

To my detractors

Kim Lugli writes:

Regarding 'It's ours – PVRA', in last week's *Gazette*, it is correct I have connections in city council as I've worked with them for 10 years. I also chair Health and Social Development for city council's Disability Forum.

For years I've followed up clients' excellent proposals for the Parkhurst bowling club, which were all rejected.

Having consulted with the Lower Parkhurst Residents Action Group about crime and other issues affecting the property's neighbours, I organised for councillor Bafana Sithole to visit the club.

In One step closer (*Gazette*, week ending 2 April), Sithole's comments made it clear he intended to investigate and have the property utilised for community projects. On 3 March Joburg Property Company (JPC) confirmed there were no tenders, or leases issued on the property.

Amid negative comments hurled at me, the following are important:

- The property is council-owned, the lessor JPC.

- A legal binding lease must exist between lessor and lessee.

- Julie Kieser had no lease, therefore was an illegal tenant, subsequently evicted.

- How, after the first article, did Kieser claim to have a lease, and now Greg Margolis (Parkhurst Village Residents Association chairman) claims the same?

I suggest Margolis created the confusion he mentions by not informing his association or community of his intentions to use the property for his business under the association's auspices.

I deal with all community, disability or political issues in a professional manner and have no personal interest here. I'm totally committed to seeing this property utilised for the community's benefit, and that whoever takes over will be a legal tenant with a lease from JPC. I've raised the matter of a timeline with city council.

