

How City of Joburg attempted to develop Huddle Park

In the mid-1990s an application to build a casino/hotel with shopping and housing was withdrawn from the City of Joburg (CoJ) when the applicants discovered it was very close to a number of schools and therefore would be refused.

In May 1997, CoJ entered into a lease agreement with the National Sports Council to establish a township in Huddle Park. But the sports council reportedly failed to establish the township within the stipulated lease agreement time of 30 months and the Johannesburg

Property Company declared the unsigned lease agreement null and void in May 2002.

The third attempt was in 2004, with an estimated R3 billion project to incorporate the upgrading of the existing golf course into a commercial component consisting of a 500 unit upmarket golfing estate with an associated 500 high end dwelling units, including an associated 32 000m² mixed-use retail centre, a private Gary Player signature golf course and a walking trail.

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