

**Thematic seminar  
29<sup>th</sup> of September 2011  
Site: PETRŽALKA**

**Evaluation of Humenske namestie and Zehrianska**



## Part #1 HUMENSKE NAMESTIE - FEELING LIST

### Q1: Would you come for a coffee again or not? Why?

#### Yes: 17

Answers:

- Yes, but the place need some facilities such as a playground and some tables and benches in order to create a picnic area, also, some information panels with rules to follow, would be useful. Recycling bins would be also a useful tool
- Yes, bar would be for inhabitants that go out with children and doggy and also older people
- Yes, trees will grow up
- Yes, with pleasure, but I live to far from here so it couldn't be possible. But the atmosphere is very nice
- Yes, definitely. It's a very nice and peaceful place, especially when there's nice weather outside. It's a big space so you can meet your friends, play guitar, make grill or just sit in the summer
- Yes, because it is very relaxing place and I hope that inhabitants will take the change to improve this park
- Yes, I would come again, maybe there could also be some options like sitting on fixed furniture on the green, not only on the paved paths to invite more people spent time directly on the grass. The space will also be more inviting in future when the trees will have grown up and offering shadows in summer time
- Yes, with friends or many people, when the weather will be good
- Yes, I would come in case there will be a nice coffee house with terrace and shade integrated into park
- Yes, If there is any community activity = more people, I would come again. Perfect place for different activities – picnic, games, music, grill parties, but someone has to start organizing local NGO or cultural association? To make it as tradition.
- Yes, If it will be a happening like this. Normally not

- Yes, but a bit far from home. The place is nice but empty. No reason to go there if you don't have a baby trolley or a dog. No facilities, no shadow. The place is nice but not attractive. Dogs shit on the grass and difficult access for wheels.
- Yes, This is a good place for young people to come sit down on the grass. But it would be nice to have something more to do. Like a big chessboard with big black white pieces. This can be used by older people kids, too.
- Yes, but it would have to change here. The space doesn't have any function. Nothing to do, nothing to see. Planted trees are dry now, and logically the shadow isn't here. The space is un-built, thus green but envirofunction is minimal. Movement for older people and persons with handicaps is impossible
- Yes, with this conditions here – blankets, tea, coffee
- Yes, but trees are small and often little shade, but obviously this small change as they grow. High blocks of flats are making this space very small. I felt like being watched
- Yes, because of the great company and the great coffee.

## **No: 4**

Answers:

- No, There is no privacy in the park. Growing trees and lowering the houses could be the
- No, because there is no café! Not enough possibilities to use such a big space. Nothing to watch
- No. Because there are just blocks. No shops, no bar, not so many trees, big trees protecting from the sun
- No, I wouldn't have come. The environment is may too much open, thousands of windows are blind looking you and you have the feeling that you are the only weirds doing these things

**Evaluation:** People will come if there will be more facilities like benches, tables, playgrounds, shelters, coffee terrace...

## **Q2: Would you suggest any other use for the space? / Which purpose is this public space more suitable for?**

Answers:

- Outdoor theatre
- Water facilities, playground constructions
- Coffee, mini golf
- More sectors for all age group, lower the scale, parking areas
- Refreshment, wooden labyrinth, climbing wall, new paths, space segments, water elements, wooden sculptures
- More benches, trees
- Games for children
- Gazebo, fenced dogs area
- Beach volleyball,
- More trees, better maintenance socially situated benches
- Better maintenance, more activities and architectural elements
- Benches, tables, bins, maintenance
- Terrace with coffee, to lower blocks of flat
- Playground, mobiliari
- Playgrounds, summer cinema
- Sun protection, dog protection, elements for children, stage for concerts
- Roof
- Golf academy, fountain
- Park with shade and water
- Playground, playroom for fogs
- Activities, workshops

**Evaluation:** People mostly suggest benches, tables, trees, coffee terrace, elements for children, playgrounds, water facilities and fenced dogs areas.

