J. Mohlamme

Western Native Township.

Mr. L.J. Mfeka  
Mr. P.Q. Vundla  
Mr. T. Sondlo  
Mr. D.P. Mafuko  
Mr. N.T. Moshoeshoe

The Mayor extended a welcome to the Advisory Boards. In looking through the agenda she noticed there were many subjects to be discussed and it might not be possible to get all the items disposed of that evening. She was greatly interested in native matters and proud of having served on the Non-European Affairs Committee. It was usual when appointing the members of that Committee to select Councillors who were interested in natives and who were sympathetic towards them.

It could safely be said that people were much more tolerant with natives than in the old days. Whilst there had been great advancement, particularly in recent years, there was a lot of work lying ahead and great difficulties had to be faced, many of which had been created owing to the war, but in the post-war period there was a broader outlook. Another encouraging feature was that the natives were coming forward to represent their own people. It was useless to look back and have regrets concerning things that should have been done 15 or 20 years ago. It was a better plan to look forward. South Africa would never progress unless the Non-European people were given opportunities, decent houses to live in, the education of their young people, and the payment of reasonable wages.

An indication of the new spirit had been shown in connection with the Johannesburg Diamond Jubilee celebrations, when every section of the population of this great city had been remembered. A home for the aged Africans had been sanctioned by the celebrations committee.

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Native housing was a very big problem. The Special Housing Committee met frequently and was faced with a big job of work. It was difficult to get the material required. Cement and steel were in very short supply. The original intention was to provide a better type of house than could actually be arranged in the present circumstances. Semi-detached houses might have to be built temporarily, the intention being to convert them into one residence when the present difficulties had been overcome.

The squatting of natives had involved the Council in a task of great magnitude. In one year two squatters camps had cost £150,000.

Natives were wanting more representation and she was aware that they felt that representation by the Advisory Boards only was not sufficient. The Non-European Affairs Committee was going into that question but she wished the Boards to appreciate that there were many points of view to be considered before conclusions could be arrived at.

In conclusion she asked for tolerance on the part of the natives and wished them to appreciate the difficulties that had to be faced and that it was not always possible to grant their requests. She intended to remain at the meeting for a while and hoped that the discussion of the various subjects would be helpful.

Agenda Item 1 (Pimville Advisory Board).

Increase of Board Members' Allowances. (Submitted by Pimville Advisory Board).

Mr. Skota said the Boards were unanimous in asking for an increase of their allowance and had waited a long time for a reply to their application. Eventually they were told that they should make representations to the Fagan Commission. The Boards were very dissatisfied with that reply and felt that this opportunity should be taken of putting their claim before the Committee. Not a day passed without the members of the Boards having to meet the people in the townships, as early as 6.0 o'clock in the mornings. Their houses were stormed at times, and Sundays and Public Holidays were the busiest days. The townships were run by the Boards and they felt they were materially assisting the Manager. If the Boards were eliminated it would mean there would have to be more Superintendents and other officials. They felt their work was not sufficiently appreciated. They failed to see what the Fagan Commission had to do with this question. If there was any doubt in the minds of the Council as to what was being done by the Boards, an investigation should be held. Their furniture and light were used by the people they represented and they, the Board members, had to provide their own stationery.

Mr. Xorile asked whether the allowance for the Advisory Boards was dependent on Government decision. Mr. Mvabaza asked whether in the event of the Government favouring the increase the Council would accept the recommendation of the Government. Home brewing had been refused although the Government had recommended it. The Council appeared to have the last word.

Councillor Light said the remarks that had been made would be considered. Any increase would have to be approved by the Government.

Mr. Mvabaza (addressing Councillor Light) said the Boards had had cases where the Government had agreed to certain things and they had been refused. Home brewing was a case in point. If they were to pin their faith on the Fagan Commission they knew by experience that if the Government said they were to get the increase the Council still had the last word.

The Mayor said that Councillor Light was only one member of 42 Councillors and he could not speak for them all. Home brewing was the only case in which the Council had turned down a proposal which might have been accepted by the Government.



Mr. Matloporo said there appeared to be a misunderstanding. The Boards did not appreciate that this question of increments had to be considered other than by the Council. The Commission could not do anything if the Council was not in favour. He made the suggestion that before any application was made to the Fagan Commission the Council itself should be in full sympathy with the expressed views.

Councillor Berman said it was quite impossible for the Chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee to make any definite promises. He himself was a member of that Committee. All the Committee could do was to recommend to the Council.

Mr. Sondlo said he appreciated the point made by the Mayor that there were other Councillors to consider but to refer the Boards to the Commission was unusual.

Mr. Koma said the report of the Commission would not come out until 1947. Would the Boards have to wait until then? What they were asking for - £10 a month - was not much and the money came from their own people. It was long overdue. The value of £10 was only about £5 at the present time.

At this stage - 9.15 p.m. - the Mayor left the meeting.

Agenda Item 2. (Pimville Advisory Board).

Schooling Facilities in Pimville.

