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MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
KEHANCHA MUNICIPALITY

REPORT ON THE CITIZEN FORUM BY THE KEHANCHA MUNICIPAL BOARD ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AT KEHANCHA.

INTRODUCTION

On May 28, 2024, the Kehancha Municipal Board held a citizen forum at the plot previously leased by the Municipal Council to Master Mind, located directly opposite the Kehancha Level Four Hospital. The forum aimed to gather community input and achieve consensus on the establishment of a heavy commercial park in Kehancha. The meeting commenced at 9:49 a.m. with a prayer led by Apostle John Ketungo.

OPENING PROCEEDINGS

After the opening prayer, participants introduced themselves, starting with the leaders and technical officers accompanying the Municipal Manager, Mr. Nokwi Maroa. Mr. Maroa officially opened the meeting, acknowledging the leaders present and emphasizing the significance of the heavy commercial park project for the town's development. He outlined the forum's agenda and invited various speakers to give opening remarks.

SPEECHES FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Several leaders addressed the forum to set the tone for the discussions:

1. Hon. Bageni, Member of County Assembly and Chairman of the Committee on Implementation at the County Assembly of Migori, highlighted the necessity to decongest the Central Business District (CBD) by constructing a heavy commercial park.
2. Mr. Jomo, Market Chairman, expressed the market traders' perspective, supporting the need for a designated heavy commercial park.

3. Mr. Moses Muhindi, chairperson of the lorry drivers Association, underscored the logistical challenges and the importance of an organized parking space for lorries and buses.
4. Mr. Benson Mwaura, Assistant County Commissioner, representing the Deputy County Commissioner, along with other Sub-County Heads, reinforced the administrative support for the project.
5. Mr. Willys Bolo, the Needs Assessment Consultant, applauded the participants for their reasoned decision-making. He pointed out that any development plan must balance societal interests with economic and environmental needs.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Gitiba, a Board Member, provided an in-depth explanation of the project's basis and the importance of public participation. He stressed that the community's input was crucial for ensuring the project's success and alignment with public needs.

COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL PLANS

The Municipal Planner, Mr. Ezekiel, sensitized participants on the need to adhere to existing municipal plans, particularly land use plans for the proposed locations. He emphasized the importance of selecting a site that aligns with these plans to ensure sustainable urban development.

The public participation forum was a crucial step in the process of establishing a heavy commercial park in Kehancha, allowing the community to voice their concerns and contribute to the decision-making process.



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RESOLUTION

The forum unanimously agreed that the heavy commercial park project was to be established at the Emirates site, next to the Office of the Member of the County Assembly (MCA) for Bukira East Ward.

The decision to locate the heavy commercial park at the Emirates site was reached after carefully considering the concerns raised by the participants, including the proximity of the plot initially proposed site to the mortuary, noise pollution to the nearby hospital and school, logistical challenges, such as inconvenient access to refueling stations.

The forum considered the importance of adhering to the existing municipal plans and land use regulations to ensure sustainable urban development. According to the Kehancha Physical development Plan, Emirate site had been set aside for commercial purpose.

The forum commended the efforts of the Kehancha Municipal Board in facilitating the public participation process and incorporating the community's input into the decision-making.

The members pledged their full support and commitment to the successful implementation of the heavy commercial park project at the Emirates site.

The participants finally mandated Kehancha Municipal Board to proceed with the necessary steps to actualize the establishment of the heavy commercial park at the Emirates site.

CONCLUSION

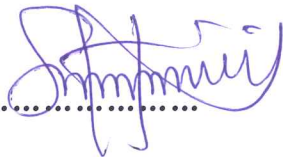
The meeting concluded with a consensus that the Emirates site was the most suitable location for the heavy commercial.

The meeting concluded at 11.51 a.m. with prayers from Pastor Onyango (Happy Church).

APPENDIX I: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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