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Old Parkhurst Bowling Club Property Finally in the Hands of Developer, Ending Years of Contention

The City of Johannesburg is pleased to announce that the highly contentious Old Parkhurst Bowling Club property has been handed over to the successful bidder, GenZenix Pty Ltd. This milestone marks the end of a long and challenging chapter for residents and the City, who have been grappling with the property's occupation since 2009.

The property, previously hijacked by displaced people, had become a hotbed of criminal and by-law violating activities, as reported by the Parkview South African Police Services and numerous complaints lodged by residents. Despite concerted efforts by various city departments to address the challenges posed by the occupation, the property remained a source of concern for rate-paying residents in the surrounding area.

Following a series of non-responsive bids, GenZenix Pty Ltd was awarded the property in March this year. To facilitate the developer's resumption of site work, a specialised forum was established, comprising representatives from key departments and agencies, including:

- * Johannesburg Property Company (JPC)
- * Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD)
- * Environmental Health
- * Emergency Management Services (EMS)
- * Parkview and Linden South African Police Services (SAPS)
- * Development Planning
- * Pikitup (waste management)
- * Group Investigations Forensic Services
- * GenZenix Pty Ltd
- * Private Security Companies

After a series of meetings, the forum resolved to conduct a coordinated, three-day multidisciplinary operation to comprehensively address property-related objectives and challenges. On October 22, 2024, the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department's BMU conducted a precursor operation, during which displaced individuals were given

the opportunity to collect their belongings before illegal structures were demolished. Ten trucks were used to transport rubble to a designated landfill site.

From October 28 to 30, 2024, a planned multidisciplinary operation was carried out, involving the removal of structures by the service provider, general clearing of rubble by CRUM AFSU and Pikitup, and the fencing off of the property by the developer. Additionally, a security company was hired to monitor the area, and "No Trespassing" signs were erected to deter further invasions.

This successful handover marks a significant step forward for the City of Johannesburg and the surrounding community, who can now look forward to the redevelopment of the property and the revitalisation of the area.

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