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**R**ESIDENTS of Lenasia Extension 13 are to receive a brand-new park, as part of the Park Development of Lenasia Azure Park project. This development comes after years of promises and delays, as the site was initially planned to be a Lenasia Scholar Transport Exchange Facility. The new project was announced by Ward 9 Councillor Jake Karolia, alongside Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ) officials and contractors, during a community meeting on Tuesday, January 28. A Community Liaison and Councillor briefing had previously taken place from August 2024 to December 2024. The park will be located at the corner of Azure Street and Nirvana Drive and will feature a range of scope work, including earthworks, site clearing, grass planting, tree planting, paving, safety signage, benches, bins, play equipment,

gym equipment, rubber safety surfaces under play equipment, irrigation, and a formalised grassed soccer area.

The project has been allocated a budget of R1.6 million and the site establishment will be on February 10, 2025. Jenny Moodley, spokesperson for the Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ), confirmed the project's details.

The project aims to provide maximum community beneficiation through the involvement of local SMMEs and EPWP workers from Ward 9. Residents are also encouraged to apply for the position of Community Liaison Officer (CLO), with applications closing on February 5, 2025 and a suitable candidate to be appointed on February 10.

According to Moodley, the project will be managed by Rochelle Paul from the JCPZ, with Rasgro serving as the contractor, while Solite Projects will provide consulting and engineering services.

While some residents are thrilled about the project, others have expressed scepticism due to past disappointments. The budget for the initial project was allegedly used for purposes outside of Lenasia, leaving some residents feeling frustrated and disillusioned.

Despite the mixed emotions, the project's initiation has brought hope and renewal to the community. As the project progresses, residents will keep a close eye on developments, eager to see the park become a reality.



The PHASE 1 master plan of the Lenasia Azure Park.

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