



Summary Urban Forum 14/01/2020

Attended by: Mirital, Hana, and Elias (Community Council) Hava, Amos, Bernice, Zvi (members of the Urban Forum) and approx. 40 residents from Katamon, German Colony, Rehavia, Talbie and Kiriat Shmuel - thank you all for joining!

Meeting Schedule

- Mirital, who is coordinating the Olim activities at the Community Council, opened with an introduction on the Community Council Gintot Hair.
- Elias, who is the Urban Planner of the Community Council, gave a briefing about the functioning of the Urban Forum and examples about specific plans. Elias also introduced useful links and tools that give residents the ability to access information, object to plans, and contact city officials. The links are listed below.
- Hava spoke as a representative of the Urban Forum Moshavot and resident of the German Colony, explained the functioning of the forum, of the importance of volunteers, of the importance of the dialogue that has been developed with the municipality, and invited whoever is interested to join the Urban Forum Moshavot. The forum members will ensure that someone will be translating for those who need it.
- Bernice spoke as a representative of the Urban Forum in Talbie and resident of Talbie, explained the challenges of the neighborhoods and the activity of the residents to avert certain planning decisions, and to influence the outcome of planning processes.
- Amos spoke as a representative of the Urban Forum Moshavot and resident of Katamon, spoke about the dynamics between the different stakeholders and the municipality and the added value of the urban forum.

Important Dates

- Public participation meeting on the closure for works and traffic changes of **Shaskin street** will take place on Tuesday 21/01/2020 at 20:30 at Beit Yehudit (Emel Refaim 12). City officials will attend to present the planned changes and closure schedule.
- The **next meeting** of the **English Urban Forum** is scheduled for: **Tuesday 17/02/2020 at 20:00.**
You are all invited!
- Prior to the next urban forum in English, we will be sending a link to give us your feedback on the previous meeting and inform us about issues that you wish to discuss in the next meeting - so that we can come prepared with the necessary materials.

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- For those of you wishing to explore more about the urban activity in our neighborhoods, the next meeting of the (Hebrew language) **Urban Forum Moshavot** is scheduled for 27/01/2020 at 20:30 at Beit Yehudit (Emek Refaim 12), German Colony. The members of the forum will help with simultaneous translation for English speakers. You are welcome to join!

Examples of Specific Plans

At the English Urban Forum we discussed several issues and plans. Here is some additional information:

- Shaskin street - entrance to the new Theater Parking (Talbie):
 In order to accommodate efficient access to and from the new parking, the city is proposing to turn Shaskin street in a two-way street, add narrow (70 cm wide) sidewalks to both sides of the street and create a turn-about at the junction with Gdalyahu Alon.
 The changes do not include opening of Ha-Gdud Haivri street.
 In order to implement these changes, the city proposed to close Shaskin street for two months, starting next week (a delay may take effect, due to the Holocaust day presidential visits to the city). The temporary changes include closing Shaskin to vehicular and pedestrian access, and changing the direction of Dor Dor Vedorshav street. The change is temporary and at the end of the works, the street will return to its previous condition.
The Community Council is in communication with the Roads Department in order to improve both the temporary and permanent changes proposed - including minimal width for the sidewalks, and open access for pedestrians (or alternative routes) during works.
- **You are invited to the meeting where the Municipality (infrastructures office) will present the changes proposed to the street and the expected temporary closure, on Tuesday (tomorrow) 21/1/20 at 20:30 at Beit Yehudit (Emek Refaim 12, German Colony).**
- Hanania 8 - Klalit Health Services (German Colony):
 The urban forum follows closely the development and permit process, including at the city council, of the development of the site of existing Klalit Health Services. The developer proposes to demolish the existing building and build instead a residential building with shops at street level and one floor of health services. In addition, 35% of the plot will be dedicated to public uses, which will be developed later.
The Urban Forum is closely monitoring the development of the plan, has appeared in the city council discussion, has objected to the plan, and is preparing for the discussion at the Regional Council.
- **You are invited to join the discussion on the plan on Hananya 8 (Klalit health services) at the Regional Council on Tuesday February 4, 2020, at 15:00 at Shlomt Zion Hamalka 1 - second floor.**
- Bilu 8 (Katamon):
 An example of a project that the Urban Forum Moshavot was actively involved, objected to the plan, and then was instrumental in making improvements to the plan. The building is undergoing

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an urban renewal process, which could potentially affect (a) trees on the site (b) parking (c) the stone fences (d) the grocery shop that exists today.

The Urban Forum objected to the plan. The developer changed the plan and came to an understanding with the Forum that will result in preserving more trees on the site, keeping the grocery in place, and ensuring maximum parking spots within the plot.

Useful Q&A

Here are some useful replies to your questions:

- **How can I report a problem I see in the street?**
Call **106** (municipal hotline) and/or download the app '106' of Jerusalem Municipality.
- For traffic violations, call the police **100**.
- **How can I join the Urban Forum Moshavot? Is it in Hebrew?**
The forum is in Hebrew, but the members will make sure to assign a 'simultaneous translator' to assist with the Hebrew. To join, contact Elias by email (contact details below).
- **When does the Urban Forum Moshavot meet?**
It meets regularly every other Monday, twice per month. Here are the dates of the coming meetings. All meetings take place at Beit Yehudit (Emek Refaim 12) at the entrance floor at 20:30: 27/1, 10/2, 24/2, 9/3, 23/3.

Useful Information and links

The 'Urban' page of the Ginitot Hayir website contains helpful information for learning about plans and using the city GIS system (both the maps and three-dimensional).

- Link to 'Urban' page: [LINK](#)
- Link to page with useful links: [LINK](#)
- Link to 'Maps' with public uses in the Ginitot Hayir areas: [LINK](#)

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