



Communities' role in shaping urban environment: Tallinn neighbourhoods

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Opening of the Soo street in Tallinn, 4.09.2013



The old Soo street:

- racing corridor with two one-way lanes
- unpleasant street for locals



The new Soo street:

- good example of community-municipality collaboration
- human-friendly street design
- activating public life through public space

Who was behind it?

Telliskivi selts – neighbourhood association of two milieu districts close to the centre

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Avalehele Vasta toimetusele Prindi Jaga veel

Elanikud avasid kaua kapitaalremondis olnud Soo tänava (18)

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Tallinnas otsustasid kohalikud elanikud terve suve kapitaalremondis olnud Soo tänava ise pidulikult avada.

Soo tänav sai tegelikult valmis juba kaks nädalat tagasi, kuid linnavalitsus on otustanud selle ametlikult avada alles 16. septembril, kohalik rahvas otsustas seda aga teha täna, vahendas "Aktuaalne kaamera".

Telliskivi seltsi juhatuse liige Kaarel Kalvik ütles, et elanikud ei aja sugugi kiusu. "Asi on selles, et meie tunneme lihtsalt siirast rõõmu selle tänava üle ja kuna saime seekord ise ka kaasa rääkida selle tänava loomeloos alates lähteülesande paika panemisest, siis me tulimegi põhimõtteliselt tänu avaldama ametnikele, kes meid ära kuulasid ja meiega arvestasid," selgitas ta.

Samuti seltsi juhatusse kuuluv Juho Kalberg märkis, et see on esimene tänav Tallinnas, kus on nii palju arvestatud nende soove, kes tahtsid kaasa rääkida, ja üldiselt on kohalikud tulemusega rahul.

"Haljastus ja asjad, erinev tänavakattematerjal, ärme täna seda kirume. Muidu on tore, ruumi on. inimene saab lõpuks õue." lausus Kalberg.

Telliskivi seltsi juhatuse liikmed Kaarel Kalvik (vasakul) ja Juho Kalberg (ERR)

- ▶ Soo tänav Tallinnas avati taas liiklusele (2) 30.08.2013
- ▶ Pop-up video: Elanikud avasid kaua kapitaalremondis olnud Soo tänava

VÄRSKED VIDEOKLIPID

Ligi: ka buumiajal ei saanud me tulumaksuvaba miinimumi tõsta

Nestor eelarvest: riigitöötajatega tuleks sõlmida palgalepped

Aegviidu valla võimekus on läbi teinud ühe suurema töusu

VÄRSKED TELEUUDISED

Aktuaalne kaamera kell 21:00

Aktuaalne kaamera kell 18:30

VÄRSKED ARTIKLID

- ▶ Lähipäevade ilm on muutlik
- ▶ Valk: samasugust üksmeelt nagu 25 aastat tagasi ei saavutata tihti
- ▶ Eesti ja Läti rahvusballetid



20 neighbourhood associations in Tallinn
with more emerging each year



Neighbourhood associations in Tallinn (and Estonia)

- * formed as non-government organisations, voluntary and project-based work
- * aiming to improve the living environment, public space and neighbourly relations in self-defined areas
- * since 2006 the „second generation“ of active neighbourhoods
- * mostly in gentrifying neighbourhoods (Kalamaja, Pelgulinn, Uus Maailm, Kadriorg, Vanalinn) or in garden-city like suburbs (Nõmme, Pirita, Kakumäe)
- * membership ranging from 20 to 200 people

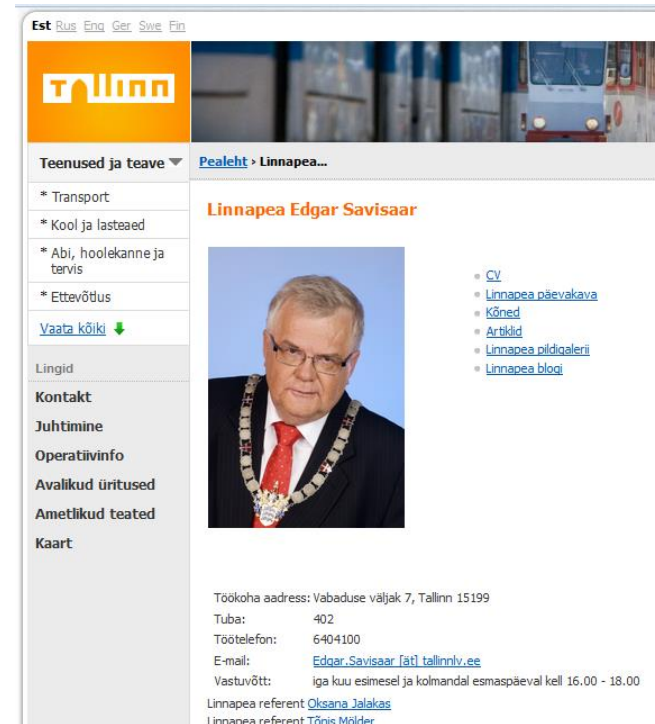
Active neighbourhoods as the voice of common sense

