

Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
7th October 2006

Attendance

Elaine Baker
Israel Kiyame
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Maurus Malikita

Guests

Leon Mlambo	AALOCOM
Prosper Nyaki	AALOCOM
Selemani Majembele	AALOCOM

There was an informal discussion about the measures the Government is taking to knock down informal businesses, even those which are in residential areas and not on public roads, and the effects this is having on ruining livelihoods for many people. Some bicycle fundi stalls have also been knocked down which means it is more difficult to get your bicycle serviced or a puncture fixed conveniently.

Prosper went through the items discussed at a prior meeting about the bicycle caravan. Several UWABA members reported that they had put up posters and distributed flyers in various areas and will continue to do so over the next week. AALOCOM have arranged for newspaper advertising and will look into radio advertising. They have also arranged for the deputy mayor to take part as a special guest.

The route has been changed to Karimjee – Ocean Road – Salender Bridge – Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road – Morocco – Kawawa Road – Magomeni – Lumumba St – Samora Avenue and back to Karimjee. There will be a short break in Kinondoni to allow participants to catch up and drink some water. The caravan will go slowly so that people do not get left behind.

AALOCOM have arranged for water and sodas to be distributed. It was suggested that a vehicle follow the caravan for first aid purposes and this was agreed so long as it does not draw undue attention to itself, as the focus should be on the cyclists. A first aid person should be on the vehicle.

AALOCOM have also arranged for a TV crew to be at Karimjee to report on the event.

It was discussed about sending out the messages of the caravan during the event. UWABA will organize banners displaying pro-cycling messages, megaphones for people on the back of gutas to use to shout out messages and to broadcast music at other times.

The timetable will start with some opening remarks and welcomes, then the event will set off. As participants reach Karimjee at the end of the caravan they will be given raffle tickets – each person should be given only one ticket and leaders of the three organisations should not take tickets. There will then be some speeches from the special guest and each of the three organisations will have a chance to say a few words about cycling issues and how their organisation is involved. Finally the special guest will draw the raffle tickets for prizes of five California bicycles.

It was agreed to have a final meeting at 4pm on Friday the day before the event for final discussions.