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PE AND THE SPIRIT OF PLACE

KINGS BEACH LIFESAVING CLUB

THE MBDA IS SEEKING THE SERVICES OF AN EXPERIENCED AND WELL SEASONED PROFESSIONAL WITH THE APPROPRIATE CONTEXTUAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, TO DEVELOP A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK /VISION THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AND ENHANCE THE IMPACT OF THE PRECINCT PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ENVISIONED FOR PORT OF PORT ELIZABETH, MARINA PRECINCT AND ADJACENT CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

BACKGROUND.

THE KINGS BEACH LIFESAVING CLUB IS CURRENTLY THE OCCUPIED BY THE EC LIFESAVING CLUB, THE KINGS BEACH LIFESAVING CLUB AND THE COUNCILLOR FOR THE LOCAL WARD. THE POSITION OF THE CLUB IS IDEAL TO ITS FUNCTION. THE DUNE SYSTEM/SAND BUILD UP CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE HARBOUR WALL SERVES AS A BARRIER TO FLOODING AND RISING SEA LEVELS AS A RESULT OF GLOBAL WARMING AS WELL AS OCCASIONAL NATURAL DISASTERS. THE SAME SYSTEM ALSO POSES A DANGER TO THE CLUB IN THAT IT THREATENS TO SWALLOW THE STRUCTURE AND REDUCES VISIBILITY FROM THE CLUB TO THE BEACH. THE SYSTEM IS EXTREMELY MOBILE AND THIS CANNOT BE CONTROLLED DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION CONSTRAINTS.

THE NEEDS OF THE CLUBS ARE EXPANDING AND THE BUILDING IS NO LONGER SUITABLE FOR THE NEEDS OF BOTH CLUBS. FURTHER TO THIS THE BUILDING IS PLAGUED BY WATER/DAMP PROBLEMS, STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS AND CRIME DUE TO VAGRANTS LIVING IN THE DUNES.