

Urban Forum 22.7.19 – summary

Present: Avner, Ronit, Hava, Hadas, Noga, Avital, Avner, Rimon and Elias

Yossi, Idit, Rivka and Hana joined in for the discussion on dog parks

Agenda

- Dog park in the moshava area
- Mayoral visit to Ginot Halir Wed 17:45 or 18:00, meeting of mayor with activists in Beit Yehudit
- Meeting with Ofer Berkovitz
- HaZfira St. 27 – discussion and objections
- Renovations of Azza, HaPalmach and King David Sts.
- Plans for gardening center site

Discussions and recommendations

Dog park in Moshava area

A number of options were presented which arose from the tour which took place on 11/7/19 with representatives of the planning.

Summary of the tour on 11/7/19 to find suitable sites for a dog park in the moshava area

Present: Adi Barzila Sachs, Gil Nadav and Elias Messinas

1. Liberty Bell Park – southern edge

On the southern edge of the Liberty Bell Park there is an area by the open parking which could be used as a suitable site for a dog park. The site is not adjacent to residential buildings. There are plans for the construction of the 4 Seasons hotel nearby but according to the plans the hotel faces Martin Luther King St. and there are no dwellings or hotel rooms adjacent to the park.

The area is accessible and close to the First Station, Keren HaYesod, King David St., Emek Refaim and Bethlehem Road.

Infrastructure, lighting and development work will be necessary

Attached – proposed site

Out of the 800 sqm site a strip of about 400 sqm could be used for the dog park

Recommendations of the forum: a suitable and appropriate alternative in order to create a viable regional dog park. The park has to be 800-1000sq m in size

2. Liberty Bell Park – by the skateboard park

This location was proposed and looked into already but the planning authorities decided that the area was not suitable because it was too close to a sporting facility and was intended for use by the existing activities.

The area was also disqualified by the municipal improvement dept since the area might be developed for use of the train theater.

Recommendation of the forum: the forum agrees with the planning dept that this is not a suitable or viable option

3. Liberty Bell Park – by the gas station

Another site in the park was also checked out being the area on the eastern edge of the park bordering on the gas station by the public conveniences of the park. This could be a suitable site since dog owners already use it and let their dogs loose there. The site could possibly change due to development work on the blue line of the light rail.

The Liberty Bell Park will anyway be under construction due to development work on the light rail.

Recommendations of the forum: a suitable and appropriate alternative in order to create a viable regional dog park. The park has to be 800-1000sq m in size

4. A green strip on Dubnov St.

Due to expropriation of private land to create the Segen Cohen plaza 2 strips of green land remained at the corner with Dubnov st., one of 35 sqm and the other about 250sqm. These are not suitable areas for a dog park

Recommendation of the forum: this alternative is neither suitable nor appropriate.

5. Churshat Hashemesh

A dog park at the north eastern edge of hurshat hashemesh was recently examined (at the corner of the road planned for the site across from the wooded area and creating a public open space and residential area (on the NE corner).

The layout of wooded area could change. A road connecting Gedaliah Alon to Dubnov through the forest has been planned and approved. On the eastern edge land has been expropriated and new plots on which residential units will be constructed (most probably Keren Kayemet land).

According to the photo there is a 450 sq m area in the corner of the forest for which nothing has been planned

Whether this site is suitable for a dog park:

- It is a relatively small site
- This is an area separated topographically from the wooded area with plants but no old pine trees
- The site is 25-40 from existing and future housing

- The site is accessible from Dubnov st and from the new road as well as Mohilever and Gedalia Alon sts.
- It is recommended that the requirements for creating water infrastructure (for drinking water) be incorporated into the fire hydrant system (to preserve the wooded area).
- According to Gil, the site that we saw is alongside the road, and the suggested site, as I marked, might require development work

Recommendation of the forum: this alternative is not viable and is unsuitable

Meeting with Ofer Berkovitz

On 9.7.19 members of the urban forum met with Ofer Berkovitz and his bureau chief Ron Lehrman on Chava's initiative. A number of subjects were raised and it was agreed that Ofer would support procedures to preserve the brown areas in the city in general and in the moshava in particular. He requested information on Hananiah 8 (Kupat CHolim Clalit building) to examine it for further evaluation.

Elias and Chava collated relevant material to be given to Ron

HaZfira 27 –discussion of objections

Plan no 588897 will be brought up for discussion in the local council on objections on 31.7.19 at 12:30

The document on objections, response of the committee and recommendations of the urban engineer can be seen before the discussion

Renovations of Azza, HaPalmach and King David Sts.

Elias updated on the status of the renovations. See material on Azza and HaPalmach

Plans for gardening site

Elias presented a short summary of the plans. See select documents of the plans.

All documents can be seen in the link: plan no. 250563 – Jerusalem district

The next forum will be in September – notice will be sent.

Wishing you all a pleasant summer

Recorded: Elias