Mr. Skota said that at Pimville the Government had had to conduct schools in churches. Through the Council's generosity a building was erected, but was inadequate. Hundreds of children were wandering about in Pimville to-day who should be at school, but there was no accommodation for them. There were secondary schools in other native townships and he thought there should be one at Pimville. The building of houses was holding up the building of schools. The Government, the Catholic, and the Methodist schools were crowded out. At Pimville they were not so fortunate as other townships, where the Anglican Church had started big schools.

Mr. Xorile said that this question affected all the townships and should be considered from that point of view. Smaller municipalities had made provision for children of school-going age by building class rooms in the townships. It was a matter of surprise that a big city like Johannesburg had not a single class room in any of its four native townships. If there were insufficient facilities for the training of children, they could not expect to make them good citizens. The parents would see that their children attended school. He would like to see industrial schools established in the townships or just outside them so that the boys could be taught something useful. They felt there was plenty of money available. Early in 1945 £90,000 was included in the estimates for class rooms, but in the revised estimates this amount was cut down to £14,000 and no explanation had been given to the Boards.

The Chairman said that a note had been made of the representations and the Boards would be advised when consideration had been given to the subject.

Agenda Items:-

3. Re layout of Pimville.
4. Additional land required for the housing of residents (Pimville Advisory Board).

Mr. Skota said the Board would like to be informed what was being done by the Council in regard to the layout of Pimville. Some years ago the Committee at that time had informed them that this matter would have to remain in abeyance until after the war. The people were afraid to build until they knew what was going to happen.

:- Mr. Venables ...



Mr. Venables said he felt hesitant about making any promises. The delay was due to a legal difficulty which had arisen in regard to the payment of compensation - how it should be financed. The Government had promised they would introduce amending legislation but this had not yet been dealt with by Parliament. Deputations had been sent to Pretoria on this matter and the Minister of Housing had requested the Government law advisers and the Council's law advisers to go into the matter. He understood that Dr. Gluckman had suggested a means of overcoming the difficulty but he was not at present acquainted with the details of the proposal. The Council was most anxious to proceed with the scheme and would keep the Advisory Board notified of developments. It was not advisable to do any rebuilding meantime, but the buildings should be kept waterproof.

Agenda Item 5. (Eastern Native Township).

Provision of ambulance for Pimville residents.

Mr. Venables said that representations had been made to the Medical Officer of Health for the provision of an ambulance.

Mr. Sondlo, Western Native Township, said there was no ambulance service at night in the Western Native Township.

Mr. Mavimbela said that an ambulance for the Eastern Native Township would be useful as they were a long way from the hospital.

Agenda Item 6. (Eastern Native Township).

Building houses on vacant sites in the Township.

Mr. Mavimbela said that the Eastern Native Township was one of the oldest townships and was the smallest. This was the only item they had put on the agenda and he hoped their request would be granted. Experimental houses had been built at Orlando and at Pimville and it was felt that they could have been built on the vacant stands in the Eastern Native Township. Part of the land had been given to the Central Government.

Mr. Mabuza said the Eastern Native Township appeared to be overlooked, especially lately, as regards its requirements.

Mr. Mfeka, Western Native Township, said they had vacant stands which could be built on. They had also represented that the Nissen huts should be pulled down and replaced by houses.

Agenda Item 7 (Orlando).

Provision for the purchase of sub-economic houses by tenants.

Mr. Xorile said that this matter had already been discussed but no satisfactory answer had been given to the Boards.

Mr. Venables explained that legal advice was against the proposal which been made that the tenants should be allowed to purchase houses at the Council's books. The legal advisers reported that the law did not allow the Council to sell the houses alone. The Council then turned its back on the proposal. There the people would be able to get a



Mr. Sondlo, Western Native Township, said he agreed with the previous speaker. Why could not the sole owner have the right to sell? Take a reclaimed area like Evaton. In Evaton there was every chance of the Africans getting the Europeans to sell out.

The Chairman suggested that if the Boards were not satisfied with the Manager's explanation the actual legal opinion could later be sent to them for perusal. It would be advisable for the Boards to give evidence to the Fagan Commission.

Mr. Sondlo said he appreciated the remarks of the Manager, but it appeared to him that this matter was linked up with the policy of not letting the native own anything. If the Council owned any particular area and wanted to sell it, it could sell.

The Chairman said an endeavour had been made to sell stands in Dube Township, but when it was discovered that the stands could not be sold, it was decided to lease the houses for a period of 99 years.

Mr. Skota, Pimville, said there was no comparison between Zuurbekom and what was wanted in Item 7 of the agenda, which was the purchase of the house - not the soil. What Orlando wanted was to be placed on the same level as Pimville and be given the opportunity of owning the house. The whole of Orlando should be converted to the long lease arrangement as at Dube. The people were asking for the properties in which they lived to be sold to them and not keep on paying rent for the houses for 50 years. Their descendants could, in the distant future, ask the Council to convert the ground into freehold. It was very unlikely that the people would be shifted from Orlando and the other native townships. Those places would remain a "black area".

