

Mbuyiseni Khoza



Current position
 Chair: Yeoville Community Policing Forum
 Member: ANC Youth League, Yeoville Branch

Bio details
 Born: 1977 in Kwazulu Natal
 Family Status: Single, 2 children
 Lived in Yeoville: Since 2006
 Current job: Unemployed



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 CPF chairperson Mbuyiseni Khoza (middle) and deputy chairperson Simphiwe Naki (right) listen as principal Martha Mente explains what happened. Above them is the damaged ceiling.

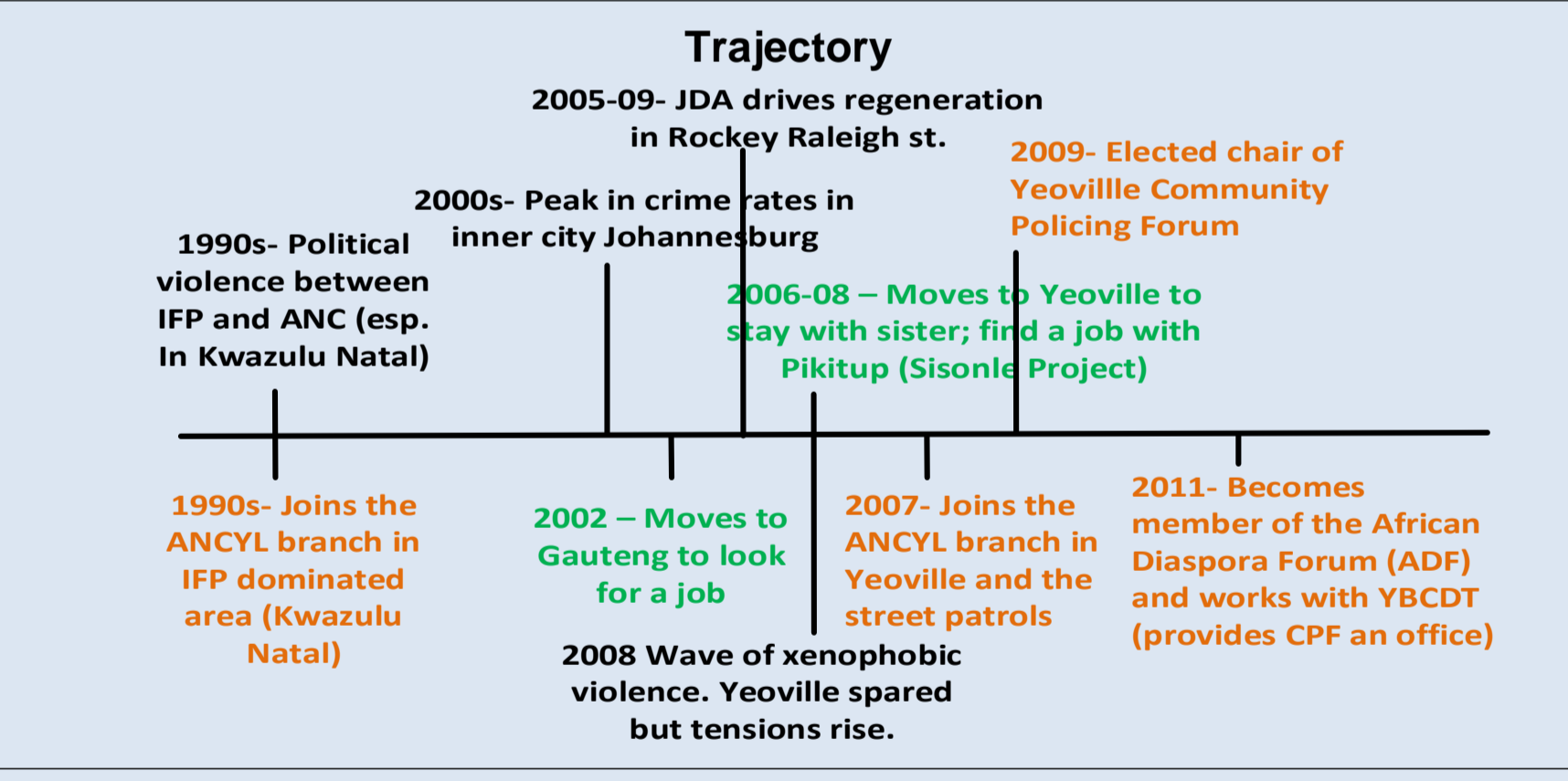
“If you are not doing what needs to be done, then who is going to do it? Somebody has to take responsibility. You don’t even know where to start to address the challenges, but you are learning everyday, trying everyday.”

What I do most of the time
 “People are frustrated with housing. The issue of housing is not something that has to do with CPF, but people don’t know where to go to... So we provide as much help as we can.”

Vision
 “If there is any challenge on your street you must be able call your neighbours ,deal with that challenge on the street, without involving government because it’s like we are waiting for our government to do something.
 If maybe there is a problematic house, like criminal activities are taking place, we as the people who are residing on the street must come together and approach those people- ‘Guys you are giving us a problem can you try to address this matter?’.”

Being a local activist
 If you are sitting at home doing nothing, it won’t help you at the end of the day. At least if you are doing something, ok today I achieved one two three. Like I was with that community member I gave him the information that he wanted... Most of the time, people come back to me and say ‘I did get help, I went there where you referred me and my problem is solved’.
 The most fascinating thing is that you can see what is happening. If you are planning something and you try to implement it, you are able to see ‘ok, this is the progress’. It’s not like you are being given like a report. You are the one who is giving the report, you know that your report is legitimate, you have tangible proof that it used to be a problematic street and now it is free, everyone can walk on that street. It used to be a dark place and now there is light”.

Why Yeoville?
 I started working for the Sisonke project, a Pikitup project, or two years. We were working as block prefects, educating people about the environment. Sisonke project was an exercise in understanding more about the area. We used to walk block to block , each corner of the area . So I got to know Yeoville.
 And I impressed the community. By working for Pikitup it gave me a lot of information, like where to get a application, the department, deeds office civic centre and stuff... People were used to coming to me for help, and I became famous in community.
 So I felt, ‘ok I can carry on working for the community’. That is whereby I was elected in that CPF.”



Becoming legitimate
 “At the ANCYL AGM, we decided we must have our members as CPF executive. Because we had this patrolling project which was not yet registered with the MEC of Community Safety. We were just doing it as the ANC youth, trying to deal with crime. And we also wanted to engage with our station commander that he must consider us and what we are doing. It’s not like we are taking the law into our own hands but we are trying to deal with the issues in the area.
 So that is whereby we thought, if we can be part of the CPF it’s going to be easier for us to make it like a legitimate thing, so we can be recognized and heard. So that is why we said ok, let us take over the CPF.”



Four days in the life of Mbuyiseni
 © Pingo 2011. “Actually I come to the office, cause I’m not working you understand. I spend most of my time in the office like helping the community”

Monday 10.10.2011	Tuesday 11.10.2011	Wednesday 12.10.2011	Thursday 13.10.2011
Worked in office assisting community members with queries: 1.) Two Queries into the owner of a building. 2.) Query into proposed jobs for the construction of a new Police station in Yeoville. 3.) Query into who to contact for refuse removal in Yeoville.	Attended court to support CPF Deputy Chair, arrested. Case postponed due to the lawyer not being available.	Attended court to support CPF deputy chairperson who was re-arrested on another charge. The Dep Chair was denied bail.	Attended meeting with the Yeoville Liquor Traders Forum. Attempted to post bail for the Dep chair. Went to Sun City correctional facility.