



SMALL TREASURE: Resident José Clara surveys the small rocky koppie that homeowners have big plans for. He holds several ancient stone artifacts which he discovered in the park during walks.

In good hands

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The Johannesburg Property Company (JPC) does not intend to sell the small piece of land on Rutherford Road in Sunninghill.

JPC spokesman Brian Mahlangu said they would rather help the community through legal processes to see that they keep the open space. This would involve rezoning the land from residential 1 to public open space.

Several weeks ago, the *Review* published an article detailing how residents in the area had heard rumours that JPC was in the process of selling the land, a small rocky koppie that holds significant historical value to homeowners in the area (Let us keep this land, week ending 21 May).

Former landowners, Anglo American Properties, donated the open space to the community in 1984 after residents objected to its development.

Previously, the *Review* struggled to get answers from JPC as several officials declined to comment, but we have since learnt that the municipality does

not intend to sell.

Resident José Clara said homeowners were arranging a braai and clean-up afternoon in the near future to rid the park of excess vegetation and look at exciting plans on how to utilise the open space in months to come.

Melody Tuson, another enthusiastic resident, said an idea was to erect a curved stone wall at the back of the property which would display large photographs of Clara's old maps of the area, and pictures of the ancient stone relics he found in the park many years ago.

"Pupils from local schools could come and learn about the area's history and geological structure," said Clara.

Ward councillor for the area Annette Deppe said these initiatives had her full support.

"We still need to investigate how the land was ever rezoned as residential. I lived in Sunninghill for 18 years and knew that it was originally zoned as public parkland."

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