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RE: REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORD OF PUBLIC BODY, PRETORIA WEST FORT, DANVILLE, PRETORIA.

Your request for the information as indicated in the document submitted to the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation refers.

1. In Relation to any and all land and any immovable property/building on that land, for each and every part of the area known as Westfort Hospital in Danville, west of Pretoria, along the southern slopes of the Daspoort Rand (also previously known as the Daspoort(the hospital) including the associated cemeteries (the cemeteries), which are located on some portion or remaining extent of the farm Fort 646 JR (which may include portion 16,31 and /or 226 of the Farm Pretoria Town and Townlands 351 JR and remaining extent of the Farm Broek Scheur 318 JR) provide whatever records are available in relation to both the hospital and /or cemeteries for any period from 1 January 2003 that :

i. Set out whether either the hospital or cemeteries have been identified as a heritage resource/site, and if so whether either of the hospital or cemeteries were categorized as a Grade I, Grade II or Grade III heritage resource, including (but not limited to) any applications or requests for the hospital or cemeteries to be categorized as a heritage resource;

RESPONSE

The Provincial Heritage Resources Authority –Gauteng (PHRA-G) can hereby confirm that the indicated cemeteries and hospital complex and the cemeteries were identified as a heritage site and are classified as Grade II. The structures were provisionally protected by the South African Heritage resources Agency in April 2000. The structures are also protected in terms of Section 34 of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999. The Fort and the Hospital are extremely unique and the graves are always regarded as heritage sites due to their social connotation thereof.

Contain any application or request for a permit to develop the hospital or cemeteries and also any associated documentation provided in support of that application of development including (but not limited) to historical, architectural and archaeological reports;

- ii. Contain any application or request for a permit to develop the hospital or cemeteries and also any associated documentation provided in support of that application of development including (but not limited to) historical, architectural and archaeological reports;

RESPONSE

The have been proposed projects around the Fort and the Hospital complex throughout the years but the PHRA-G has not received any formal request for the approval of such developments.

- iii. Appoint any person including (but not limited to) a heritage impact assessment practitioner, to conduct a heritage impact assessment or other historical or archaeological report of the hospital or cemeteries site;

RESPONSE

The PHRA-G currently has no record of a Heritage Impact Assessment report or application for a permit to develop the hospital or cemeteries.

- iv. Provide recommendations or decisions as to whether the hospital or cemeteries have been or will be identified or assessed as a heritage resource, including (but not limited to) any Heritage Impact Assessments or other heritage reports

RESPONSE

The PHRA-G is not in a position to provide any recommendations as a Heritage Impact Assessment application has not been submitted nor received.

v. Any public consultation documents or advertisements of opportunities to provide comments on decisions to identify, assess or manage the hospital or cemeteries as heritage resource;

RESPONSE

The PHRA-G does not have a record of the Public Participation or consultation as no HIA report was submitted.

vi. Any reports, notices or other information provided to any other department /organization or person including (but not limited to) national or municipal heritage authorities, on the identification, maintenance or development of the hospital or cemeteries ;

RESPONSE

There are no reports in this regard.

vii. Any surveys, maps, drawings or photographs of the current hospital' cemeteries or land occupied by the hospital or cemeteries, including (but not limited to) locality plans, and /or site development plans;

RESPONSE

The PHRA-G has no record of the Maps.

viii. Any surveys, maps, or drawings of proposed changes to the current hospital, cemeteries or land occupied by the hospital or cemeteries (including but not limited to) locality plan and /or site development plans;

RESPONSE

The PHRA-G is not aware of any proposed changes.

ix. Any notices provided to the registrar of deeds relating to the land occupied by the hospital or cemeteries;

RESPONSE

The notices as provided by the Registrar of deeds are hereby attached.

x. Any appeals against any decision by the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Resources Authority about the hospital or cemeteries ;

RESPONSE

No appeals have been lodged with the PHRA-G as the PHRA-G has not assessed nor approved any applications to develop the Fort West Hospital complex and the Cemeteries.

2. All records setting out the current Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng (PHRA-G) policies and or processes in relation to:

i. The current status of the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng as a provincial heritage resources authority and the area of responsibility of the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, including (but not limited to) any reassessment of the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng as a provincial heritage resources authority.

RESPONSE

The Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng was assessed by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA). Herewith attached the assessment result from SAHRA and the Regulations of the PHRA-G.

ii. Identifying heritage resources;

RESPONSE

Grading criteria as developed by the South African Heritage Resources Agency to guide all phra's is herewith attached.

iii. Assessing heritage resources/ sites including (but not limited to) processes, checklists and other requirements for conducting a heritage assessment or heritage report or survey;

RESPONSE

A nomination form used for assessment of sites and the guideline on the completion of a Heritage Impact Assessment report are herewith attached.

iv. Managing Grade II heritage resources;

RESPONSE

Application requirements on the management of Grade II heritage resources are herewith attached.

v. Required interactions with other national or municipal organisations regarding heritage resources, and;

RESPONSE

The National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 and Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act 13 of 2005 provides for the PHRA-G with guidelines on interactions with other national or municipal organisations;

vi. Appealing or complaining about a decision of the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng;

RESPONSE

The Regulations of the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng and the checklist on submission of Appeals are herewith attached.

Yours Sincerely



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