

Summary Urban Forum 26/10/2020

The meeting took place online (via ZOOM) and was attended by eight(8) participants (Susan, Ilan, Karen, Carole, Alice, Harry, Zvi, and Elias) - thank you all for joining! We expect the next meeting to take place as scheduled by Mirital. At the meeting, Elias allowed each participant to introduce themselves, and then introduced the topics and replied to questions.

Topics:

- **Industrial Area Talpiot update**
- **Master Plan for Kiryat Shmoel Rasco area**
- **The Mashtela compound**
- **The Windmil - Ramban 8, Rehavia**
- **The Scottish compound new hostel plans**
- **Suggested questions and an assignment for the Forum**

- **Useful Q&A**
- **Useful Information and links**
- **Contact**

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 visit the Ginot Hair website --> Urban --> Forum
(we are in the middle of restructuring the page, so the link will be available later)

- **Industrial Area Talpiot update**

Elias presented in brief the presentation of the proposed master plan for the neighborhood to the forum, who were not yet familiar with the project. The plan proposes approx. 8,500 new residential units, mixed use commercial, offices and light industry / auto-mechanics of over a million square meters of construction. The plan also includes green open spaces, and brown spaces (schools, kindergartens, etc.) spread out throughout the site. More details and to view the presentation here:

<http://rova-talpiot.org.il/>

- **Master Plan for Kiryat Shmoel Rasco area**

The city is proceeding with the master plan of the residential neighborhood of Kiryat Shmoel and Rasco. These are areas that have been 'left out' of previous master plans - such as Moshavot and Gonenim A-F. The plan suggests the division of the area into compounds of buildings rights ranging from 6 stories to 9 stories and up to 12 stories on the front of Herzog street. The plan also suggests 4 nodes, which will offer solutions to the lack of brown spaces (public use) in the area of the plan. One of these nodes is on Dov Kimhi and Chernehovsky, which has been submitted to the planning committees raising great community objection, as it is proposing three residential buildings - two of 8 stories and

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one of 19 stories high. The plan was discussed in the regional council on 26/10/20. The community managed to collect 500 signatures, pressuring the committee to decide to give the planning team 45 days to bring the plan back to the community for public participation. The Community Council of Ginot Hair will be coordinating the next steps and will update. The project plans can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F4HT3H7veJy9hFgSzsqrYJ8UcP2uFsfM?usp=sharing>

- **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, and a new school planned at the edge of the compound (by Halafta street).

The project plans can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gGxyMplejEOy69etsnykP9wWXTcNtPN2?usp=sharing>

- **The Windmill - Ramban 8, Rehavia**

Elias presented the plan that is in preparation for the windmill in Rehavia. The commercial building will be turned into a small hotel with an addition of one floor over the northern wind. The plan is taking into consideration the uniqueness of the windmill tower, and allows for ample distance from it with the new wind. The plans can be viewed here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WJ2WBq78nA54Lmg_Y8Nw-_K8aKiN3MQL?usp=sharing

- **The Scottish compound new hostel plans**

Elias presented the plans of the new construction planned for the Scottish compound, next to the church. The compound is located opposite the gas station on Emek Refaim. The site will receive 3 blocks of hotel rooms, four and five stories high, with a commercial facade on the street level.

The plans can be viewed here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ds_ISQyUHCnkbFbV1CBW_2ffoCEN2KzG?usp=sharing

- **Suggested questions and an assignment for the Forum**

To be discussed in the next Forum!

In order that the English Forum becomes more involved in what is happening in the city, we would like to share a few questions that are currently raised by the city, and an assignment that was suggested by the Forum in May. You are welcome to share your answers with Elias at elias@ginothair.org.il and/or bring your answers to the upcoming Forum!

Questions:

- Brown spaces in the neighborhoods - Where do you recognize that public uses are missing (public uses that you need but are not there)? What uses are missing?
- Parks - Are the parks adequate and are they serving all age groups? If not, what is missing? Which age groups are left out? Any suggestions to improve them?
- Trees in the streets of your neighborhood: Do you know of areas where trees are missing? Would you be interested in helping plant more trees? Would be interested to 'adopt' a tree and make sure it is adequately watered regularly?

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Assignment:

- Street Names in Jerusalem:

In May 2020, the Forum raised an important issue for the city: the spelling of names in the streets of the city. Several English-speaking professionals, familiar with the matter, commented on the inconsistent translation and transliteration of names and places in Latin characters. The Forum agreed that the matter ought to be brought to the attention of the city officials and the mayor. The matter was not yet followed through. We are raising it again here, and inviting the Forum members to join in starting a dialogue process with the city. As a first step, a letter has to be drafted explaining the problem, with examples of errors commonly seen, and preferably photos. The letter can be addressed to the mayor and to the executive offices responsible for the matter. Elias will help in directing the letter to the right channels. Then Elias will link the Forum members who will be interested in leading the issue with the people at the Municipality. **Who would be interested in being involved / leading this issue?**

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 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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Next English Forum meeting: 29/11/20

Zoom link to the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/506844403>

Don't miss!