Mr. Venables said it was apparent the Boards did not fully appreciate the statement he had made, but it was nevertheless the case that the Council was subsidising the revenue account to the extent of £90,000 for this year alone. The rents paid by tenants did not cover the cost of the houses to the Council. Even the highest rentals did not reimburse the Council for the capital expenditure. Instead of losing money and subsidising, he thought it would be better to sell the houses. There was, however, a restriction in regard to natives owning land and Parliament had said they could not alienate the right of ownership. It would be in the Council's interest to grant the request of the natives but it could not do so until the law was changed.

Mr. Xorile asked whether the Council was going to make any representations to the Commission. The Chairman: "Yes". Mr. Xorile then asked whether the Council would assist them in making representations to the Fagan Commission on all the matters included in the agenda.

The Chairman replied that it had not been decided what evidence would be led but all the representations made would be considered carefully by the Council and would be treated sympathetically. Mr. Xorile asked whether the Committee would be kind enough to send its report to them before submitting it to the Fagan Commission. The Chairman replied that the Committee's decision would be communicated to them.

Mr. Mophiring, Orlando, asked whether the Council wanted to make money on the houses by not selling them. The Council said they were losing money. If that was really so why not let the people buy the houses and relieve the Council from loss? Mr. Koma, Pimville, said that if a native at Bloemfontein wanted to buy a house he could do so. The Council should forget about the land and sell the houses. Many people might not be able to afford to buy a house but they should nevertheless be given the opportunity to do so.



At this stage, it was decided that as the business on the agenda could not be concluded that evening the resumed meeting would be held on Thursday, 24th October, 1946, commencing at 7.30 p.m. It was further decided to hold over agenda items 8 and 9 for discussion at the resumed meeting.

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Agenda Item 10 (Orlando). Creation of avenue of employment for Africans in the Council's Non-European Affairs Department in responsible positions.

Agenda Item 19 (Eastern Native Township). Replacement of Europeans by Africans in all Non-European Townships Offices and also maintenance and sanitary services.

Mr. Sondlo said that strong representations had been made last year on this subject, but the reply given to them was unsatisfactory. With all respect to the officials of the Non-European Affairs Department, the employment of Europeans in the Department was responsible for the £90,000 loss to the ratepayers. Proof of that could be found in the Estimates. They wondered whether the time had not yet come when Africans should be put in responsible positions and be paid accordingly, especially seeing that the money came from the Africans.

There were about five Superintendents for Orlando. An African should be tried as an Assistant Superintendent. The African should be given a chance and if he failed another African should replace him.

The Chairman said it was agreed that the principle of employing Africans on African affairs wherever possible was sound. There was now a tendency for more Africans to be employed than in the past.

Mr. Pala considered this question was an important one but he said he would not go so far as to say that the present Europeans were the cause of the loss of money. Very little opportunity had so far been given to the Africans to hold positions. He felt that something must be done in this respect in the Department. Adult Africans with academic qualifications should be given special training, and avenues of employment opened up for them. He would not, however, advocate the throwing over of the present staff.

Mr. Mvabaza said that many natives had sufficient experience without the academic qualifications. This experience had been acquired through working with the Europeans. The opportunity should be given to Africans to do the work of serving his own people and sympathy should not be extended to only those people who went to the war. The Council ought to train the natives and they could then put up their own houses. There was plenty of work to be done without interfering with the employment of Europeans and there was sufficient money coming from the sale of kaffir beer to build their homes. They did not want to build towns, but to build their own homes.

At this stage, Mr. Plata moved, and Mr. Mavimbela seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. On a show of hands, ten voted for the adjournment and one against.

THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 11.0 P.M.

EVK/EAO.- 6.11.46.



NOTES TAKEN AT MEETING OF GOVERNMENT AND COUNCIL  
OFFICIALS TOGETHER WITH THE PIMVILLE ADVISORY  
BOARD AND STANDHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, HELD IN THE  
BOARD ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS, JOHANNESBURG  
ON 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1955. AT 2.30. P.M.

PRESENT:

Council Officials.

Messrs. T. W. Koller (Chairman).  
W. A. Barnfather.  
D. M. Cadle.

Government Officials.

H. H. L. Smuts (Senior Urban Areas Commissioner)  
Native Affairs Department.  
M. Smuts (Chief Native Commissioner).  
F. H. Cronje (Native Commissioner).

Also present:

Councillor: H. Miller M.P.C.  
" J. Lewsen.

M. V. Mazibuko (Pimville Advisory Board)  
L. D. Ncombo "  
S. B. Mtombeni "  
J. J. Musi "  
D. F. Moeti "  
Rev. Hlongwane "  
D. Skota "  
P. S. Merafe "  
S. S. Mahlangu "  
J. Mohodisa "  
M. L. Ntsano "  
S. P. Mnintshana "  
D. K. Ndzendza "  
Rev. C. Mlambo "  
J. A. Mokhosi "  
A. L. Mdluvi "  
W. L. Mnyumana "  
C. Danibe x (Standholders Association).

