

CHAIRMAN REPORT BY THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN: SYOKIMAU RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION(SRA), JOHN MUTINDA ON SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

- The incoming chairman
- All Incoming EXCOM
- All SRA Officials past and present
- Court Leaders and all Residents of Syokimau
- Invited Guests

Good evening,

I'm really happy to invite you all to this auspicious occasion of our 1st AGM under the new SRA constitution. I am grateful to God for the significant privilege and chance to serve the residents of Syokimau Estate under our only Residents Vehicle. SRA.

I am privileged to be addressing you today as your outgoing Chairman. A post I have served in since 11th July 2021.

I am the 1st chairman to serve under the new SRA constitutional dispensation in which the membership is now by courts as opposed to the previous individual membership. Indeed this is the first AGM under this Dispensation.

I wish to communicate my earnest appreciation to the outgoing board for their help and co-activity. You forfeited your time and assets to serve this neighbourhood Association with enthusiasm and dedication. I'm very thankful to every last one of you for your devotion and commitment to the ideals of SRA. Without your support, I honestly couldn't do anything.

I recognize my predecessors and our former leaders. Juliet Karung'o, Mohamed Ismail, Humprey Odhiambo and John Thiongo, you all held my hand and I felt the guaranteed support that I so much needed during my tenure in office. I can't underestimate your help and support.

To all the Residents of Syokimau Estate, I value the privilege and trust you bestowed on me for the time I have been your chairman. It has been a fulfilling experience.

Now allow me to present to you members the chairman's report.

During my term in office, we undertook various critical steps. That has seen our Association transform in various ways

Dear Neighbours,

As you know our Vision to protect and make Syokimau the favored model Estate in Kenya still stands. We seek to make this Vision sustainable and effective through systems anchored in our various delivery committees. These are the channels that SRA uses to deliver her mandate to the residents.

My Report will feature several achievements through these delivery vehicles

These are

1. Membership and mobilization committee
2. Security Committee
3. Infrastructure
4. Youth and sports committee
5. Environment Committee
6. Legal committee
7. Treasury

Ladies & Gentlemen.

As you may all be aware the new SRA Constitution allows Excom to collapse/Merge and or create new committees as need may demand.

Security

SRA Security Committee under the able administration of Mr.Boaz Wanjala and comprised and supported by all the road reps from our 7 roads.

SRA Security Committee has been holding security meetings and briefings with various security agencies and government representatives like the Area chief and Police departmental leaders such as (OCPD, and OCS ACC) among other security operatives.

Through these joint efforts with our security organs, this committee has helped in forestalling security issues and lapses and where conceivable make an essential move to keep agents of crime away from Estate.

For the most part, this committee screens and reports all weakness issues in the area of security. In a functional neighbourhood like ours, security requires coordinated endeavours from all stakeholders, our security committee has met with difficulties of all manner as they attempt to play out this willful work.

During my Excom tenure, we have seen great milestones in the security apparatus thanks to the team leader Boaz Wanjala.

1. Gazetment of the police post

This and the subsequent upgrade to a fully-fledged police station with a resident OCS

2. Take over all Utility bills from SRA to the Ministry of Interior. This has saved the Association over 150,000 shillings as we had been covering all running costs of the police post before the gazettelement.

This institutional upgrade has seen the crime rate within our Estate drop significantly. Security within our estate is now managed with more efficiency.

3. Domestic violence cases:

A lot of cases have been very well managed and accounted for within the new elevated station.

4. House breakages:

This has been brought to an all-time low. We attribute this to the more efficient upgraded Security Apparatus

5. Bodaboda control.

Crimes emanating from this industry have largely been contained

Way forward on Committee.

As our community grows this committee will be facing new challenges in its endeavor to improve residents' security. More volunteers are needed to push this docket to the next level.

Environment And Infrastructure Committee

Since the inception of SRA . These two committees have been the busiest. Sustaining orderly development and safeguarding the neighborhood environment.

1. County Planning Department:

We have kept on working closely with the sub-county planner's office, in regard to change of use applications which have been a thorn in the flesh of the Estate. We have succeeded in many cases to forestall undesirable developments that could have changed the landscape and environment of Syokimau significantly. This has not been a walk in the park as some developers with deep pockets have taken the Association on a wild goose chase in the corridors of justice. The Sub-County Planning department has approved a few of these undesirable developments against our wishes and objections

2. MOU with NEMA:

During this time we have gotten in a very good working relationship with the Director of Environment. This relationship has saved the Estate a lot of litigations as no NEMA license can be issued without our letter of no objection.

3. Road Infrastructure:

We have also seen a renewed focus on the tarmacking of roads within Syokimau Estate. Namely Mwananchi road / Airport Road/ ongoing kiungani road. Though in bits and pieces, we are delighted with the new bits and pieces. However, the Community road works have stalled due to internal issues at KeRRa

4. Zoning:

Syokimau has finally attained a controlled development law under the **Mavoko Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan 2020_2030**. That was passed by the county Assembly of Machakos on 31st May 2022. This is the culmination of a long struggle that started in the year 2016. This new development has reduced the litigations on development a great deal.

This is a major milestone for our estate.

Membership and Mobilization

Ladies and Gentlemen

Membership by Courts:

On the 20th of March 2022, the Association held an EOGM. The sole agenda of this auspicious occasion was to ratify the new proposals on membership. The proposal was overwhelmingly supported by residents through an elaborate online voting session. Now SRA Membership is by courts and not by individual membership. We have 91 courts registered as Members.

We have a long way to go on this project and I wish the incoming Excom can double or even triple the membership by courts. The fields are ripe.

Court Leaders conference:

We have already held our inaugural court leaders conference. Happened on 3rd Dec 2022 at the Bosma compound along Kiungani road. The 1st court leaders' conference was scheduled to happen on 18th March 2023. However, this did not happen due to a lack of quorum.

I am encouraging the incoming SRA leadership to come up with a calendar for this important leaders meeting. The vision was to have the meeting quarterly.

We could have achieved more but there is always room for improvement.

Finally Fellow neighbours,

To all the residents of this great neighbourhood Syokimau Estate, my very valued neighbours, I truly appreciate you for giving me the

privilege and honor to serve from 2018 to date as the Chairperson for this great Association- Syokimau Residents Association.

Going forward, my prayer is to see SRA grow from strength to strength. I beseech all residents to support our new leadership. Please register and join the association and those who are still members and have loads of arrears please take advantage of the waiver and reactivate your membership.

I now wish the incoming board success in all the planned activities for the 2023-2025 biennium.

May God richly bless you.

Mr. JOHN MUTINDA

Chairman