

MINUTES OF KARURI MUNICIPALITY CITIZEN FORUM IN THE MATTER OF PRIORITIZATION OF KARURI MUNICIPALITY KUSP PROJECTS

DATE: 12/03/2020

Time: 10:00hrs to 15:00 HRS

VENUE: RUAKA ACK CHURCH GROUNDS



MEMBERS PRESENT

The forum meant for the residents and key stakeholders of Karuri Municipality had in attendance participants from relevant organizations including: -

- ✓ The Municipal Board, Karuri Municipality led by the Chairman Municipal Board- Mr. Steve Karanja and the Municipal Manager - Mr. Munga Kuria
- ✓ The County Government of Kiambu led by the Karuri Sub-County Administrator, Mr. David Mugo
- ✓ Members of the County Assembly of Kiambu, including Deputy Speaker County Assembly of Kiambu and MCA Cianda ward – Hon. Philip Mubea, MCA Muchatha ward - Hon. Ngichu, MCA Kihara ward – Hon. Muthondu, and MCA Ndenderu ward Hon. Solomon Kinuthia
- ✓ Religious leaders;
- ✓ Persons with Disability;

- ✓ Karuri Municipality Business Community;
- ✓ Karuri Water Company;
- ✓ Karuri Municipality Youth representatives; and
- ✓ Karuri Municipality opinion leaders among other key stakeholders.
- ✓ The consultant

The Forum's attendance list is attached as an annex.

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks
2. Presentation of the brief on ongoing municipal projects
3. Presentation on the guidelines on project selection.
4. Group discussion.
5. Summary of the discussion.
6. Conclusion.

PRELIMINARY

The forum moderated by Mr. Munga Kuria, the Municipal Manager started at 11:00 A.M after registration and opening prayers from Mr. Daniel Njoroge, one of the stakeholders.

MIN 1/2020/03: OPENING REMARKS

Chairman of the Karuri Municipality Board, Mr. Stephen Mbugua Karanja

Mr. Stephen Mbugua welcomed everyone to the forum and proceeded to explain the purpose of the meeting as involving the public in discussing matters development in Karuri municipality under the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP).

He then went on to introduce members of the Karuri Municipal Board present who were Mr. George Kibogoro and Mr. Charles Munyui and extended the apologies of the absent board members.

Under the permission of the board chair, Mr. Charles Munyui, a board member, explained to the stakeholders what a municipality and a municipal board is as per the Urban Areas and Cities Act (2019). He also explained the board works hand in hand with the MCAs who perform oversight on it.

The board chair then introduced Mr. Bernard Gichuki, representative of Kiambaa Member of Parliament and Mr. Joseph Ndung'u, representative Education.

The MCAs present were then introduced as Hon. Ngichu of Muchatha ward, Hon. Philip Mubea the Deputy Speaker County Assembly of Kiambu and representative Cianda ward, Hon. Kabau Muthondu of Kihara ward and Hon. Solomon Kinuthia of Ndenderu ward.

Mr. Kariri Njama a renowned politician in Kiambaa was also introduced.

MCA Cianda ward, Hon. Philip Mubea

The MCA appreciated Mr. Charles Munyui's elaboration of what a municipality and a municipal board is and emphasized the importance of the forum to the development of Karuri municipality.

He urged the stakeholders to be keen on the projects being proposed to ensure that they benefited all within the municipality.

He then informed the stakeholders of the ongoing discussions on the supplementary budget and that various projects would start soon.

MCA Kihara ward, Hon. Kabau Muthondu

Hon. Muthondu expressed his gratitude to the board members and the stakeholders for their attendance. He emphasized on the completion of current projects and went ahead to present a project in Kihara ward which needed attention which was the road to the hospital in Kihara.

MCA Muchatha ward, Hon. Ngichu

The MCA thanked everyone for their attendance and went on to suggest that people sit as per their wards during the group discussion session and discuss projects within their respective wards then present them to everyone afterwards.

Municipal Manager, Mr. Munga Kuria

The municipal manager welcomed everyone to the meeting and reassured the stakeholders that the presentations would not take long. He then introduced the County Government staff and the consultants and explained that the consultants were involved in the plan preparations and would assist in advising on project selection requirements. He then introduced the Sub – county Administrator, Mr. David Mugo.