FUTURE OF PIMVILLE:

Mr. Smuts explained that plans were being made to house the various racial groups in different areas. Each group would trade amongst themselves and he foresaw that in the future the Bantu people would have their own Post Office and Railway Officials and would conduct more and more of their own affairs. Mr. Smuts stated that the Government Native Affairs Department was fully aware of the sorry conditions under which some Natives were living in all the urban areas of the Union and that large areas had to be found to cater for the needs of these people. In planning these areas consideration had to be given to their proximity to the people's places of employment, the cheapest and quickest method of transport etc. The Mentz Committee had been given the task to try and find a solution to the population and housing shortage problems. By means of a map Mr. Smuts pointed out the areas occupied by Natives and also the areas reserved for development. He stated that planning had already commenced to provide adequate rail transport from these areas. Mr. Smuts/...



Mr. Smuts pointed out that the congested and sometimes foul conditions under which Natives are living are not due to malicious planning on the part of Europeans but to the rapid development of the country during the War and the influx of Natives from rural areas. He stated that plans were being drawn up for modern townships and elaborated on the large scale development of Native housing schemes all over the Reef and Vereeniging, which would run parallel with European areas.

The area to which the residents of Pimville would be moved was also indicated on the map and Mr. Smuts assured the meeting that this proposed move would not take place for a few years, at least not until the people living in squatters camps had been housed. He explained that the Mentz Committee had investigated the whole matter and it was felt that Pimville, in relation to the planning envisaged for the area, was completely wrongly situated.

In view of this pending move, Mr. Smuts felt it would be unwise to develop Pimville further as far as starting up new housing schemes were concerned.

The Chairman declared the meeting open for discussion and suggested to members that they should discuss whether there were conditions at present existing in Pimville which it was absolutely essential to improve, despite the proposed removal.

Mr. Skota stated that due to the fact that in the past, several attempts had been made to move the residents of Pimville, many people had not repaired their houses as they were always worried that they might be moved. He requested information as to how long the residents could reckon on being in Pimville before the move as he felt that if they had sufficient warning some sort of provision could be made to house the aged people in the new area.

Mr. Smuts replied that it would be difficult to state exactly how many years it would take before the removal as there were many factors to be taken into consideration. However, he promised to find out as far as possible.

Regarding the point raised by the Chairman, Mr. Smuts said that if any essential services required improvement or repair, these items should be placed on the estimates in the normal way and if such items were considered essential he did not think there would be any difficulty in obtaining the necessary approval for the spending of that money. Mr. Smuts assured the meeting that due consideration would be given to the re-housing of the people when the time came for their removal and that no undue hardships would be suffered.

Mr. Neombo stated that the Advisory Board would not associate themselves with the removal of Pimville and enlarged on previous moves of the people now living in Pimville. He dwelled on promises made at the time of the move to Pimville and intimated that the Board was preparing a memorandum on the subject which would be submitted to the authorities in due course.

Mr. Merafe wanted to know why it was thought necessary to move Pimville which was situated near Jabavu.

At this stage Councillor Miller (Chairman of the Non-European Affairs and Housing Committee) joined the meeting. He thanked Mr. Smuts on behalf of the City Council for his attendance and explained that the Advisory Boards were always keen to hear explanations given by officials from the Government Native Affairs Department, who would hear their points of view and convey it to the Native Affairs Department.

Councillor Miller.



Councillor Miller then withdrew as he had to attend another meeting.

Mr. Mahlangu pointed out that the majority of houses in Pimville belonged to the owners and were not built by the Council. He stated that due to this proposed move, traders in Pimville were at present suffering hardships because merchants would not grant them credit. Mr. Mahlangu explained that the people of Pimville were happy to stay where they were and felt that the Township could be modernised.

Mr. Smuts congratulated the meeting on the calm and reasonable manner in which the problems were discussed and encouraged the Advisory Board to prepare and submit the proposed memorandum setting out their real difficulties. He assured the meeting that this memorandum would be submitted to the proper authorities and that they would receive a written reply in due course.

In reply to the references made to previous moves and the intended move of the Pimville residents, Mr. Smuts explained that removals had to be made to keep pace with the development of the country. He pointed out that some farmers had to be uprooted to obtain the areas necessary for Native housing.

Regarding compensation, Mr. Smuts pointed out that there was a subsidiary Act of the Group Areas Act, which provided for the establishment of a Board whose function would be to buy out people who had to leave their properties and this Board would step in and make the necessary financial arrangements to enable them to buy where they were allowed to purchase properties.

Mr. Smuts, the Chief Native Commissioner, also thanked Mr. Smuts of the Government Native Affairs Department for his explanations and said he felt that this large scale town planning would be beneficial to all the Native peoples.

THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 4 P.M.

/EMC.  
7/10/1955.



NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

80 Albert Street,  
Marshallstown,  
JOHANNESBURG.

2. D. Muroli Skote

14th September 1964

A meeting of the Pimville Advisory Board will be held on  
Wednesday, <sup>29<sup>th</sup></sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1964, in the Board Room, Head Office, 80 Albert  
Street, at 2.15 p.m.

W. J. P. CARR,  
M A N A G E R.

JSC/GAK

A G E N D A .

Relayout of Pimville:

1. Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 19th August 1964.
2. Procedure to be adopted in allocating new houses.
3. Stage at which compensation should be paid.