## **Part #2 ZEHRIANSKA - ANSWER SHEET / PARTICIPANTS OF THEMATIC SEMINAR**

M/F= Male/Female

Number = Age

1 = F38, 2= F29. 3=M42, 4=M37, 5=F32, 6=F27, 7=F31, 8=M29, 9=M69, 10=F35, 11=F26, 12=F18, 13=M42, 14=M38. 15=M35, 16=F26, 17=F37, 18=F25, 19=2xM30&2xF35, 20=M32, 21=M50

### **Q1: What do you think about this space? Imagine that you are local – would you suggest any changes in here (and so you would visit this place more often)?**

1. I would like to have some more benches and tables. New bins also.
2. It's very useful playground, but I would improve safety of the place (without walls, with safety materials on the floor). For visual changes I suggest all objects in the same material (wood). Some trees are missing because of the shadows.
3. Aesthetic crazy mix, bad fence behind basketball – should be nets and higher, more doors between playgrounds, very nice mosaic of tiles, missing benches – good use concrete walls – need more wood on it.
4. Add protections against fall injuries – gum paving, concrete edges protection, wood for sitting. Fully accessible with ramps
5. It's not safety enough to be used for small childrens alone, it looks like before reconstruction
6. For me it's a little to little of elements to play. Some of them are not safe or not prepared to use by small children
7. It's very useful playground but I think that walls are not necessary
8. For children it is a good space serving its intended function, maybe there could be more space for older people to spend time here
9. Perhaps some play structures as equipment for adult (outdoor gym, giant see-saw). Café area where parents and residents can sit and watch their children and other adults. Water feature, interactive lightning

10. Install benches below the trees and tables. By the fence plant more vegetal. Access for mothers with coach.
11. I would visit this place with my children, I wouldn't come here alone. I think is a sufficient playground for local kids even though it isn't any special
12. Good: Placing playground elements very closed to each other – social aspect well visible from outside, attractiveness. Not Good: not many places in the shade, small children cannot watch older, barrier tree. Generally: very simple and practical, tiles – perfect image and identity. Busy and overcrowded even, not very expensive
13. Nice place, More green for teenage
14. The space is beautiful and well furnished, good shadowed (but no seating place is in shadow). It is a sort of big hole. Dogs around (they could go to area). Natural surveillance. I would increase visibility connections inside/outside area. Is not easily accessible for wheels
15. More shadow to sit down in the part of basketball playground (but looking to children games). Some shows for children on Sunday afternoon (But with something for stage). Better ground for disables
16. –
17. This is delightful area in comparison with other spaces in neighbours. It looks safety and compared to past times is surely more lively. I would go here with children, if I lived here.
18. Very clean. I don't like fences at all, because it creates borders – mental borders between clean area where the life concentrates and the rest of it that I don't pay attention to it
19. More plays to babies as the safety of the plays are not suitable for them. Sand instead of pebbles under the swings and slides
20. It's got potential. Old metal facilities should be removed. They look really old. The small children area should not be located behind a basketball playground. I play basketball myself and I know that ball can hit them in the head. The concrete walls are not so bad, they should be covered by wood to create a place to sit. Sitting on concrete can be dangerous. Also adding more slides and perhaps more "eagle nest"
21. More enclosure, shelter, vegetation

**Evaluation:** People suggest more shadow, elements and playgrounds for children , benches and tables for elders.

## **Q2: What kind of activities definitely should not be here in the future?**

1. –
2. –
3. –
4. Open concrete surfaces
5. –
6. The concrete constructions should be gone
7. –
8. Activities, which could disturb the parents and children
9. Anything too noisy
10. –
11. Store with chinese stuff!!! McDonald`s, KFC, business park/administration
12. –
13. –
14. No one!
15. Bins for waste collection are missing, To avoid activities that bring here more people than suitable
16. –
17. -
18. Drugs, skinheads
19. Football ground, pond or little lake, BBQ

20. –
21. Car parking

**Evaluation:** People are against concrete elements, parking, drugs, lower social classes and activities which could disturb the parents and children.