Sub-county Administrator, Mr. David Mugo

Mr. Mugo welcomed all the stakeholders to the forum and urged them to air out all their issues in the forum.

MIN 2/20/03: PRESENTATION OF THE BRIEF ON ONGOING MUNICIPAL PROJECTS.

The Municipal Manager, Mr. Munga presented past and ongoing Municipal projects. He explained it is a requirement by law to present progress of projects in a fora quarterly. The projects were presented as follows;

2018/2019 Projects

- Firestation block at Karuri at a cost of Kshs. 63.7 Million which is 84% complete.
- Upgrading of 3Km Kanjiku – King’othua Road to bituminous standards at a cost of Kshs. 113.7 Million which is 52% complete.
- Solid waste management involving purchase of 20 skips, 2 skip loaders, 1 backhoe, 1 tipper and a transfer station at a cost of Kshs. 50M which is 85% complete. The pending aspect of the project is the transfer stations and skips.

2019/2020 Projects

The municipal manager explained that the projects under this period were under procurement and would proceed after that process.

- Kihara hospital road

- Kawaida – Njunu road
- Karura – Munyaka road
- Muchatha shopping centre improvement

2020/2021 Projects

They are to be selected after the citizen fora.

MIN 3/20/03: PRESENTATION ON THE GUIDELINES ON PROJECT SELECTION

Mr. Kitonga, one of the consultants, was invited to present the criteria to be considered when selecting projects. The presentation was as follows;

Agenda and Objectives

1. Overview on approach to identifying and selecting more impactful projects
2. Proposed Priority Projects, Karuri Municipality

Eligible investment areas

- Waste Management
- Storm Water Management- drainage
- Connectivity
- Urban Socio-economic infrastructure
- Disaster management

Non-Eligible investment areas

- Projects with negative environmental impact
- Projects not within the Urban areas
- Projects that involve land acquisition
- Projects such as powerplants dams, highways, railways, ports, landfills and watersupply.

Identifying and selecting more impactful projects

Process of Project Identification

- Review of existing and proposed plans
- Citizen fora
- Board prioritization meetings
- Feasibility studies for prioritized projects
- Board approval
- Cabinet briefing
- County assembly approval – investment plan

Mr. Kitonga then invited Mr. Mwenje to present the priority areas (based on plans) for Karuri municipality. They were identified as.

Proposed Projects 2020/2021

1. Decongesting Ruaka Town

- Tarmacking of a link road in Ruaka town.
- Street lighting, provision of NMT and storm water drainage.

2. Establishment of a Talent Centre in Karuri municipality

- A talent centre with sporting facilities, training facilities, innovation centre, library, water recycling and solar energy.

3. Establishment of a Sewer System

- Development of sewer system in Kasphat, Kawaida, Ndenderu, Ruaka, Kihara, Muchatha and Banana

4. Decongesting Banana Town

- Tarmacking of Mombasa to DCS Office road, Karuri High School to Banana Raini Road junction, streetlights, NMT, storm drainage
- Improve the bus park and parking in Banana Town

5. Fire and Disaster Equipment, Ambulance and Fire Hydrant

- To be stationed at Karuri Disaster Management Centre

6. Improvement of roads at Kihara market and surroundings

7. Waste Transfer Station and Access Roads (bituminous standards)

- Transfer station at an old quarry off Kagongo – Karura road.

After this presentation, Mr. Kitonga invited the MCAs to speak and air their views since they had requested to leave the forum early to attend a session at the assembly in the afternoon.

MCA Kihara ward, Hon. Mathondu

The MCA presented briefly the concerns of Kihara ward as tarmacking a 1.7Km Catholic church road and a link road behind the market to the hospital in Kihara.

MCA Muchatha ward, Hon. Ngichu

He started by requesting the municipal manager to clarify how the funds would be divided amongst the wards adding that there had been an agreement to divide the funds amongst four wards since one ward had already benefited from previous funding.

He presented the concerns of Muchatha as a Gathanga to Kiambaa road, diversion at the cattle dip to Mayuyu primary school and Muchatha primary school to Kaiyaba.