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NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

RECORD OF A DISCUSSION HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, HEAD OFFICE,  
TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 1965.

PIMVILLE COMPENSATION.

PRESENT: Messrs. I. W. Robinson (Chairman).  
V. B. MacFadyen.  
J. M. K. Chalker.  
R. Schjolberg.  
P. Fouche.  
S. Mahlangu.  
J. Mofckeng.  
P. Merafe.  
S. Mnintshana.  
J. Mosololi.  
D. Skota.  
M. T. Moorosi.  
I. Makhubu.  
P. Mngqibisa.  
S. Marime.



The meeting was called to discuss a number of matters raised by the Secretary of the Pimville Advisory Board in regard to the replanning of Pimville.

MR. SKOTA, stated that he agreed with the letter sent out in regard to the rentals to be charged, and drew attention to the fact that the form to be signed for acceptance of the amount of compensation had not been shown to the residents as the Valuation Committee wished to have certain amendments made.

The Chairman explained that this was a legal document prepared by the Town Clerk who is the Council's Legal Advisor. After a lengthy discussion the Chairman said that he would discuss with the Town Clerk changes in the document as follows:-

- (i) "Abolished in" be substituted by the word "reconstruct".
- (ii) The word "right" in the phrase "right, title and interest" be left out completely.
- (iii) The word "Pimville" in the last paragraph be substituted by the words "the said site".

MR. SKOTA requested that the name Pimville remain, because as such the township would be known by one name only and not so many names as other townships are known.

MR. MERAFE associated himself with the remarks of the previous speaker.

The Chairman stated that as it was a unanimous decision of the members present he would recommend to the Manager that the area South of the Potchefstroom Road retain the name of Pimville.

PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION BEFORE REMOVAL.

The opinion was expressed that owners should be paid their cheques first and then given a certain time to move out to the new houses.



The Chairman stated that once the houses were built and ready for occupation wholesale damage could be caused through vandals while the houses remained unoccupied, and for this reason it was essential that the people moved into the houses immediately. Transport was to be provided free by the Council.

After a general discussion it was decided that this matter be held over and the members report back to the next meeting on the views obtained from residents.

RENT REDUCTION.

The Chairman stated that due to the high costs of material and labour the rents to be charged were the minimum and could not be reduced any lower. It was further stated that where circumstances warranted it, the Council could remit rental, but this could only be done in exceptional cases.

MR. MAHLANGU raised the question of larger sites to enable the residents who owned motor vehicles to build garages.

MR. MACFADYEN pointed out that there were a certain number of larger sites set aside in the Self-Builders' area.

The Chairman stated that the people who intended building their own houses were free to consult the plan, which would be at the Superintendent's office, but pointed out that the ruling size for any detached house was 70' x 40'.

RIGHTS.

Mr. Skota stated that certain rights were conferred on residents in Pimville which were not given to residents in other townships, e.g. keeping of cattle, building onto and improving their houses and growing of mealies.

The Chairman pointed out that the new Pimville was to be a model Bantu township and the keeping of cattle or setting aside large tracts of ground for cultivation of mealies was out of the question. If one tenant were given the right to keep cattle for instance, all would be entitled to the same right. Clearly, this was out of the question.

It was suggested that a communal kraal be built by the Council for the keeping of cattle. After a general discussion it was decided to hold this matter over to allow the members to discuss this amongst themselves and report back.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: .....

/vs.  
2.7.65.



NOTES TAKEN AT A MEETING WITH THE PIMVILLE ADVISORY BOARD  
AND VALUATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, HEAD OFFICE  
ON THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH 1965 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT : Messrs. I. W. Robinson (Chairman).  
J. M. K. Chalker.  
V. L. Schroeder.  
D. Evans-Davis.  
P. M. Fouche.  
P. S. Merafe.  
D. J. Moeti.  
S. P. Mhantshana.  
I. Makhubu.  
S. Mokhahlane.  
P. Mngqibisa.  
J. Mcsolodi.  
S. S. Mahlangu.  
D. Skota.  
M. Moorosi.

1. PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION.

Mr. Merafe said that at a public meeting with the residents on the 15th March a resolution was taken to the effect that the residents would like the compensation to be paid by cheque one month before a tenant vacates his house.

It was pointed out by Mr. Moeti that there were certain people who might want the Council to keep this money as part payment on their bought houses.

The Chairman said that this could be done if people requested it. The Council would set off the amount concerned against the cost of the house and the individual would have to pay the balance or have refunded to him any amount that was over, depending on the purchase price of the house.

2. AVAILABILITY OF SELF-BUILDER SITES.

A copy of a plan of Klipspruit was laid on the table and the Chairman said that it would be available for inspection in the Superintendent's office within the next two weeks. Once the stands had been numbered people would be able to choose the stand they wanted. Stands would be allocated on a "first come first served" basis.

Both Mr. Moeti and Mr. Mahlangu felt that a few sample houses should be built to enable people to see what would be done.

The Chairman enquired whether, if the Council erected a few sample houses near Nancefield Station the Board would ensure that they were occupied so as to prevent vandalism. The meeting felt there should be no difficulty in getting tenants for these houses.

