

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
17th November 2007**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Aseli Wilison
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja
Husein Hamza Hamisi
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Mussa Omari
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Protace Mugondo
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Climate change event

During the week Venant had translated the letter on climate change and Damas had made some corrections and emailed it to Elaine. The members read through the Swahili version and did not have any changes to make. Venant and Damas could not come to this meeting. Damas has not yet given us a list of organisations to sign the letter but said on the phone he would continue to follow up this week. Ally Saidi Mohammad, Juma and Protace all said they would try to find out the full name and contact details of environmental NGOs this week. The members agreed to ask Sosthenes to make banners for the event. Elaine said she would communicate with the Vice President's Office and the US embassy to inform them of the event and request someone officially receive our letter on the day.

Cycle caravan

Juma delivered caravan reports to Azzan Zungu MP, Guta company, Bakhresa and the Chinese embassy during the week. He used Tsh 5,000 for photocopying including colour photocopying of the photographs.

The Netherlands embassy have still not paid the balance of the sponsorship.

City Council

There was one copy of the drawings for the DART project so Ally Saidi Mohammed said he would make a photocopy this week for leaving in the office for members to read.

Some initial comments were :

- overall the design gives good priority to cyclists
- in stretch 2 and in Msimbazi Street where there is no space for a cycle lane, we need to ask whether bikes, gutas and disabled cyclists should go on the road with cars or on the footpath
- on all stretches we need to clarify where gutas and disabled cycles should go and if the cycle lanes are wide enough for them
- in some stretches there appears to be a separation between the road and the cycle lanes while on others there is none. It should be clarified what exactly is in the separation space (trees, drains) and how the cyclists will be protected in the stretches with no separation
- we need clarification on how vehicles will access plots along the road and whether this access will also give them access to drive or park on the cycle lane.

Office, guta and finances

During the week Juma and Elaine withdrew Tsh 44,000 from the bank and Juma gave Tsh 50,000 to Ally Saidi Mohammad who used it to buy a softer board for the notice boards. He has not yet put them up.

Violeth who is doing the translation of the minutes has reported to Elaine that she is nearly finished.

The guta company told Juma that the new parts for the guta have still not been cleared by customs but they should be available from 20th. Jumanne paid Juma Tsh 14,000 in arrears for guta hire and as we are not charging for the weeks the guta is out of service all the payments have now been cleared. Jumanne has suggested that Ally Saidi Mwishehe be the new guta driver when the parts come in.

Juma is now holding Tsh 92,000 of UWABA money and the bank balance has reached its minimum of Tsh 2,000.

The donation from Italy has reached National Microfinance Bank but has not yet been credited to our account due to confusion in the transfer instruction. NMB said they would follow up on a clearer instruction from this end and Elaine emailed David from Bike Nouveau in Italy to ask him to clarify further with his bank.

Wamba memorial fund have not replied to our email telling us about the awards of the road safety grant we applied for. Elaine will phone them in USA this week.

National Institute for Transportation (NIT)

Mr Wamba has not replied to our letter requesting a road safety seminar yet.

Suggestions

Protace suggested that UWABA employ someone full time. Members explained that as Jumanne is next door and Ally Saidi Mohammed across the road from the office they usually answer queries. Juma, Elaine and other members do much of the administrative work in their spare time. Also we are not yet financially stable to take on the responsibility of employing someone. Elaine said that if we do so in the future we should employ a long-standing member who has demonstrated commitment to UWABA and who is available for employment.

Other business

There was a debate on wording that Protace used when making suggestions – the use of the word “Chama” and “Umma” and language which shows UWABA as a group of people and not belonging just to the leaders.

Paulo had laminated ID cards during the week and gave one out at the meeting.