MCA Ndenderu ward, Hon. Solomon Kinuthia

Hon. Solomon began by suggesting that the base numbers used for allocation of funding should be revised to be in accordance with the 2019 census so that proper allocation can be done.

He presented the concerns of Ndenderu as Total Rosslyn to Total Ruaka link road, Karura river to St. Angela's High School Wamunyu road, Gacharage dumping site to be reclaimed as a recreational park, NMT provisions along the roads, suspended markets on the road reserves, tarmacking of roads in Ndenderu and Karura areas.

MCA Cianda ward, Hon. Philip Mabea

The MCA emphasized the need for inclusivity in the projects so that no area within the municipality is left behind in terms of development. He reiterated that Cianda ward was well represented and views would be well received from the participants.

Sub-county administrator, David Mugo

He introduced the Ward Administrators:

- Ndenderu-Mohammed Saleh Juma
- Karuri-Saitoti Njenga
- Cianda-Wairimu

He also introduced the county environmental officers. Stakeholders were urged not to select projects which would bring forth delays in execution but neutral and beneficial to all.

Kariri Njama-(Politician)

Kariri Njama emphasized on the need for sensitization at the ward level.

There is need for the World Bank to review the funding criteria to support the growing population in reference to the KNBS 2019 Statistics.

He also urged the stakeholders to think commonly and strategically to identify projects beneficial to the entire municipality.

Other participants

One of the stakeholders then suggested that the proposal by Hon. Ngichu of grouping the stakeholders according to wards be implemented. The municipal manager responded to this by emphasizing on the importance of diversity in the groups to enrich the ideas.

Another stakeholder representing People with Disabilities commented on the choice of the venue stating that it was unfavourable people with mobility challenges and suggested choice of a better venue in future.

MIN 4/20/03: GROUP DISCUSSION SESSION

Mr. Munga Kuria briefed the stakeholders on how the group session would be conducted. He emphasizes on the importance of random group works without representation as per each ward.

The group discussion was as follows;

Name of proponent	Area/Group Representation	Problem Identified	Proposed solution
James Kiago Gatome		•	• There is need for establishment of a centre to bring the old people together where their welfare and well-being is considered.
Other residents		•	• There is need to improve the road networks • There is need for drainage system.
Joseph Kiome	Muchatha ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roads surrounding the schools within the ward are inaccessible.i.e. • Kiambaa Primary school • Mayuyu Primary school • Kawaida Primary school 	• There is need for connectivity and road network for all roads leading to the highlighted schools with NMT and street lighting within Muchatha ward.
Pauline Nyambura	Ndenderu ward	• Poor road networks within Maguithi-Catholic road and kagongo road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need to improve the drainage system and enhance good water and sanitation within the area. • There is need to drill boreholes within the area. • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT and street lighting within Maguithi-Catholic road and kagongo road.
Jeremia Ngochi	Muchatha ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no streetlights installed within muchatha ward at Gathenge. • Poor road networks heading to Gathenge cemetery-mayuyu-loketo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for installation of streetlights within Macheos area-cattle dip area. • Need to establish well versed link road networks joining other roads within the municipality.
Peter Mwangi	Cianda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no access and connectivity roads within Kasphat stage-hospital-police station-catholic-kirihinya stage. • No sewerage system with security concerns along Kasphat and kawaida. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT and street/flood lights within cianda in particular Kathpat area. • There is need to improve the sewerage system. • There is need to upgrade the Kibubuti primary school field to a stadium