Mr. Merafe said that the second resolution taken at the residents' meeting on the 15th March concerned the request that a resident who wished to be allocated a stand in the present area of Pimville be allowed to have that.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council was not going to build any more shacks, therefore there could be no question of a tenant going into a shack in Klipspruit until such time as the original Pimville had been replanned. A concession could however be made wherever possible in that a tenant who moved to a house in Klipspruit in the normal way could request to come back to Pimville once that township had been completed. This might take two years however and he asked the Board members to explain to their people what such a move would entail by way of inconvenience.



The meeting indicated that this was acceptable to them.

The Chairman further said that the tenants and sub-tenants of the same area should move out at the same time as all the old buildings on one stand would have to be completely demolished before replanning could start.

It was also stated at the meeting that the people of Pimville would very much like self-builder sites in Pimville itself.

The Chairman pointed out that as yet it was not possible to say how many self-builder sites could be provided in Pimville until such time as the demand for self-builder sites in Klipspruit had been ascertained.

The resolutions of the residents' meeting would be conveyed to the Manager and he would let the Board and Valuation Committee know of the outcome at the next meeting.

3. AREA FIRST TO BE CLEARED.

The Chairman said that the City Engineer had suggested that the clearing of Pimville should start either from the far Kliptown corner of the existing Pimville, working towards the station, or near 'Sun Valley' and also working towards the station. He enquired whether the members wanted to express an opinion in this regard.

The meeting was of the opinion that as this was a technical matter the decision should be left in the hands of the engineers. They requested that the Department inform them of the area where it was proposed to start.

4. RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PIMVILLE.

It was conceded by the meeting that there was no reason for any tenant to have land to cultivate mealies.

In regard to the keeping of cattle the Chairman was asked to give consideration to the erection of communal cattle kraals for those residents who had cattle.

The Chairman replied that he would defer consideration on this matter once again and he asked the meeting to give some thought to the following points and comment on them at the next meeting:--

- (1) Where would the communal kraals be situated?
- (2) For how many head of cattle should the kraal make provision?  
If 30 cows are kept belonging to for instance 3 different people what will happen if the other tenants want the same rights?
- (3) Kraals would have to be built in accordance with approved plans and rental paid for such kraals.
- (4) Where and on what must the cows be fed?

Mr. Chalker would put these questions forward to the Superintendent.

THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 3.40 P.M.



*Mr. T. M. Skota*

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PIMVILLE ADVISORY BOARD SITTING WITH CERTAIN RESIDENTS KNOWN AS THE VALUATION COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, HEAD OFFICE, AT 2.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, 13TH AUGUST 1965.

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PRESENT:

- Messrs. Carr (Chairman)
- Robinson
- MacFadyen
- Chalker
- Schroeder
- Luyt
- Fouche
- Knott

- M.T. Moorose
- J. Maklakola
- P.S. Merafe
- J. Mosolode
- S.P. Mnintshana
- S. Masime
- S. Mathahlane
- I. Makhulu
- S.D. Skota
- P.J. Muggebisa
- D.F. Moeti
- S.S. Mahlangu



APOLOGIES:

- Messrs. J.L. Mofokeng
- Rev. D. Ntanzi
- J.M. Mokoena

REBUILDING : PIMVILLE:

The Chairman opened the meeting by announcing that the Hon. the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development had accepted an invitation to attend the ceremony to be held on the 11th September 1965, at 11 a.m. to mark the rebuilding of Pimville. After discussion a site near the old wash site in Klipspruit, off the Potchefstroom Road was selected for the ceremony. The Chairman agreed to the request that the aged and crippled Bantu be transported to and from Pimville and buses would be supplied for that purpose.

As the meeting was unable to decide on the form of the ceremony the Chairman was asked to make a suggestion and he suggested that a plaque be made bearing the names of the Minister, Mayor, Chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee, Board members and Chairman of the Evaluation Committee. The plaque would be unveiled by the Minister. After the ceremony it would be removed and kept in a safe place until a Public Building is erected where it would be placed in a permanent position.

The meeting agreed to this suggestion.

The Chairman stated that there is an amount of R500 available for the function and that it was up to the Board members to decide what should be bought for this amount. It was agreed that a sub-committee be appointed for this purpose, which would liaise with the Superintendent of Pimville.

A list of the requirements regarding the catering had to be submitted early. Mr. Mahlangu said that he would seek the aid of the Bantu Women's Service Committee. The Chairman said that Bantu beer would be provided for the occasion and if European liquor is required, it would have to be bought out of the funds mentioned.



It was suggested that a bouquet of flowers be given to Mrs. de Wet Nel should she attend. A further suggestion was that lapel badges, bearing a photograph of the Minister, be given to Pimville school children to mark the occasion. The Chairman said he would give this consideration.

The Chairman suggested that only one speaker be nominated to reply to the Minister's address and that his name be made known as soon as possible. If two speakers were chosen they would be limited to five minute speeches each because of translation into two Bantu languages. Only 70 minutes could be allowed for the ceremony as the Minister had another function to attend in the afternoon.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.

