

Summary Urban Forum 26/7/2020

The meeting took place online (via ZOOM) and was attended by eight(8) participants (Chariklia, Carole, Zev, Bernice, Eric, Ben, Larry and Abe) - thank you all for joining! We expect the next meeting to take place after the summer in September. We will let you know. Marital welcomed everyone at the meeting and Elias introduced the topics and replied to questions.

Topics:

- **Industrial Area Talpiot**
- **Mitham Mashtela open area**
- **Ramban street and Paris Square**
- **Chopin street upgrade**
- **Hananya 8 update**
- **Q&A**

First, we thank you for your comments and emails that you shared before and after the forum meeting. We also thank you for sharing your comments on the questionnaire.

Regarding the discussion on the topics:

- **Previous forum topics**

To review previous topics here:

<https://www.ginothair.org.il/index.php?dir=site&page=articles&op=item&cs=1692&category=995>

- **Industrial Area Talpiot**

Elias presented in brief the presentation of the proposed master plan for the neighborhood. The plan proposes approx. 8,500 new residential units, mixed use commercial, offices and light industry / auto-mechanics. More details and to view the presentation here: <http://rova-talpiot.org.il/>

- **Mitham Mashtela open area**

A new residential and commercial mixed use development is in the planning for the site of the agriculture school on Dostai-Ben Zachai street. The site includes a large green area that enables crossing of the site and also preservation of many of the existing trees along the edge of the site. The project can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gGxyMplejEOy69etsnykP9wWXTCNtPN2?usp=sharing>

- **Ramban street and Paris Square**

Elias presented the renovation of the street and the proposed plans to renew the street, add new finishes, organize the parking, so that it is not taking from the sidewalks, and new trees planted primarily in the junctions. Elias also presented the schemes for the design of the square which will add more trees and shading, seating and green areas, and will preserve the existing fountain.

The plans can be viewed here:

<https://www.ginothair.org.il/index.php?dir=site&page=articles&op=item&cs=1787&category=994>

- **Chopin street upgrade**

Elias presented the plans of the renovation of the street, which will turn the street into a pedestrian promenade connecting important institutions, like the President's residence and the Jerusalem Theater. The plans of the street can be viewed here:

<https://www.ginothair.org.il/index.php?dir=site&page=articles&op=item&cs=1775&category=994>

- **Hananya 8 update**

Elias updated the group about the latest developments of the plan of Health Services 'Clalit' to demolish the existing building and to build a residential and commercial mixed use building with new health service clinics, and next to it a public community building. The plan was discussed at the regional board and a decision was published. The latest outcome is that 'Clalit' has sued the regional board on the decision claiming that the decision does not allow for the development to proceed. The issue may reach the courts.

- **Q&A**

Talpion Industrial Zone Master Plan

During the Q&A session questions were raised about the quality of the planning of the Talpion Industrial zone neighborhood and the environmental repercussions, such as air quality and noise that will be generated by the new development. Also about the % of green spaces, which the plan sets at roughly 10% of the plan. Whether this is enough. **Chariklia has offered to look into the matter** and to raise the fact that the WHO has set minimum standards for these issues, which are not met by the plan.

Chopin street timetable

Questions were raised about the timetable for the completion of the street and for the need for better safety standards, so that people that have to cross on foot are not in danger. **Elias will submit the matter to the city.**

Parking arrangements

The question was raised of whether it is possible to make parking arrangements - such as blue and white parking - in Mehalkei Hamaim - Hagadna - Hahish streets to benefit the residents with parking spaces in the evening. Elias explained that parking arrangements require a process of public participation and consensus in the community. An effort was made in the past, but some of the residents did not allow the meeting to proceed and it was canceled. Since then, no other initiatives have started. **Elias will look into the matter.**

L"H as a one way street

A suggestion was made to turn L"H into a one-way street to increase parking spaces. Changes of this magnitude require a process of public participation and consensus in the community. **Elias will look into the matter.**

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?**

English Urban Forum

The forum is in Hebrew and meets every second Monday at 20:30. For more details and to join, contact Elias by email (contact details below).

Useful Information and links

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

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

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