

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
28th April 2007**

Attendance

Abdallah Khatib
Elaine Baker
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Jumanne Idd
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Paulo Atibu

Maguta and Mikokoteni

Elaine reported that she had written a letter to Ilala Municipal Council and the Mayor of Ilala requesting a further meeting on our suggestions for solving the problem of traffic jams, as agreed at the last UWABA meeting. She had delivered the letter on 19th April and as the mayor was in his office, she also talked to him and asked him what was the decision on the maguta and mikokoteni issue. He said that the decision would be made later on that day by the council.

Paulo had been to a meeting called by the Mayor earlier on that day (28th April). There had been confusion in phone calls the day before as Paulo had been referring to the meeting with the Mayor and people he phoned thought he was referring to the UWABA meeting, so others did not know about the Mayor meeting. Also the Mayor's office did not phone Mejah or Elaine, whose phone numbers are on the letter head, to inform UWABA about the meeting. The meeting was announced on loudspeakers in Kariakoo.

Paulo reported that the Mayor announced that they had considered the views given by UWABA and other representative in the 12th April meeting and had decided that Maguta and Mikokoteni would continue to be allowed. The mayor also announced that each stakeholder group in the transport sector should form organizations and elect leaders. These leaders would then be invited to discuss the problem of traffic jams and other transport issues in detail. This meeting would be held on Tuesday 15th May.

It was decided to hold re-elections the following Saturday for the UWABA committee, in light of the fact that some of the most active UWABA members are not on the committee and some members of the committee are not active.

It was also requested that all UWABA members communicate any information they here on loudspeaker announcements, radio or newspapers relevant to the work of UWABA to the committee who will convey it to other members, and that we will ask the Mayor of Ilala to communicate with us directly as well as announcing meetings on loudspeakers.

Meeting with Professor Rwebangira

Elaine reported that she had been given contact details of Professor Rwebangira by Robert in Germany. Professor Rwebangira teaches at the University of Dar es Salaam and is an engineer with an interest in non-motorised transport. Elaine met him for lunch one day at the University. He gave UWABA a free copy of a book “Productive and liveable cities – Guidelines for pedestrian and bicycle traffic in African Cities”. It was suggested that UWABA ask him for advice and invite him to an UWABA meeting.

Bicycle caravan

As CHABADA representatives had not been able to come to the last UWABA meeting, two of them (Jax and Kandile) called in to Elaine’s house, read the bicycle caravan proposal and added their comments, including the suggestion of having a formal organizing committee with three representatives

Elaine emailed the proposal to Bradley and also met him in Cape Town when she was there for work. He said that Mr Nyoni is ITDP’s representative in Tanzania and that it was his decision on how to spend the ITDP budget for Tanzania. He also suggested that we remove any association between the bicycle caravan and the critical mass bike ride movement. He also suggested we define the roles and responsibilities of each organization more clearly. He said he had forwarded the proposal to Mr Nyoni but when Elaine asked Mr Nyoni on the phone he said he had not received it. Elaine will send it to Mr Nyoni next week.

Upcoming re-building of Sam Nujoma, Nelson Mandela and Kilwa Roads

The meeting brainstormed on the information we need about the road plans for these roads and came up with the following:

- Where on the road are bicycles, disabled-cycles, maguta, mikokoteni, pedestrians and vehicles expected to go?
- How wide is each part of the road?
- How are bus stops designed and do bicycles pass through people waiting at bus stops?
- How are entrances to plots along the road dealt with?
- How are junctions dealt with?
- What barriers are there to protect pedestrians or bicycles from vehicles and prevent vehicles using space they are not allowed on for parking or skipping queues? How breakable are these barriers?
- Are there trees?
- Is there street lighting?

Other business

Members requested that they be given copies of relevant UWABA documents such as the registration certificate and lists of members. Some documents are on the website but most UWABA members do not know how to use the internet. Elaine agreed to print out copies of documents for distribution. Jumanne also requested blank membership forms so that he could recruit members. It was agreed to give him forms, but it was emphasized that potential members should be regular cyclists, should be told in detail about the aims and activities of UWABA and encouraged to be active rather than passive members before joining.

Juma asked for a printout of an UWABA annual report so he could deliver it to the NGO registration office.

Next meeting

It was agreed to meet again after one weeks on Saturday 5th May at 10am. The main item on the agenda will be committee elections.