BICYCLE STANDS

Bicycle stands are proposed along the walls of Sobukwe’s old law-practice and along the store room/magazine shop. There will be bicycle stands at the square, so that people will be able to change from one mode of transportation to another here.

See TAXI/BUS STOP below

VEGETATION

Vegetation is proposed to be planted in the square partly for shade and partly for the esthetical effect. A suggestion is to plant trees around the square, the sale stands and the parking, since they screen off, and to plant palm trees in the central parts. Hardy and naturally grown African kinds and spices like palm trees and cactuses are recommended to be planted.

LIGHTS

It is important that the square is well lit up to make it attractive day and night. About one meter high lighting poles could light up entrances of buildings. Low lighting both illuminates and has esthetical effects. To further lighten up the area, the same low lighting poles are proposed in connection to sitting places as well as street lights along the wall separating the square from the sidewalk and bicycle lane.

TAXI/BUS STOP

To improve the existing public transport system, special stops will be developed as we wrote in the overall structure. At the location of the bus and taxi stop the street is proposed to be widen. Cars and buses can stop along the street without becoming an obstacle and without causing dangerous traffic situations. To make drivers aware of people crossing the street, the street is suggested to be raised along the length of the stop and to be paved with concrete stones. Recommended is also to locate bus shelters, trees, seats and lights at the stop.

Map 25. The location of the taxi/bus stop.
105. Elevation taxi/bus stop.

Map 25

Fig. 105

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Elevation KK, after changes
BANTU HALL

_Bantu hall_ is proposed to be used for meetings, shows and different practices like dance, choir, theatre etc to a larger extent than today, but also for education extension.

POLICE STATION

When the police moves from one or alternatively both buildings, they are recommended to come into use fast by some other business, because the buildings have a good location along the _main road_ and the entrance. It could for example be turned into a school, a children day-care centre, a cinema or a bigger shop etc.

There is an open space in front of the building today, which is partly used as a parking area. This space could for example be developed into a small green area or as a little "square" depending on what the building will be used for. If the business needs parking, there can still be some parking outside the building.

THE OLD BEERHALL - PLACE OF ACTIVITY

The block of the _beerhall_ is a calm place. The situation will probably become even better, when the _New John Daka Road_ and the new junction is built. The first reason is that the construction of the junction will close three streets for cars from the south, why probably only people living in houses along these streets will use them in the future. The second and third reason are because we want to decrease the traffic and slow down the speed on Royal Street and create a hierarchical street system. A _primary street_, _secondary streets_ and a _tertiary street_ will surround the block.

The proposal for the _beerhall_ concerns the whole block, which today consists of the beerhall plot and two private plots. The base for the proposal is that the two shacks and the brewery house are removed. The block is suggested to be divided into three different areas; a _park area_, a _play and sport area_ and an _indoor area_.

The _Place of Activity_ will be linked to the _Diamond Square_ through Polisa Street and Bantu Street. When you stand in the crossing between Mzimba Street and Polisa Street you get Sobukwe’s old law-practice straight ahead.

The idea behind the proposal for the _beerhall_ is that it should fulfil many different needs for the people living in Greater No 2, like access to sport facilities, playgrounds, vegetation, places for sitting down with attached tables and a specific place to go to for socialising. Public places are of great importance for dwellers in Greater No 2, since there are none in the area today. The intention is to make
Fig. 106 and 108

Fig. 110

106. Looking south along Polisa Street with Sobukwe’s old law-practice in the background.

Map 26 Background map with different land uses.

Map 27 Plan map with different land uses and street types.

Map 28 Place of Activity’s three different parts.
the place attractive and used again. Hopefully it will be a place for both spontaneous and planned meetings for all age-groups.

The *Place of Activity* is recommended to have no limited opening hours. People should not be prevented to use it at darkness, why the whole area should be well lit up during the dark hours. It is only the activity house and maybe the enclosed chess games, which might have limited opening hours.

Trees are suggested to be planted around the whole block, to support people’s feeling of going into something and a visual wall. This will also support the feeling of privacy within the park.

