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REPORT MINUTES OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2018 AT GOVERNORS' OFFICE – PRESENTATION OF KATHWANA MUNICIPALITY PLAN.

PRESENT MEMBERS

1. Office of the Governor Team (H.E the Deputy Governor, County secretary among others).
2. University of Nairobi team (Dr. Mwaura, Dr. Mbartha)
3. Kenya Urban support Programme /Housing Department Team
4. County executive committee members – Mr. Njue, Eng. Giti, Eng. Nkanya, Mr. Maruta
5. County chief officers (Everlyn Kaari, Faith Kalunda)
6. County Staff
7. County planning team members
8. Representative from the 13 affected locations in Tharaka South and Igambang'ombe Sub-Counties

Note: The names of the present members are attached

PRELIMINARY

The meeting started at 9:20 Am with a word of prayer led by Mama Tumaini.

MIN 01/07/2018: INTRODUCTORY

The County Executive Committee Member – lands, physical planning and urban development welcomed the participants and requested for self-introduction so as to know each other before the start of the meeting. In his opening remarks the CECM –Lands requested the senior chief Mr.Simon Maingi as a representative of the stakeholders to briefly introduce them as per the location .

The Senior chief therefore introduced the 13 affected location as;

THARAKA SOUTH – LOCATIONS (6)	IGAMBANG’OMBE LOCATIONS (7)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gakurungu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Itugururu
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tunyai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kithangani
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nkarini	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mariani
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chiakariga	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kamwimbi
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kamanyaki	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kamaindi
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kamarandi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mutino
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kajuki

MIN: 02/07/2018 – PROCEEDINGS

The CECM lands using Benjamin Franklin’s phrase “**if you fail to plan, you plan to fail**” emphasizing the value of planning ahead, urged the participants present to buy the same idea to help plan for Kathwana Municipality. His quote therefore implied that if you don’t put forth the effort to consider what’s to come, have a path to reach your goal, and know ahead of time how you’re going to deal with foreseeable challenges on the way you’re leaving yourself subject to the whims of fate.

He thanked the office of the Governor for the Budget allocation and support towards the facilitation of the process all through.

Also thanked other team also *i.e.* University of Nairobi, County Technical team among others who supported the document all through adding that the plans will be implemented for future developments in the county.

As per as the county developments are concerned the CECM –Lands urged the stakeholders present in the meeting to act as the “**Community Development Watch Dogs**” in guiding the development projects across the county against ant-developments giving an example with the greening program along the Thuci Kathwana road where the trees have been damaged by unknown people using chemicals. By doing all this the community will support the developments since it’s their money implementing all this “He said ”.

It is in his opening remarks that he thanked all the participants for participating in the presentation of the plans and welcomed the Deputy Governor Tharaka Nithi County – H.E Eng. Francis Nyamu.

MIN.03/07/2018 – PROCEEDINGS

The Deputy Governor recognized the presence of every participant in the meeting and gave Governor's Regards to the stakeholders. In his statement he noted that Kathwana plans was started in February 2018 and thanked the community for being patient to wait for the plans in order to start developments and investments.

He very much thanked the ministry of lands, physical planning and urban development; County Technical Team and the community who worked on behalf for coming up with the complete document.

He also added that Special thanks go to our implementing partners and friends of University of Nairobi and Tharaka Nithi County government for continued generosity and financial support towards facilitating the process of the Kathwana plan document.

Without forgetting the stakeholders, he appreciated all the beneficiaries and citizens of Tharaka Nithi County who will read and benefit from the plan document and hoped that the document will be helpful and everyone will understand the importance of the plans; -

- Improve living standards
- Economic value addition
- Interconnection of the location through roads establishments and constructions
- The same can be done to other towns i.e. Marimanti, Chogoria, among others

He concluded by adding that the community/stakeholders have **60 days** to peruse the plan document and give own views and suggestion so that they can be captured in the plan before the launch.

He thus officially opened the meeting for presentation of the plan to the stakeholders.

MIN.04/07/2018 – PLAN PRESENTATION

In brief; -

Dr. Mwaura – as the team leader of University of Nairobi Team was very happy to present the Kathwana plan to the stakeholders of Tharaka Nithi county adding that the partnership between the county and the institute is very important and fruitful.

Using the slogan “ **Birth of a New City**” Dr. Mwaura referred to Kathwana municipality adding that the document will be very important for growth and development during the implementation.

He also noted that the document has been approved under municipality and cities Act; - thus efficiency in usage of the land and increase in density is required for the purpose of development of a municipality, it has observed the principles of urban development, densities, roads, foot roads, open spaces, river protection all as been put into consideration.

He added that the transformation of the activities will take place *i.e* change from agricultural practices to other practices such as business and value for land among other activities.

On his statements, he welcomed Dr. Mbarth Musyimi from University of Nairobi who presented the map to the stakeholders explaining the core areas *i.e.* amenities, roads, institutions, parks among other core areas that were captured in the plan.

He started by explaining the importance of the plan to the citizens of the county; -

- Envision future where he noted that in future 8/10 of the community will be living in towns
- Change of activities to other *i.e.* farmer to construction, agriculture to business etc
- Job creation
- Attract of new investors
- Better living standard, condition with safe environment
- Social – better housing services, health care and education

Adding also that the county has benefited from the Kenya Urban Support Programme grants to help in roads improvements in towns.

STAKEHOLDER CONCURRENCE WITH THE PLAN

The deputy governor asked the stakeholders whether they have understood the plan; “**by the show of hands**” all the stakeholders present agreed with the plan and said it was okay.

He told the community that they will have their suggestions and views being added in the plan from the day of presentation for 60 days before the plan is launched.

Closing remarks

Having no other business, the meeting ended at 1:20 Pm with a word of prayer.