Rahab Wanjiru	Ndenderu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor maintenance of the Ruaka market as well as the sewerage system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need to improve the drainage system and enhance good water and sanitation within the area. • There is also need to establish a modern market within Ruaka.
Ngugi Kimani	Karuri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no access and connectivity roads within Mombasa road as well as Kigwaru/ yamogo drive to kwa Njoki. • Poor drainage system within Mombasa area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT and street lighting within Mombasa and other surrounding roads as well as Kigwanu/ yamogo drive to kwa Njoki. • Need for construction of a sewer line and good drainage system within Mombasa area.
Mercy	Ndenderu ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion within the shopping centre in ndenderu and Ruaka. • The road within ruaka causes a lot of traffic congestion within the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need to establish a modern market within ndenderu. • Need to set up a modern bus stage with ample parking.
Caroline Wanjiku	Ndenderu ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor road networks (not tarmacked) between slaughter road from Total Roslyn. • No street lighting along the same road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT and street lighting within slaughter road from total Roslyn.
Peter Kimani	Ndenderu ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no market within ndenderu. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is also need to establish a modern market within Ndenderu since there is available land.
David Ngumbitu	Ndenderu ward		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and street lighting of Maguthi-catholic road of 2km.
Daniel Njuguna	Cianda ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no access and connectivity roads within Cianda especially along Kawaida-Njunu. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT and street lighting within Kiambu-Kiambaa road. • Need to fast track its construction from inception to completion. • Need to construct a recreation centre with components of sports and training in Kawaida where land is available.
Kamau Ngigi	Kihara ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no good road within the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for construction of road transport with NMT to handle traffic issues.

Cecilia Mwangi	Karuri ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are infrastructural issues on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Street lighting b. Security issues especially along Karuri. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for street lighting to enhance security. • There is need for construction of the proposed road from kanunga-banana road.
James W. Mungai	Ndenderu ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General common municipal issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for a Recreation centre at a land available in Cianda ward. • Need for well-established bus stages and parking centers in each ward.
David Waweru Ng'ang'a	Ndenderu ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor Storm water management from Ndenderu junction via Maguthi/Gituamba to Kagongo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for a provision of storm water drainage management within the ndenderu ward as specified.
Samuel Gitau and others	Cianda ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor connectivity road from Kawaida-njunu. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of bituminous road networks with NMT and street lighting within Kawaida to Njunu road.
Grace Mugure Kimani	Muchatha ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor connectivity road from Machehu via Loketo to Mayuyu to Munanda-ini. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT and street lighting within Macheha via Loketo to Mayuyu to Munanda-ini.
Rachel Gacheru & others	Kihara ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor Storm water management in kihara power. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for a provision of storm water drainage management within kihara with road rehabilitation.
Bernard Gichuki	Karuri ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor solid waste management within the municipality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for construction of a transfer station to manage waste.
Jane Macharia	Kiambaa Environment office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor liquid waste management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for a decentralized sewer system • There is need for a good waste management system.
Winnie Wangui	Cianda ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequacy of fire engine trucks, ambulances and hydrants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for purchase of fire-fighting trucks, ambulances and hydrants to equip the fire station. • Need to drill boreholes within the area.
Joseph Ndungu	Karuri ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor Storm drainage system in Mombasa area in Karuri ward. • Poor connectivity of roads within Kiambaa sub-county offices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for construction of a proper drainage system preferably underground. • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT and street lighting within Snr Chief-Kiambaa Shopping centre road.

Winnie Wangui	Cianda ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor state of Kathpat-Mondoka road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT, security and street lighting within Kathpat-Mondoka road.
Nicholas Ndung'u	Kihara ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor connectivity of the road in Kihara market around the Kihara Police station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT, security and street lighting within government road (catholic church, first born church road) and Kihara-karura and kihara hospital road passing through kihara police post.
Angeline Wangui	Muchatha ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor connectivity of the road around Gathanga-Mayuyu - wanyori road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT, security and street lighting within Gathanga-mayuyu-Wanyori.
Grace Kinyua	Ndenderu ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor connectivity of the road along Ruaka highway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT, security and street lighting within Ruaka highway.
Samuel Ngige	Cianda ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor connectivity of the Kawaida-Njunu road. • Poor state of the Kawaida stadium requiring renovation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT, security and street lighting within Kawaida-Njunu road. • There is need to upgrade the Kawaida stadium
Joseph Ndungu	Karuri ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor NMT connectivity within Banana town. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the NMT as a key emphasis within Banana town.
Prposals from the Karuri Municipality area residents	Gachie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor connectivity of the market road • Poor parking within the Gachie market • Poor Storm water management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT, security and street lighting within the market(900Metres) • Need for a well-structured parking within the Gachie market. • Need for storm water drainage management systems within Gachie-Banana in Kiambaa sub-county. • There is need to upgrade the Ndenderu market. • Need for rehabilitation of Maguithi-Gituamba-St. Francis Catholic church-Ndenderu road.
Proposals from Kihara Gachie resident's association	Kihara-Gachie		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . Need for creation of urban multi- functional recreational facilities focusing on sport academies and talent nurturing (talent centre), a social hall and a library. • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT, security and street