**Q3: This is renovated playground for children. Do you think (as you have a chance to walk here a bit) are there enough opportunities for relax and activities of other age groups? (If yes, which ones? If not, what is missing here?)**

1. No
2. No (it`s missing place for older people and access for people on wheelchairs)
3. Yes (Chess?)
4. –
5. No (lack of interactive plays)
6. No
7. No
8. No
9. No
10. No (chess, benches and tables, trampoline)
11. No (maybe not enough for young people)
12. No (gathering place for gangsters, to talk, hang around)
13. No (relax place for teens)

14. Yes (Age areas, opportunities are well separated. An area with adult games might be missing)
15. No (chairs under trees to read)
16. Yes
17. Yes (Teenagers could have ball plays, seats. Elders could sit and talk)
18. No ( I would propose more shading and benches and better access to this place)
19. No (Little baby plays are missing as the plays here are not safe enough)
20. No (children aged 12 and + will find little attractions here)
21. No (Parents, Grandparents: seats, tables)

**Overall: Yes: 19%**  
**No: 81%**

## **Q4: Evaluate by giving marks from 1 to 5 (1 is the best).**

Greenery: 3,4,-,3,4,3,3,2,3,1,3,3,1,1,2,2,2,3,2/3,5,4, = **2,7**

Walking accessibility and connection to public transport: -, -, -, 1, -, 4, 3, 2, 4, -, -, -, 5, 3, 2, 2, 3, 3/4, -, 4, -, = **3**

Parking: 2, 2, -, 4, -, 3/4, 3, 2, 3, 2, -, 3, 1, 1, 2, 2, -, 1, 3/4, 4, 1, = **2,4**

Opportunities for cycling: 3, 4, -, 4, 5, 5, 4, 4, -, 5, -, 5, 5, 5, 2, 2, -, 5, 2, 2, 3, = **3,8**

Safety: 3, 5, -, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2/3, -, 1, 1, 2, 3, 1/2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 4, 2, = **2,4**

Maintenance of space: 3, 5, -, 3, 3, 3, 4, 2, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 4, 3, 2, = **2.5**

Barrier-free access: 3, 5, -, 5, 3, 3, 3, 3/4, 2, 3, 5, 4, 5, 5, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 3, 3, = **3.8**

Condition of exterior furnishings: 3, 3, -, -, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, = **2.4**

## **Q5: This playground was participatory planned and renovated. What are the benefits of such a process (for a community) in general?**

1. Is a place where to meet your neighbours
2. Children play the sport and not use drugs, health of people, relaxing
3. –
4. Will become really usefull
5. The space for outdoor activities
6. Maybe if there will be many playground would motived more couples to come and live here
7. Benefits are health of people, relaxing
8. Greates chance to meet expectations of different membres, age group, improving the feeling of having contributed and thus of the ownership of the place
9. Essential + valuable far longterm care
10. Connection of communities to this place, maintenance, care
11. They have better and more personal relationship to the area a they are naturally protecting it by themselves
12. People take care of it, maintenance, social control, no vandalism, social supportof relationship, design according to real needs of locals
13. To respect the wishes of the inhabitantsas possible, inhabitants will take care of place
14. Don`'t know
15. What people decided is not perfect but they consider their decision like a son, so they like it
16. There`s a bottom-up approach, instead or top-down one
17. They found out that it goes
18. People do and care of it
19. Use of natural sources (wood)
20. People can speak their mind about their place

21. Increased awareness and sense of ownership

**Evaluation:** According to people, the benefits of this process are mostly increased awareness and sense of ownership and they are naturally protect the area.

**Q6: Your overall rating of quality of the space (write a mark from 1 to 5. 1 is the best)**

1. 2
2. 4
3. –
4. 2
5.  $\frac{3}{4}$
6. 3
7. 3
8.  $\frac{2}{3}$
9. 3
10. 1
11. 3
12. 2
13. 2
14. 2
15. 2
16. 1
17. 2
18. 3

19. 2/3
20. 3
21. 3

**Overall: 2,5**

**Q7: Compare the 2 public spaces we have visited today – place A and C. The `C` place used to look very similar to the `A` place before the reconstruction. What are the basic differences – what was improved?**

1. The place is more green and of course is it a place where it is possible to spend time
2. The difference is final result, finished playground
3. Fencing – hygiene, Functionality, Attractiveness
4. –
5. Much more green area in the location, not enough shadow
6. The fencing – provides safety and clean area to play (the dogs). Much more colorful – better and more attractivities for kids
7. –
8. –
9. More reason to go here and spend time here. More sense of care.
10. –
11. Greenery, surface of the concrete walls, more playground facilities were added, it is fenced, it is maintained
12. Elements, maintenance, opportunity for activities and relax
13. –
14. I find them very different
15. No boards on and no organization

