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**GAUTENG PRECINCT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
URBAN PRACTICE FORUM
MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY 2026
10:00 - 12h00
VIA MS TEAMS**

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1. WELCOME and APOLOGIES 1.1 KD welcomed everyone, Apologies from Andrew Barker, Anne Steffny, Angela Rivers, Tina White	
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2025. Minutes approved.	

3. PRESENTATIONS:

Find a recording of the meeting on the GPMA YouTube channel:

https://youtu.be/os9e_rh5HS0

3.1.1 Leonora Grcheva, City & Regions Lead at Doughnut Economics Action Lab (DEAL)

Doughnut Economics: From theory to practice in local governments and urban development <https://doughnuteconomics.org/>

3.1.2 Donut economics is a concept developed by Katie Raworth, which critiques traditional 20th-century economic models. LG introduced donut economics as a framework for measuring progress beyond GDP, which often overlooks social and environmental factors. She explained that the donut model advocates for meeting basic human needs while respecting planetary boundaries. This approach encourages a shift in focus from endless growth to thriving within ecological limits.

3.1.3 Leonora Grcheva highlighted the ozone layer recovery as a success story of global cooperation, contrasting it with the deteriorating ecological indicators over the past two decades. She pointed out that while some countries, like the UK, maintain a relatively stable social foundation, they exert significant pressure on planetary boundaries. This disparity underscores the necessity for each nation to transform uniquely to achieve a sustainable and equitable future.

3.1.4 The framework has four lenses—local social, local ecological, global ecological, and global social—that guide communities in setting sustainable goals. LG noted the growing interest in applying these ideas across various sectors, including grassroots movements and local governments.

3.1.5 LG addressed the challenges of tunnel vision in urban policy, particularly in the context of climate change and biodiversity. She outlined five practical applications of their tools, including data-based diagnostics, dialogue and co-creation, and impact assessment, showcasing examples from cities like Barcelona and Copenhagen. The discussion emphasized the importance of collaboration and adaptability in implementing these frameworks across diverse urban contexts.

Questions:

3.1.6 KD questioned the practicality of implementing a regenerative economy within five years. LG acknowledged the challenges, stating that while some progress can be made in shorter timeframes, a full transformation requires more time. LG highlighted various local government-led initiatives and coalitions worldwide that focus on collective action and education to drive change;

- Challenges and strategies for transitioning to a circular economy.
- The importance of collaboration between public and private sectors.
- The role of local governments in promoting sustainability.

3.2.1 Calayde Davey: University of Pretoria. Urban Strategy Studio.

	3.2.2 CD discussed the Urban Strategy Studio, a program designed to engage students in addressing urban challenges through a collaborative learning environment. CD highlighted the importance of understanding cities as complex systems and invited stakeholders to participate in shaping challenges for students to tackle. The program aims to produce creative, impactful solutions that contribute to the regeneration of urban spaces. 3.2.3 CD discussed the necessity of providing safe access to sites for effective learning and fieldwork, particularly in the context of Hatfield's well-managed CID. Questions: 3.2.4 JA will contact CD for a potential collaboration, mentioning an exciting green space project in his precinct. 3.2.5 Katlego Dikobe encouraged further questions for CD and noted the likelihood of precincts reaching out for collaboration. 3.3.1 Steve Carver: UcanCompany. Dignified livelihoods at Scale and Speed. https://ucancompany.com/ 3.3.2 SC shared insights into You Can Company's efforts to foster economic stability and growth among vulnerable communities. He highlighted the importance of education in entrepreneurship, particularly through agricultural schools in Latin America, and the development of micro-businesses in South Africa. Carver emphasized the use of technology and tailored approaches to support individuals in achieving financial independence. 3.3.3 SC emphasized the significance of commerciality in urban agriculture, noting that many projects fail without a consistent market. He shared insights on the Southern African Food System Transformation Alliance, which focuses on climate change, inclusivity, nutrition, and food affordability. Carver also mentioned various urban spaces where their growth model has been implemented, including projects in Lange, Alex, and Cape Town. General: Please join the GPMA WhatsApp group: https://chat.whatsapp.com/CGdrkFaKh5s04C7zCB7RUE	
4.	NEXT MEETING Tuesday 3 March 2026 (MS Teams)	

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Chairperson/ Director

Date