*Place of Activity* area is recommended not to be fenced off, because fences and walls can make people feel unwelcome. Since this is meant to be a public place everyone should feel welcome. Sport grounds though, are proposed to be fenced along the streets because otherwise balls can role out into the streets.

**PARK AREA**

A park area with a lot of trees, palms and other green elements, where you could find shade is proposed to be located in the western part of the plot. When the trees are planted it is recommended to find people who are willing to adopt them and take care of them, since this also creates activities.

Benches, low walls and some tables are suggested to be located under the trees. Some kind of sitting places in connection to the playground are also recommended.
PLAY AND SPORT AREA

This area is proposed to offer activities and sports to people. It is possible to locate different sport grounds and other games in one part of the Place of Activity, since the block is large. People should be able to find and practice a lot of different activities and games here, but also to specialise in a relaxed way. In this part I also propose trees and benches to offer seating in the shade.

A basket ground, a volleyball court, ping-pong, "chess tables", a boule lane, a playground, painted games and improvising/spontaneous games are suggested in the play and sport area, since this setup offers a great variety of activities to people. Hopefully these games can attract different age groups. One reason why these games are suggested is that many people can be involved in them. Other reasons are that these games and sports do not need much equipment and are inexpensive and need little maintenance, if they are constructed in hard and sustainable materials.

It is recommended that equipment can be borrowed at the suggested activity-house, see Indoor area below.

My suggestion is to locate;
- the basket-ground in the corner of Mzimba Street and Bantu Street and the volleyball ground in the corner of Hall Street and Bantu Street.
- the ping-pong tables in the eastern part of the plot.
- the big "chess tables" in the western part either painted on the ground or constructed in stone. The chess-men can be stored in the proposed activity house or behind a lockable fence during nights.
- the boule and playground area along Hall Street connected with each other, since they both require sand for their existence. The playground area is recommended to be located next to the park, so people visiting the park area can be able to keep an eye on small children playing in the playground. If the playground is located along Hall Street, children do not have to pass any larger streets on their way to/from the Place of Activity.
- demarcated space for games like King and Hop-Scotch in the open area in the middle of the play and sport area.

Some tables are proposed to be constructed with sunken holes for the original African game Kalaha, see Junction above, but the game can also spontaneously easily be put together in sand.

Fig. 107

Map 30. Localisation of the different proposed play and sport areas
INDOOR AREA

The last part of the Place of Activity is a new activity-house, which is located along Mzimba Street. As a suggestion the house could be divided into two parts, one calm and one more active. The calm part of the house could for example host a café or a small shop selling refreshments, seats and tables where people can socialise. This part could maybe also offer people the opportunity to bake together. The pastry could maybe be sold in the café, in that way the ingredients would be financed. In the more active part of the building the opportunity for round games, a bit more physical games like dart, billiards, dance and instrumental education etc could be possible.

The roof of the house is suggested to be extended on the southern side, to offer extra shade.

It is recommended to place water pumps with drinking water in the block, since the temperature is hot most of the year.

The area is recommended to be well lit up, since this would extend the hours, when the Place of activity can be used. Entrances to the different parts of the area and the proposed activity-house are suggested to be lit up.

Lighting poles about one meter high are suggested to be placed along Polisa Street, since it is included in the historical walk and constitute the primary street, which connects the two proposals, the New junction - Diamond Square and the Old Beerhall - Place of Activity, and since the street is proposed to be developed in to a tertiary street in the overall structure.

It is of great importance that someone, the municipality for example, has the responsibility to look after and take care of the whole place.
108. The beerhall plot today, and Polisa Street towards Royal Street and the proposed Diamond Square.

109. The same junction between Mzimba Street and Polisa Street after proposed development.

Fig. 108

Fig. 109
110. Hall Street towards Polisa Street before development.
111. Hall Street towards Polisa Street after development.
112. Illustration the New Junction - Diamond Square and The Old Beerhall - Place of Activity seen together

Fig. 112
The area called the square is located almost in the centre of Greater No 2 and it is the only public open space within the dwelling area. The open area is approximately 30x35 meters and covered with gravel. Surrounding the square are four narrow, stone paved streets that lead out among the plots. On two sides of the open area there are small shops but otherwise it is surrounded by private houses.