16. Accessibility infrastructures, also the soft ones, facilities, attractiveness of the place
17. Here is more clearly, area is more maintained, colorful. A lot of things to do here.  
Fence protecting the animals
18. Furniture, feelings of enclosure which create safety possibilities for staying there
19. It became a green belt comparing to a place
20. Fence – playgrounds should be separated. Although the fence doesn't need to be that high. New wooden attractions but without concrete!
21. No one using space, more equipment, Feeling of maintenance and caring of the space

**Evaluation:** The basic differences are more reasons to go here thanks to facilities and care of area.

## **Part #3 ZEHRIANSKA - ANSWER SHEET / RESIDENTS**

Several days before the 3rd thematic seminar of UrbSpace project was prepared an opinion poll of the playground Labyrinth. The poll was focused on spatial quality of playground with self surroundings. The poll was attended by fifteen respondents. Number of answered residents is 15 within eight women and six men with average age of 30. All of them said that comes from the neighborhood area of the playground. Points of view were not so different.

### **Q1: Do you get used to go here?**

**Often: 86%**

Answers:

Yes - daily; If good weather; All summer, Almost always

**Rarely: 14%**

Answers:

If we can

**Never: 0%**

**Evaluation:** People come here with their children very often.

### **Q2: What do you think about visual impact? What are you missing in this place?**

Answers:

Shop, Pub, Coffee bar, Refreshment for kids, Football playground, Benches, Shelter for kids, Bins

It`s OK: 3 answers

**Evaluation:** Younger generation was satisfied however teenagers expressed dissatisfaction with sport opportunities. For parents are missing possibilities for refreshment. Playground equipment is not well but sufficient.

### **Q3: What wouldn't absolutely be here in the future?**

Answers:

Parking, Homelesses, Intensive development, Dogs, Dangerous elements, Lesser greenery

**Evaluation:** Playground design is clear and relatively safe but many people are afraid of playground close surrounding. Mainly lack of parking options or potential constructions development.

### **Q4: Here is regenerated playground (public space) for children. Is here possibilities for other citizens, not for children?**

**Yes: 50%**

Answers:

Cycling, in-line skating, walking, swimming

**No: 50%**

Answers:

Missing benches, more activities for teenagers or for parents, more opportunities for football, volleyball etc.

**I don't know: 1 answer**

Answers:

Hmm?!

**Evaluation:** Persons who answer positive are satisfied with other leisure possibilities but they can find them a little bit far from the playground. Nearby the lake Draždiak or cycling paths along the river Danube. Own playground area offers self-realization possibilities only for the kids.

**Q5: Evaluate like in school from marks 1 for the best to 5 for the worst)**

Greenery:	2
Accessibility by public transport:	1,5
Parking:	3,8
Possibilities for cycling:	2,2
Urban safety:	2,5
Maintenance of space:	1,9
Accessibility for persons with handicap:	3,2
Mobiliary:	2,5

## **Evaluation:**

Greenery is not so good in general but given the city part is well. Environment of playground relatively silent and save.

Accessibility by public transport is very well. One woman is not satisfied with it because she has a Anybody express same negative experience. public transport station exactly under the windows. In general is this topic excellent.

Parking is quite during the day but too busy and crowded in the evening.

A possibility for cycling is good but you have to go a little bit far from the playground.

Urban safety is not favorable but is relates with the city part reputation. No one expressed a negative experience.

Playground maintenance is quite sufficient. Grass surface is mowed regularly. Bins are emptied too. Dogs entrance is prohibited.

Accessibility for persons with handicap are insufficient. Entrances to the playground are built with several stairs. It causes problems not only handicap persons

but also for mothers with strollers. Moreover the surface is too rough.

**Q6: This playground was planned with public. Do you think, that it has an importance?**

**Yes: 100%**

Answers:

Of course, People more appreciate this space, Persons defend this space against of damage, We know what is good for our children

**No: 0%**

**Evaluation:** Everyone said that it is very good idea and they were willing to participate. However no one disinterested! Everyone for their own children and their better public space opportunities.

*Q7: What is your overall ranking of this public space?  
Like in school from marks 1 for the best to 5 for the worst.*

**Overall ranking: 2,2**

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