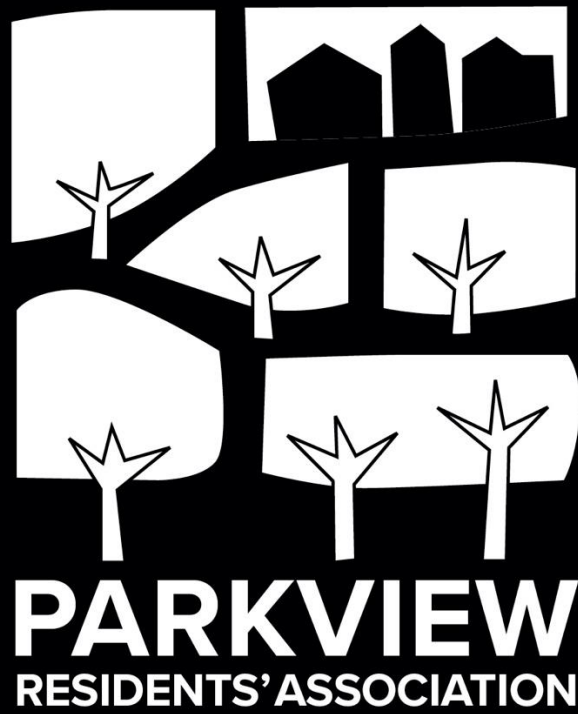


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Parkview and its Heritage

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Part of the charm of Parkview and Greenside East is their history. This is reflected in many of the older homes and shops. We believe that people who buy into the area appreciate this.

This heritage must be preserved. Buildings older than 60 years are protected by the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999 which states, "No person may alter or demolish any structure or part of a structure which is older than 60 years without a permit issued by the relevant provincial heritage resources authority." In Gauteng, this authority is the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority - Gauteng (PHRA-G). PHRA-G requires all heritage submissions from Parkview and Greenside East to be directed through the Parkview Residents' Association (PRA).

Parkview is part of the Joint Plans Committee (JPC) which is an association of residents' associations from Westcliff, Parktown, Forest Town and Dunkeld, as well as the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation (formerly known as the Parktown & Westcliff Heritage Trust). The committee meets fortnightly and building plans for these areas are tabled and reviewed. Heritage specialists, such as Flo Bird, town planners and architects sit on the JPC. The JPC applies heritage criteria as expressed in the Burra Charter when assessing these plans. It also looks at town planning issues like the number of dwellings, coverage on the property, floor area ratios etc.

In attempting to protect the areas they represent, the JPC should be seen as a vehicle to assist owners. Often architects approach the JPC with concept sketches to discuss what they are thinking of doing before spending a lot of time on their drawings. Accordingly, to avoid encountering any problems we request that, should you intend to alter or demolish any structure older than 60 years, you submit your plans to the JPC before submitting them to PHRA-G or the City of Joburg. The JPC is contactable through the Parkview Residents' Association at info@parkview.org.za.

Failure to obtain the relevant permission from PHRA-G could result in unnecessary costs and delays and is a criminal offence. The "PRA Building Guidelines" provides more detail of the process.