- * showing municipalities alternative ways how space is understood, shaped and used
- * defining and re-defining the liveliness of a city, resident-friendly urban design and living
- * thriving towards systemic change and more sustainable lifestyles
- * **becoming the experts of local living**

THE CONTEXT:

the mayor of Tallinn and his huge propaganda machine

- no real interest to collaborate with associations – „participation“ has become a swear word
- active citizens are seen as pesky disturbers, not as potential collaborators
- majority of land in private ownership – the city government not leading spatial planning processes
- weak collaboration culture



The screenshot shows the official website of the City of Tallinn, specifically the profile page for Mayor Edgar Savisaar. The page is in Estonian. At the top, there is a navigation bar with language options: Est, Rus, Eng, Ger, Swe, Fin. Below this is the Tallinn logo and a banner image of a bus. The main content area features the Mayor's name, a portrait photo, and a list of links including CV, Linnapea päevakava, Kõned, Artiklid, Linnapea pildigalerii, and Linnapea blogi. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with items like Transport, Kool ja lasteaed, Abi, hoolekanne ja tervis, Ettevõtlus, Vaata kõiki, Lingid, Kontakt, Juhtimine, Operatiivinfo, Avalikud üritused, Ametlikud teated, and Kaart. Contact information at the bottom includes the address (Vabaduse väljak 7, Tallinn 15199), phone number (6404100), email (Edgar.Savisaar@tallinnlv.ee), and office hours (16:00 - 18:00).

THE OUTCOME:



Linnaidee (Urban Idea) is the initiative of Tallinn's neighbourhood associations in which the foundations for future collaboration between residents' associations and Tallinn city government will be framed.

Expected results of the initiative:

- **defining neighbourhood associations as local experts**
- **signing good will act of cooperation between the associations and the city government (with the new city council in November 2013)**
- **better knowledge and information exchange between different neighbourhoods**