The most important destinations at the square are two small shops. Primarily people arrive by foot to perform errands or meet friends but occasionally cars arrive too. Despite the paved streets people do not tend to walk along the sidewalks or drive on the paved road surface, they just cross the area towards where ever they are going.

Today the open area is very little used. Most of the time it is empty but occasionally it is used by young people for playing soccer. It also works as a temporary parking place for people visiting the shops. The shops, Galeshewe Liquor Store and Enterprise Shopping Centre sell cold drinks and liquor and distribute coal, gas and wood. The shops are important meeting points and there is always someone standing outside or passing by. On the open area there is no place to sit down and no vegetation that can offer shade, the only trees in the area are located on private plots.

The houses around the square differ in condition and shape but are all rather small, one-story houses. The dwelling-houses have saddle- or pentroofs while the two stores have flat roofs. The liquor store is slightly higher than the sur-
rounding houses. The materials used for facades depend on the age of the house but most of them are built with ordinary red bricks, mud bricks or concrete. The most common material used for roofs are corrugated iron.

The private housing plots around the square are all fenced with low metal fences. Outside the two shops there are burglar bars in front of windows and doors and around the plots there are high walls. Both shops have entrances as well as gates for deliveries facing the open area. The dwellings located on the western side of the open area also have entrances facing it while houses on the southern side have entrances from the smaller streets leading to the square.

Today there are no street lights at the open area. Instead a distant light comes from two high masts about one hundred meters away, one south-east of the area and one north-west.
PROPOSAL

The basic idea is to create a small public square that can function both as a meeting point and a trade area in Greater No 2. To achieve this, I suggest an open space where it is possible to find places to sit in the shade, structures that can be used for semi-formal trade, a small “stage” for meetings and entertainment and at the same time keep the existing shops and service facilities. To allow and stimulate for spontaneous use of the square it is important that future changes are made in a way that it does not make games and playing impossible. More than half the square is in the proposal still open and possible to use for various activities. To improve the possibilities for informal businesses I suggest that the square is furnished with permanent structures for trade. This is positive since the area is located close to the centre of Greater No 2 and therefore easily accessible for a lot of the inhabitants.

Pedestrians vs. cars
Just like the proposed street hierarchy the square is also divided into different zones for cars and pedestrians (Map 33). Except for a driveable zone functioning as access for delivery cars the open area is exclusively for pedestrians.

Parking facilities
The square is adopted most for unprotected roadusers but to allow for people arriving by car to park there are two permanent parking spaces (Map 33). These two spaces are only intended for short time parking.

Street lights
To make the square a nice place even during dark hours street lights are proposed to placed like shown on Map 34.
Illustrative plan - the square

- Trees with seating under
- Open area paved with concrete stones
- Permanent structures for trade
- A small "stage" to use for seating as well as performance
- Two parking spaces for customers/visitors
- A driveable zone for cars and deliveries
- Low poles along the streets to prevent cars from entering the square
FUNCTION AND DESIGN

The biggest change from present condition is the stone paved square and the trees and benches along the sides. Since the street running north from the north eastern corner of the square is to be turned into a green lane (See Overall structure) the present street running around the square looses its function. But, for delivery cars to still be able to reach the shops a driveable zone is running around the square.

The proposed trees are placed in a way that they open up the square for people passing. With this I mean that the square in its shape is exposed to people approaching along Mankurwane Street or Jonga/Bosch Street. Under the trees solid stone benches are placed to offer seating in the shade. To define the boundaries and prevent cars from using the area as a parking place low poles are placed along the southern and western side. On the eastern side of the square, south of Enterprise Shopping Centre, the two parking spaces intended for visiting customers are located.

To improve the possibilities for semi-formal businesses the square is also furnished with four permanent structures for trade. These structures make it possible for local people to run small businesses in a more formal way than today. By a simple contract with the provider of the structure, the municipality, traders could utilize the structures and sell for example fruit and vegetables.

INVESTMENTS IN THE AREA

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116. Under the trees solid concrete benches are placed. Both as protection for the trees but mainly for offering seating in the shade.