			lighting within the Catholic road and the power junction drainage.
Proposals from Kawaida residents			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for sensitization under the KUSP
Prposals from Lower Kasphat Welfare group			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for connectivity and improvement of the bituminous road networks with NMT, security and street lighting within Kasphat estate. • Need for construction of a sewer line from Kasphat to supply domestic water to Kasphat-Kanunga-Ngegu-Turitu among others. • Need for construction of market shades opposite Kasphat police.

MIN 5/20/03: SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION

QN.	QUESTION	QUESTIONER	RESPONSE	RESPONDER
1.	Who is responsible for the prioritization of projects? Are the locals involved in the final project selection?	Mwenjeri	To this, the Municipal Manager responded that it was the responsibility of the municipal board to prioritize the projects to be implemented. These projects are then sent to the CECM for submission to the County Assembly for approval.	Munga Kuria
2.	How would the wards benefit from the funds disbursed?	Mwenjeri	It was responded that funds were not ward-focused but for the benefit of the entire municipality besides having high impacts.	Munga Kuria
3	Will the next four years' amounts focus on the wards that never got anything before?	Mwenjeri	The money was spent on constructing a fire station block for emergency response. Ideally, the intention of the project is to achieve the key milestone of fire disaster management in the whole municipality.	Munga Kuria
4	Can the venues of the citizen foras be conducted in different locations?	Nicholas	The citizen foras are conducted in each quarter to voice the public opinions. This means the venues would be spread across the municipality per regions.	Munga Kuria
	Is it possible to increase communication channels to participants?	Nicholas	It's observed for future occurrences, Communication mediums would be increased to enhance more residents attendance.	Munga Kuria

Special Representatives

Persons with disabilities (PWD)

PWDs were represented by Mr. David Nganga', chairman of Ndenderu Walemavu

Association. The following are the proposals from the PWDs in Karuri:

- The proposed roads should consider the safety of persons with disabilities by providing walkways to enable them use the wheelchairs
- Public participation meetings should be held on Disability friendly venues

Cianda Ward, Peter Mwangi

Peter Mwangi emphasized on need to increase connectivity from one ward to another.

Need for recreational facilities. There's a school field where residents travel from far to engage in sport activities. The Kibubuti school field should be improved and renovated as well as establish more recreation centers.

James Kitonga summarized the discussion by noting the proposed projects as;

1. Construction of the Talent Centre in Gachie and/or Cianda
2. Decongestion of Ruaka town by construction of roads/streetlights and NMTs with a recreation park.
3. The storm water drainage system in Ruaka and Cianda
4. Establishment of a waste transfer station and improvement of the access roads (bituminous standards) at Karura- Kagongo, Ndenderu ward.
5. Construction of recreation parks on available land if possible, in each ward.
6. Fire engine for the fire and disaster management centre with lighting in its surrounding.
7. Improvement of road network in Muchatha/Gathanga and Kihara town

He noted that the proposed projects were impactful to the larger community.

MIN 6/20/03: CONCLUSION

Closing remarks

- ❖ **Municipal Manager-Munga Kuria** closed the plenary and appreciated each one of the participants for the co-operation and handed over to the Board chair.
- ❖ **Chairman of the Board-Steve Karanja** appreciated all the participants for their attendance and participation throughout the entire process.
- ❖ He also appreciated the consultants for their insights and support through-out the participation process.
- ❖ He echoed the need to convince the community about the need for a transfer station

The meeting closed with a word of prayer from Mr. Daniel Njoroge at 3:00pm.

APPROVAL

1. Mr. James Kitonga

Sign.....

The Consultant

2. Mr. Munga Kuria

Sign.....

Municipal Manager, Karuri Municipality

3. Mr. Steve Karanja

Sign.....

Chair, Karuri Municipal Board