www.linnaidee.ee

Examples of communities shaping living environment

Professorite Küla Seltsis

03.08.2012

Meediaga seotud artiklid

"President väisas Professorite küla",
Postimees, 4. august 2012



f Soovita 350 President Ilves külastas Professorite Küla Seltsi
@ Aldo Mett



‘Branding’ places & neighbourhoods
in Professors’ Village, Kopli, Tallinn



**Working with streetscape, protecting the rights of the
'minorities' (pedestrians, bikers)**

Baby pram ride in Kalamaja, May 2012



Promoting local economy models

Local food markets, flea markets & street cafes during festivals



Defining local collaborative democracy

Discussion series between city officials, experts and local residents



Protecting milieu values

Karlova association's (Tartu) public space committee



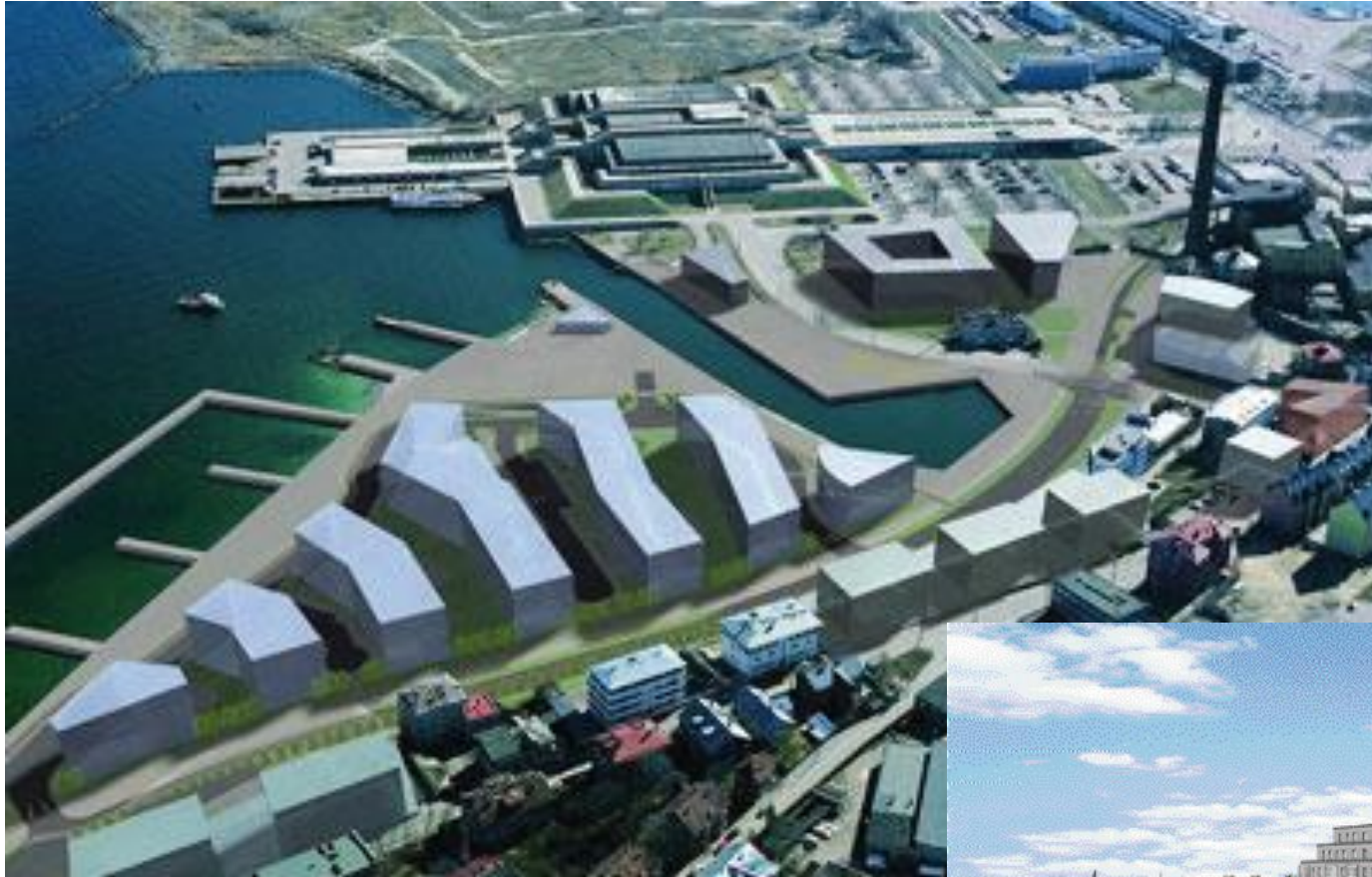
Reclaiming public space

Public sauna party in Kalarand, close to the centre of Tallinn, in July 2012

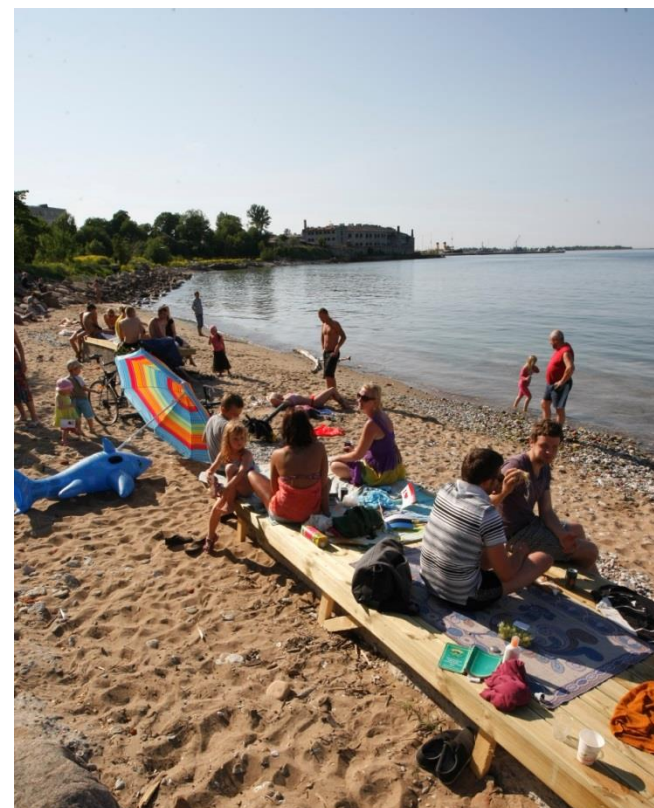
Kalarand case: how the local community has influenced the detailed plan



Official plan of Kalarand (originating from 10 years ago):



Alternative ideas for Kalarand:



Welcome to Tallinn to discover and discuss more!

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