117. To prevent cars from entering pedestrianised areas low poles a used as obstacles. The poles are also made of concrete and excellent to use as chairs.
118. The open area facing Mankurwane and Bosch Street.

119. The driveable zone runs between the shops and the new trees. Under the trees there are seating possibilities in the shade.

120. On the eastern side of the square the permanent structures for trade are located.
THE CAR WASH AREA - a proposal by Johan Thein

The area today called the car wash area is located along Morgan Street and forms part of one of the nodes in the Galeshewe Activity Corridor. The activity corridor is a municipal project where the aim is to develop mainly economic activity but also social facilities along a corridor between Greater No 2 and the Circle in Galeshewe.

The open area by the car wash is covered with gravel and about 30x60 metres. On the western side a main road, Morgan Street, passes but otherwise the area is surrounded by one story dwellings. West of Morgan Street is an old police station and a small post office. The post office is open to serve the people in the surrounding areas but the police station is not in use anymore.

Today the open area is only used for the car wash, a small business managed by some local entrepreneurs. People passing in cars can easily turn off and get their car washed. Beside the car wash the area is frequented by a lot of pedestrians. People walking between Greater No 2 and the shops located along Motopo Street are more or less constantly crossing Morgan Street and the open area.
Along Morgan Street a lot of cars are passing on their way to and from Galeshewe. It is both private cars and minibus taxis and the speed is most of the time rather high. Pedestrians are frequently crossing Morgan Street when performing errands in the shops along Motopo Street. There is no marked crossing and with cars driving fast pedestrians often take chances when crossing the street. Along the street there are two small, informal taxi ranks where people get on and off the minibus taxis riding between Galeshewe and the city centre.

In the southern part of the open area a street is leading into Greater No 2, this street is called Oogi Street. Oogi Street is not that frequented by cars but do work as “entrance” to the area when approaching from west. Just south of Oogi Street a telephone container is located; the container is a small metal ”house” with pay phones available for the public.

Along Motopo Street there are several smaller businesses; two food stores, a dry cleaner and a tavern. The area in front of these businesses is also covered with gravel.
The private housing plots around the square are all fenced with low metal fences and their entrances are from the smaller streets within the area. Around the former police station and the post office there is also a fence. However, this is about 2 meters high and has got barbed wire on top. The businesses along Motopo Street are not fenced; instead they have burglar bars in front of windows and doors.

Houses around the open area are built with red bricks and concrete, some in corrugated iron. The former police station and the shops along Motopo Street are all built by concrete. The dwellings are all one-story houses while the public buildings are slightly higher, 4-5 meters. Though, one part of the old police station and the business closest to it are two-story buildings.
PROPOSAL

The basic idea with the proposal is to create a place that can serve as main entrance to Greater No 2 when approaching from west. By putting more focus on pedestrians and improve their accessibility and safety it is possible to integrate the two sides of Morgan Street and create one public open space. The service facilities, the post office and the shops along Motopo Street, are all important in order for this area to develop as a node. The present empty plot between the shops and the post office/police station is by the municipality proposed to be built with a combined restaurant and Bed&Breakfast. Beside this I also propose to make use of the old police station and turn it into a museum showing the history of Galeshewe and Greater No 2. To stimulate the semi-formal businesses I also propose the area to be furnished with permanent structures for trade. The structures can be looked after by the municipality and through a small "business office" located next to the post office, traders will be able both to get advise and support and storage their goods.

Parking facilities
Since the car wash area is an area with alot of visitors there must be proper parking facilities. One larger and a number of small spaces are offered to people arriving by car.
Illustrative plan - the car wash area

- Motopo Street (Main road)
- Morgan Street (Main road)
- Oogi Street (Primary street)
- Possible future development (not part of this proposal)
- Permanent structures for trade
- Raised roadsurface
- Lane for pedestrians
- Trees with seating under
- Business office
- Parking
- Bed & Breakfast
- Permanent structures
- Isolated island to narrow the roadsurface
- Seating
- Car wash and telephone container
- Bus stops / taxi ranks
- Parking
- Seated phone

Map 39