Urban Forum 18.6.2019 – summary

Present: Ronit, Hadas, Hava, Sarah, Noga and Elias

1. Parking arrangements on Reish Lakish St

Background:

Elias presented the subject and the need to find practical parking solutions arising from the construction of three kindergartens in the brown area of Amazia St.

Construction on the brown area, neutralizes about 15 resident parking spots and blocks off a pedestrian path between Amazia St and Elazar HaModai.

In a meeting with Leah Peleg (deputy of Kobi Mamilia from the infrastructure dept) she suggested parking spaces on Resh Lakish St (next to Emek Rafaim 70) which will convert it from a road to an open public space (according to the moshavot master plan policy)

Change of designation neutralizes a number of parking spots. The plan does not include the northern part (between Yehoshua Ben Nun and Elazar HaModai) used at present by the residents, businesses and guests as free parking.

Construction of the kindergartens has made the residents appeal to the municipality and the community council to help find solutions to the problems caused , including finding solutions to parking problems.

Summary of discussion in the forum:

Due to the progress of the open public space in the southern part of Resh Lakish, the recommendation of the forum cannot be changed, leaving the decision to the committee. As for the northern part, the forum supports the recommendation of the moshavot master plan to turn this area in an open public space but due to the lack of parking spots in the area, until the light rail is functional there is no need to change the current situation.

Pressure from the residents could speed up the procedures involved in setting up blue and white parking areas in the northern part. This is being checked out.

2. **Renovation of Azza, HaPalmach and King David Sts.**

Status of the project was presented, including the approval of the mayor to delay initiation of the project (instead of 7.7.19) so as to enable sufficient public involvement. We are organizing tours of the area with groups of residents and commercial interests on all these streets and recommendations will be passed on to the planners and once we receive the plans we shall discuss them in the forum.

3. **Vision of creating plazas along main routes**

Within the framework of the above plans, Hadas presented a vision of creating urban plazas along main routes to improve the urban experience of the neighorhoods.

Hadas presented the courtyard of the Adam school as an example and showed examples
Attached the presentation and explanations

The forum proposed preparing a proposal for the municipality based on Hadas ' suggestions

The following is a link to Hadas' letter as a basis for the joint document

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Xzy1DUbA7CUux6jTZS_leyHgn3Wd-iZHHgRbDv9uzP0/edit?usp=sharing

The next forum will be on 1.7.19 at 20:30 in Beit Yehudit

Recorded by Elias