

Minutes of Jury's Evaluation Session

on final designs of the teams

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Landscape-Urban Competition

“Revitalization of the Mill Race in Košice”

Date of meeting: **December 8, 2020**

1. Opening of the meeting - 8:30 am

- Jurors attendance and starting of ZOOM (ViCo)
- Present at the meeting:

A. Jury:

Regular members: Ing. Jana Pyšková, Chairwoman, independent
Ing. Anna Dobrucká, independent Member
Ing. arch. Jana Koreňová, dependent Member
Dipl. Ing. Peter Gero, independent Member
Ing. Robert Gregorek, PhD., dependent Member

Substitutes: RNDr. Andrej Mock, PhD., independent Member
Mgr. art. Tomáš Labanc, independent Member
Ing. arch. Martin Jerguš, dependent Member

B. Experts:

Ing. Marek Bobík - Urban Greenery Management (maintenance)
Ing. Sebastián Baran - city of Košice (traffic expert)

C. Administrator:

Ing. arch. Martin Richnavský

D. Assignment and competition processor, technical support:

Ing. Eugen Ščavnický

- The jury approved the possibility of participation of all present at the jury meeting
- The jury agreed to make an audio and video recording of the entire course of the 2nd evaluation session of the jury, which consisted of presentations of final proposals of individual competition teams and subsequent voting on the results and order.
- The jury was informed that the research teams of Ing. arch. Tomáš Hanáček PhD., 2M architecture studio s.r.o. and DOXA s.r.o. submitted the final proposal on time and to the extent fulfilling the conditions
- The jury was informed that the team of Ing. arch. Tomáš Hanáček PhD. in addition to the competition panels, had also sent the text part, which was not required and was not made available to the jurors so that to comply with equality of assessment
- The jury was informed about the extension of time for final proposals' submission by 1 hour, to enable the competition proposal of IMG+ team to be uploaded - it was a marginal exceeding of time in the Josephine system for technical reasons and the size of uploaded files. The jury agreed that the proposal would be evaluated. The Josephine system recorded an extension of the limit, this procedure was consulted with HOUSTON Proebiz and the Public Procurement Department of the City of Košice, where a similar procedure is acceptable as standard.
- The jury was informed that the IMG+ team's competition proposal did not fully comply with the formal criteria (absence of axonometric views of sections of the solved area), but given that this is the second round of the competition in which proposals of teams selected by the jury are evaluated, and having taken into account evident quality of the proposal, the jury will assess it in terms of content as others.
- The jury agreed that each presentation would be followed by a short internal discussion on the proposal, followed by a discussion and vote on the winner and the order of the other teams.

2. Presentations of competition teams - 9.00 am

- Each team has the same time to present, for IMG+ team a simultaneous interpretation into English is provided.

1st presentation: **2M ateliér architektúry, s.r.o.**

Participants: Ing. Eva Wernerová, Ing. Miloslav Šindlar, Ing. arch. Tomáš Pozdech, Ing. Josef Jágr, Ing. Dávid Grega, Ing. arch. Miroslav Michalica

Description of the proposal: The main idea is to present a model of river system with different types of watercourses: natural flow with significant self-cleaning ability, dynamic flow with swelling, low-energy meandering flow of valley floodplains with the possibility of flooding and water infiltration, energy flow in narrow space with torrents and islands in the stream, the water of the floodplain with calm water and the stream urbanized with a calm lake surface. The function of the territory would primarily be eco stabilization and education. The proposal suggests several remarkable moments: - in addition to defined area in a broader context, it also addresses the adjacent areas of courtyards that could create "residential yards" with a greater share of greenery, - the proposal addressed the promenade on both sides of the Mill Race, making the whole area accessible to the residents while the promenade also allows their spread within interblock areas, - the benefit is a proposal to expand the flow of MR, which would bring the water closer to apartment buildings, expand the area of the bio-corridor and gain space for attractiveness, - support for biodiversity would be reflected, - the proposal addressed a "water park" with accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists also bridging in terms of "green bridges", - remarkable and inspiring was the proposal to address the Hornád River in terms of renaturalization measures, etc.

Water combined with the greenery is also projected on the square in front of the Jumbo Center. The proposal emphasized the importance of MR in the context of the "green" and

"blue" radius of the city, which together create potential for a concept of city sustainability.

Jury comment: The proposal is inspiring for the future solution of the city's water system, namely in the renaturalization of the Hornád River and in the creation of the "blue radius of the city". An exceptionally well-thought-out approach to tackling watercourse in line with the principles of the "living river" and the highest possible support for biodiversity and natural processes. The whole issue of natural habitat nature was convincingly defended, taking into account the requirement to create a valuable urban environment and fulfill the goals aimed at the usability of the area for recreational activities of the population.

