

Tiggy Park development plans to be discussed

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The Joburg Property Company (JPC) has confirmed development plans for Tiggy Park.

This follows the recent plea by local ward councillor Cindy Grobelaar to have the vacant land kept as a park that is currently utilised by Westdene locals (*NMT* week ending 6 August).

Brian Mahlangu of JPC said, "Tiggy Park is registered Joburg Property Company land, with more than 16 stands.

"Even though it is currently used as public open space maintained by our sister company Joburg City Parks, the land is zoned as residential."

Mahlangu admitted that JPC was planning to release the land parcels in an open tender process for development purposes which would include housing.

In the interim, Joburg City Parks also indicated it was applying for the land to be rezoned as a public open space.

"On receipt of such an application the planning department will inform all municipal-owned entities and any

objections or enhancements of the proposal will be handled by them," said Mahlangu.

"As required by law JPC can proceed with a development only if the public and affected communities have been informed and have fully participated in the process through their elected ward councillors, the placement of adverts in national and regional media, and the placement of notices at multipurpose centres and other community places."

Mahlangu added that any development that the company undertook would be based on community development and on maximising benefits for the city and its citizens.

"With development it is expected that the community, and the property values of the area, will increase and enhance the lifestyle and employment opportunities for skilled and semi skilled members."

In the meantime, a public meeting will be held to discuss the issues surrounding Tiggy Park on 7 September at Brixton recreation centre at 6pm.

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