

Urban Forum 4/11/19 – summary

Present: Rivka, Aner, Mordechai, Azariah, Anat, Amos (residents of Hananiah St and environs), Noga, Ronit, Hava, Itai, Hadas, Avital and Elias

Agenda:

- Hananiah 8 – objections
- Climbing wall/sports building – Liberty Bell Park
- Gardening center
- HaZafira 27 – update

1. Hananiah 8

The forum discussed the proposition of Hananiah St. residents to submit a joint objection. It was decided that the forum will submit a separate objection and each of the residents will also submit separately. Mordechai volunteered to provide each one with the relevant form and to assist with the signature of a lawyer. Objections must be submitted by 6.11.2019. The residents were informed and directed to the relevant documents of the plans.

Based on previous discussions in the forum on the subject Elias summarized a document and uploaded it so that members of the forum can access it and work on it. The following points were raised at the discussion to be added to the list of the objections:

- Entry/portal of the parking lot at the expense of public space and cancellation of parking spaces for public usage
- Request for parking spaces but not before the light rail because there could be changes
- To limit the building rights according to the master plan and not as requested in the plan (volume calculation)
- To examine an alternative entry to the commercial area on HaRakevet St. and not on Hananiah St which is a dead end street.
- Creation of a loading and unloading bay for commercial use on HaRakevet St. – or as part of the underground parking lot
- Coordination of the traffic and parking plans with the light rail plans on Emek Refaim St.
- To increase the building rights for the brown area to keep pace with the current situation at least
- To move the clinics to HaRakevet St with adjacent parking (emergency, ambulance, dropping off).

- To get a detailed document from Kupat Cholim Clalit as to which clinics are being cancelled in the new plans
- According to floor plans for the ground floor there should be space for three businesses
- At the moment there are 8 blue and white parking spaces and 3 free spaces (grey), 1 disabled parking space
- To request withdrawing the building line to the commercial front to create a standard width for the creation of a loading and unloading bay.
- The plans completely ignore traffic, parking and accessibility – considering Hananiah is a dead end street.
- According to the district committee decision, the plans incorporate an additional floor of clinics and as such will be a six floor building

2. Extreme Sport Facility and Climbing Wall in Liberty Bell Park

The planning and sports departments of the Jerusalem Municipality are promoting plan no. 101-751990 of an extreme sport facility with a covered climbing wall, entry and reception hall, an office floor and other sport facilities.

The municipality is interested in the opinions of the urban forum and invites the forum to encourage public participation in the project. We could invite the planners to present the plans to the forum and/or at a residents meeting. The municipality is not interested in creating public participation.

In principle the local and district councils approve the plan and will raise it at future sessions (within a month to six weeks)

The plan was submitted to the forum and the following points raised:

- The dimensions of the structure (18m) are too big and too prominent and unsuitable for the Liberty Bell Park site which is defined as an open public site with unenclosed sports facilities
- The plan proposes a massive, high structure (18m) next to a residential area and hotels.
- The choice of location for the structure is inappropriate. The proximity of the structure to residential housing could create disturbance, visual and operational disturbances (noise levels, invasion of privacy etc.)
 - to check out the option of reducing the land cover of the building above ground as well as the height by constructing most of the facility underground
- all of the program supporting a climbing frame and extreme activity – such as offices, gardening storage etc – must be underground
- the forum requests holding an urgent meeting with Hella Bechar of the planning dept.

3. Gardening Center

The Israel Lands authority and the Jerusalem municipality are promoting a construction plan for residential areas, commercial spaces, brown areas (school) and open public areas on the site of the gardening center of the Zionist Youth Farm, Ben Zakkai St. – no. 101-0250563

Further to presentation of the plans at the previous forum, document plans were presented and the forum discussed the plans. The following points were raised and will be passed on to the Gonenim planner who is coordinating a document summarizing the plans.

- To prevent the creation of a closed space, with the creation of pleasant public paths through the site
- Detailed plans of the access to the school are paramount to prevent the creation of traffic jams and an unsafe traffic situation
- Detailed planning of the areas open to the public
- Detailed planning of the management of the program with roads, public and private areas – for example the plans for Halafta St.
- Public participation for detailed planning of the public areas, brown areas and open areas

4. Hazefira St 27

The plans are at the stage of discussion in the district council. The forum has discussed the plans in the past and has submitted a report and objections to the local council.

- Elias will summarize the document and upload it to be worked on by members of the forum

The next meeting of the forum will be on 18.11.2019 at 20:30 in Beit Yehudit

Recorded: Elias