

SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

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How Do We Define Playlot

- playlot
- *Noun(plural playlots)*
- (US) A plot of ground allocated for children's recreation; a playground.

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- Durban - While there is a dire need for housing developments in Phoenix, residents are not prepared to have their playgrounds torn down to make way for them.
- Since 2013, residents of Grove End have stood firm on this decision and have fought off two prospective developers from building homes on the playground.
- Resident Richard Pillay, the chairperson of the Concerned Residents Forum, said that in 2013 developers from Woodglaze Trading, owned by businessman Jay Singh, had come out to view the playground, which was also referred to as a play lot.
- "Once word got out that a property developer was viewing the play lot, residents united and signed a petition to stop the company from building.
- "Since then the residents have taken it upon themselves to ensure the playground is maintained."

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- Some parents cannot afford for their children to go to parks away from their homes and with this in mind, residents have banded together to ensure the playground is in a good condition to be used.
- Pillay said they ensured the grass was cut, and broken facilities like the swings and other play items fixed and painted.
- “We erected a garden in the park to make it more welcoming for the community. Now residents can have birthday parties and picnics. Previously the municipality would not even maintain the park.”
- He said the grass was always overgrown and was a haven for criminals to hide and drug users to sleep in.
- “The reason why our play lots are being taken over by property developers is because the municipality is not maintaining it for our children.
- “These kids either play on the road, sit in their homes playing video games or watch television. If the municipality ensures these parks are attractive for families, we will not have these issues.”

Vanessa Mentor, said:

- Early Childhood Development expert at Afrika Tikkun, Vanessa Mentor, said: “Physical play leads to active lifestyles and healthy bodies.
- “Theme of ‘free play’ is when children feel the most free in any play lot”
- eThekweni Municipality has not answered specific questions relating to play lots

The Problem Statement:

- It is with the above in mind that it must be agreed that only through continuous consultative processes will all stakeholders be able to reach consensus as to how to redress the challenges posed by realities on the ground.
- That priority will be heavily in favour of redressing the imbalances of the past to give life to the notion of a 'healthy, active and winning nation'.

Areas of Concern

- It has become evident that many stakeholders are not as clear as to the role that should be played by local-government as prescribed in the NSRP.
- After conducting lengthy stakeholder consultation and research the eThekweni Sports & Recreation Department has come to the conclusion that its mandate is to prioritise the aspects of assisting sports bodies to create functional **Sports Structures**,
- To deliver and manage **Sports Facilities** that speaks to needs of communities,
- Engaging all stakeholders to favour recreational participation through **Mass Participation** as opposed to prioritising “competitive sport”,
- That the Department will diligently allocate sufficient value in its annual budgets for the provision of much needed **Resources** to build capacity for all stakeholders,
- Lastly to define the **Roles and Responsibilities** of each stakeholder within the broader arena of Sport Development.

RESEARCH SUMMARY

As a result of the research undertaken it has become abundantly clear that in order to stay current and be influential, the department has to:

- REVIEW its strategic and operational business plans (phase 1)
- RE-FOCUS on its legislated service delivery mandate
(phase 2)
- RE-ARRANGE its processes to influence and lead transformation within the sport environment and to unlock sport and recreation potential, especially for the youth. (phase 3)
- RE-STRUCTURE its internal operations and capacity (phase 4)

Total Management of Sport and Recreation Facilities

- The need to address the issue of “Equal Access” is further compounded by the ‘triple challenges’ of “vandalism, lack of maintenance and appropriate security management measures”.
- The usage of sports facilities is governed by the Safety at Sports and Recreation Events Act No 2 of 2010 (SASREA), which stipulates that venues are used in a limited capacity in relation to overcrowding and security issues.
- The demands of this Act places a further burden on the municipality in terms of spending large amounts of money to ensure that sports facilities are of the required standard to facilitate safe attendance and participation of the public at large.

FUTURE
FOCUS:
2019/2020

- Sporting facilities: The Department will deal with the disparities in the standard of sporting facilities and thus give all potential and existing athletes an equal chance of realizing their sporting dreams through ensuring efficient utilization of existing facilities and investing in new ones.
- Capacity Building: The Department will begin to focus on the functionality of Sporting bodies because of their crucial role in creating enabling environment for athletes to thrive. Furthermore, the Department will also work pay more attention in supporting the development of athletes with potential to realize their full potential. This will be done by tapping into the specialist expertise of High Performance Centers and individuals.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAY LOT

- Change Rooms
- Ablution Facilities
- Clean Water
- Equipment Store Rooms
- Athletes Lockers
- Caretakers
- Tuck Shop
- Cleaners
- Effective Security

PREFERABLE RECREATION EQUIPMENT



**FUN GAMES
FOR KIDS TO PLAY**

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POSSIBLE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Recreational Activities	Leisure Activities	Hobbies
Backpacking	Attending auctions	Amateur radio
Baseball/softball	Attending auto races	Aquarium making
Basketball	Attending concerts	Arts and crafts
Billiards/playing pool	Attending plays	Astronomy
Bowling	Attending sports events	Auto repairing
Camping	Bicycling	Carpentry
Canoeing	Bird watching	Ceramics/pottery
Checkers	Coin collecting	Coaching Little League
Chess	Crossword puzzles	Computers
Dancing	Dining out	Cooking/bakin

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Recreational Activities	Leisure Activities	Hobbies
Golf	Driving	Electronics
Ice skating	Fishing	Flower arranging
Playing cards	Hiking	Gardening
Sailing/boating	Horseback riding	Genealogy
Shuffleboard	Listening to music	Home decorating
Skiing	Painting	Hunting
Skindiving	Picnics	Model building
Surfboarding	Playing video games	Photography
Swimming	Reading books	Playing music
Table tennis	Roller skating	Sewing

POSSIBLE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Recreational Activities	Leisure Activities	Hobbies
Touch football	Sightseeing	Singing
Volleyball	Sunbathing	Stained glass making
Weightlifting	Talking to friends	Volunteering
Other: _____	Visiting museums	Woodworking
	Walks in parks	Other: _____
	Watching movies and TV	
	Writing	

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

- STRUCTURED SERVICE DELIVERY
- CAPACITY BUILDING
- APPOINTMENTS OF CARETAKERS
- PROMOTE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
- IMPROVE MARKETING OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
- IDENTITY RELEVANT STAKEHOLDER
- INTERGRATE CONFIRMED PLANS

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