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30.8.65.



31ST AUGUST 1965 : 9 A.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, PINVILLE  
WITH MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE VALUATION COMMITTEE.

Present:

Messrs: J.M.K. Chalker. (District Officer B.)  
P.M. Fouche. (Superintendent, Pinville.)  
V.L. Schroeder (Act. Assistant District Officer)  
S.S. Mahlangu  
P.S. Merafe.  
J.M. Mokoena.  
S.P. Wnintshana.  
S. Marime.  
I. Makhubu.  
F.S. Motyale.  
T.M. Skota.



Agenda: Pinville Ceremony.

Mr. Chalker said that it was desirable that there be at most 2 speakers as there was limited time. It was finally decided that Messrs. Mahlangu and Skota be the speakers in addition to the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development who would be present. In addition it was decided that there be only one interpreter for both the Bantu languages.

The following items were discussed:-

- Bantu Beer - approximately 250 gallons would be provided by the City Council.
- Liquor - 20 dozen "Dumpy" pints of Beers.
- Cool Drinks- the choir of school children will be provided with cool drinks, as well as adults who do not partake of alcoholic drinks.
- Flour - 200 lbs for making dumplings.
- Mealie Meal- 25 lbs.
- Sugar - 50 lbs - tea 2 lbs.
- Mealie rice- 50 lbs.- Samp 50 lbs - Rice 20 lbs.
- Milk - 6 condensed, other arrangements to be made with Dairy to provide the rest.
- Vegetables - Service Committe to decide.
- Beef - Main item of food- Mr. Fouche to approach the abattoirs in this connection.
- Coal & Wood- Senecane Office to provide, Service Committe to provide transport.
- Pots - Mr. Mahlangu to arrange for hire of pots.
- Tables - Mr. Chalker to make arrangenets with Uncle Tom's Hall, Superintendent to supply same. *BENCHER*

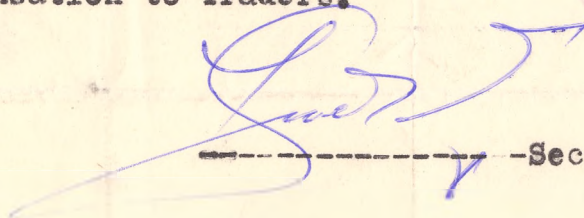


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A meeting of the above Board and Committee will be held  
at 1092/3 Merafe Street, Pimville on the 11th January  
1966, at 7.30 p.m.

Agenda:

"Compensation to Traders."

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Secretary.



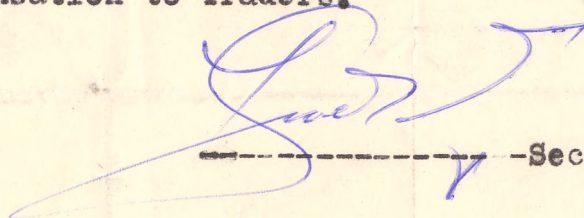


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-----Secretary.





*Mr. D.M. Skota*

NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

MINUTES OF A MEETING WITH THE PIMVILLE ADVISORY BOARD AND VALUATION COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, HEAD OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 19th JANUARY 1966 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Messrs: I.W. Robinson (Chairman)  
V.B. MacFadyen  
J.M.K. Chalker  
W.R.P. de Swardt  
P. Fouche  
A.M. Conn  
Diesel - City Engineer's Department  
S. Marime  
S.P. Mnintshana  
J.M. Mokoena  
S.S. Mahlangu  
P.S. Merafe  
D.M. Skota  
P.J. Mngqibisa  
M.T. Moorosi

APOLOGIES: Messrs: Makubu  
D. Moeti  
J. Mosolodi

TRADING.

After reading the memorandum on Pimville trading, copies of which had been sent to Board members, the Chairman asked Mr. Diesel to indicate by means of a plan the way in which it was hoped to replan Pimville.

Mr. Diesel indicated on the map the proposed railway route which had been worked out by his Department and which it was hoped would be acceptable to the Railway administration. It would take some time before finality was reached on this matter as it was a highly technical one.

It was planned to have a number of self-contained sections or neighbourhoods in Pimville. Each neighbourhood would have from 5,000 to 7,000 residents. For each area certain amenities would be provided such as schools, parks, playing fields and also a certain number of shops where day-to-day necessities could be bought. It was planned to have one main road which would act as a feeder to the Potchefstroom Road and with other roads coming from the neighbourhoods leading on to it. Children sent to buy foodstuffs in the neighbourhood shops would not have to cross any busy roads. The balance of the shops would be situated in the main trading centre of Pimville and it was hoped that the station would also be near the main centre. High density housing was planned for this area.

Mr. Robinson then called for comments from the meeting on the proposals contained in the memorandum.

Mr. Marime read the minutes of the traders' meeting held on the 13th January 1966. The meeting had adopted the memorandum, but several queries had been raised, namely what would become of the traders who might be deprived of their trading privilege, was the City Council going to compensate traders, etc. It was also felt that the number of grocery shops was in proportion to the population of Pimville, and it was proposed that the present number of traders in all categories be retained. The view had also been expressed that traders should be compensated for their loss of licence and goodwill. The traders finally resolved asking the Council to make representations to the Government to allow them to raise loans for building their own shops should they so desire. The meeting of residents and traders held on 15th January endorsed the views and resolutions expressed at the traders meeting.



Mr. Robinson asked the meeting to bear in mind the fact that having attended so many discussions they were not in a position to see both sides of the question. He wanted to know whether the traders realised the whole extent of the problem when they said that it was their opinion that Pimville could furnish an adequate income for 89 traders.

Mr. Skota said that the feeling was that if the figures were for the whole of Pimville and Klipspruit then the quota should be increased. There were so few shops in Pimville that one found a stream of people queuing at the shops.

Mr. Robinson said that the proposed number of shops would be for Klipspruit as well as for the new Pimville.

Mr. Mahlangu stated that the Board and the Valuation Committee had tried to find out from the traders whether they were making good business. People were patronising shops in Kliptown for facilities they could not get in Pimville. The people felt that when Pimville is extended they would suffer because they would have to walk further distances for their needs.

Mr. Robinson replied that as had already been explained by Mr. Diesel, there would be a block of shops in each neighbourhood, and they would be within easy walking distance of the whole neighbourhood. The blocks would probably consist of 5 or 6 shops.

Mr. Mahlangu said that another great difficulty was that of the people now having more than one business. Under the 'one man one shop' system they were afraid they would be deprived of the other businesses.

Mr. Robinson pointed out that even if for instance the Council built 22 butcher shops and selected traders, all of them might not obtain licences from the Meat and Livestock Control Board. If the meeting felt that the number of traders should stand at 89 they should motivate their decision. Pimville would be bigger in area, but there would not be more people in it.

Mr. Robinson reminded the meeting of the decision reached at the Joint Advisory Board meeting that the principle of protection as against free trade should continue in Soweto and that there should be a certain ratio of traders to the number of the population. The 34 grocers could not all make an adequate living in Pimville, but he wanted the meeting to say whether they thought the Department should adhere to the ratio which had been approved at the Joint Board meeting or do something different in Pimville. If all the traders now dealing in foodstuffs had a similar shop in the new Pimville there would be 20 more of this type of shop than the approved ratio.

Mr. Chalker pointed out that in the old Pimville the Licensing Regulations had not been strictly applied. People with grocer or fresh produce dealer's licences sold all sorts of commodities in small quantities for which they had no licence, but in the new Pimville the commodities to be sold under each licence must be adhered to.

Mr. Robinson said that the Department considered that if the number of grocers was reduced from 34 to 18 there would be as many grocery shops as could make an adequate living whilst at the same time giving the people of Pimville a good service. It would be possible to provide for a total of approximately 80 traders in all the different categories. Of these, 60 or possibly 65 would be foodshops and the other 15 would have to trade in something else, eg. drycleaners, wood and coal dealers, hardware shops, etc.

Mr. Chalker was doubtful whether many of the traders who had two or three licences at present were making an adequate living.

Mr. Robinson then dealt with the queries which had been raised at



the traders' meeting. Firstly there was the matter of the traders who would be displaced. They would be compensated on the same basis as the house owners, namely for bricks and mortar. A report to Committee had already been prepared to allow for this. Every trader who owned a shop would get some form of compensation. There could, however, be no question of compensation for a licence or for goodwill. In regard to the capital required Mr. Robinson said that the Council would erect the shops and let them at a monthly rental, depending on the size of the shop. The only capital required would be that necessary for stock.

The request that representations be made to the Government to grant loans to enable people to build their own shops would be given consideration.

After some further discussion the meeting adjourned for 10 minutes.

At the resumption of the meeting Mr. Skota said that it was the feeling of the Valuation Committee and the Pimville Board members present that the matter should be left entirely in the hands of the Council. The meeting would, however, appreciate it if the Manager could call a meeting with the Pimville traders and explain the position to them.

It was agreed that only existing Pimville traders should be given an opportunity of applying for the new shops. Mr. Robinson said that as shops became available in Klipspruit and later in the new Pimville applications would be invited from Pimville traders. He would keep the Committee informed of what was happening.

#### SELF-BUILDERS.

Mr. Mahlangu said that people had enquired from him whether they could view the sites earmarked for self-builder houses and arrange to have the plans drawn. Others wanted to know whether there was any provision for houses similar to those built at Moroka.

Mr. Robinson replied that in regard to the second question the type of 5-roomed house which had been built in certain instances in Moroka now cost over R900 due to rising building costs. As stated on a number of previous occasions, persons interested in this type of house should see the Superintendent and he would show them the sites and give them the estimated cost. As soon as 10 people had come forward the Council would build for them. They would, however, have to find the money themselves as the Council would not be allowed to grant them a loan for a house costing more than R900. The 51/9 type house still cost less than R900. People who were going to receive a large sum of money for compensation and who wanted to build a big house should go and see the Superintendent now and choose a site. All intending self-builders should keep in touch with the Superintendent.

THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 4.10 P.M.

/MR  
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