2nd presentation: **Ing. arch. Tomáš Hanáček, PhD.**

Participants: Ing. arch. Tomáš Hanáček, PhD, Ing. arch. Katarína Fejo, Ing. Katarína Gloneková

Description of the proposal: The proposal emphasizes the Mill Race as an element of the identity of the city, pointing its importance in a broader context: vision of the water system and calmed traffic so that visitors to this part of the city do not have to come in conflict with heavy traffic. In detail, the proposal focused on the "micro spaces" at the Mill Race, which would represent places of community life with a various focus. The boating club on the left bank of the Mill Race is a new architecture well accessible for those interested in water tourism, this adrenaline space is followed by a skate park set in a green area on the right bank of the Mill Race. Water garden proposed at Rokoko is an element of mitigating the climate changes. Technical issue of the heatline is solved by an atypical circular element, which has the potential to become an "iconic point" of this waterwork. Suppression of traffic in Gorkého Street makes it possible to visually and

functionally connect Tabačka Cultural Center with Yasmin Hotel, while the mutual inaccessibility causes a certain tension between these buildings, the removal of which can bring boating to the Mill Race in summer and skating in winter. The proposed square is an excellent urban element with a clear cultural function. The proposal envisages the future discovery of today's piped part of the Mill Race.

Jury comment: The proposal brings an intensive cultural element to this part of the city, a high quality of life and thoughtful design, while the active urban space is gradually becoming an eco-stabilizing element in the area.

A comprehensive approach and a very balanced assessment of the diverse requirements for the expected future functions around the Mill Race. Taking into account individual needs of the population supplemented by an overview in elaboration of the overall concept of the solved area, gives excellent preconditions for the completion of details' solution. A very attractive topic for solving one of the most problematic places in the watercourse, which is the "inverted siphon" at the Rokoko. The proposal is ambitious while soberly respecting the principle of feasibility.

The philosophy of design of the line relaxation - social zone with functional and social links to the adjacent horizontal localities and objects leads the visitor to complete the entire route of the Mill Race, from its southern point to the northern part, with gradual diverse use of individual functional points, attractions and areas. In direct proportion to the diversity of functional units, the accompanying vegetation of the watercourse is proposed.

3rd presentation: **DOXA, s.r.o.**

Participants: Ing. arch. Tomáš Boroš, Ing. arch. Branislav Ivan, Ing. arch. Maroš Mitro, Ing. arch. Ondrej Jurčo, Ing. Dominika Čerepkaiová

Description of the proposal: It is stimulating to organize the area around the Mill Race in terms of a unifying scheme - the "perimeter". The basic idea of watercourse transformation itself, its adjoining surroundings and the arrangement of the required functional components permeates the entire design. Provocative is an effort to work with existing materials of a technical nature. The solution suggests a possibility of using the panel lining of the current riverbed as an essential material in completing the new form of the watercourse and its surroundings. While the modifications of coastal parts and future bottom sound very inspiring, the effort to apply demolished panel parts to the equipment of the surroundings of revitalized stream seems too bold. Excellent knowledge of local conditions enabled the author's team to work out interesting transport and mobility solutions. Indication of the future possibility of relieving traffic congestion in Továrenská Street thus enabling connection to the pedestrian zone of Košice city center is very stimulating. The reorganization of car traffic in this part of the city opens up an ideal opportunity to make available for cyclists and pedestrians as a quieter alternative to moving from the city center along the Mill Race with connection to the recreation area around Anička Park and the outskirts of Košice.

Jury comment: Architectural approach, creativity, mobiliar based identity of the space and originality are the main themes of the design. At the same time, the solution reflects cost-effectiveness and expected support to biodiversity of this line element of green infrastructure.

It is stimulating to organize the area around the Mill Race in terms of a unifying scheme - the "perimeter". The basic idea of transformation of the watercourse itself, its adjoining surroundings and the arrangement of required functional components is intertwined with the entire design. The effort to work with existing materials of a technical nature is provocative. Solution suggests the possibility of using panel lining of the current riverbed as an essential material in completing the new form of the watercourse and its surroundings.

While the modifications of coastal parts and future bottom sound very inspiring in this way, the courage to apply demolished panel parts to the equipment of surroundings of the revitalized stream seems too bold and the idea carries the risk of a very controversial perception of resulting modification. Excellent knowledge of local conditions enabled the author's team to work out interesting possibilities for mobility solutions in the area and its surroundings. Indicating the future possibility of relieving traffic congestion in Továrenská Street thus enabling connection of the pedestrian zone of Košice city center is very stimulating. Reorganizing car traffic in this part of the city opens up the most ideal opportunity to make available for cyclists and pedestrians a quieter alternative to moving from the city center along the Mill Race with connection to the recreation area around Anička Park and the outskirts of Košice.

4th presentation: IMG+

Participants: Ing. arch. Artur Borejszo, Ing. Zuzana Jančovičová

Description of the proposal: The design provides a well-thought-out landscape-urban-architectural solution of the Mill Race. The authors of the proposal focused on a solution of transport system, including parking capacities and traffic suppression in Gorkého Street, the authors boldly entered the courtyard with functional and architectural continuity at the Mill Race and also present opportunities to support biodiversity, recreational land use and new architectural elements in the area. The entrance to the Anička Park is excellent, the authors create field models flooded with water to support self-cleaning of the stream. In the design, various functions of green are represented. The flow has three parts: natural, urban and formal with reference to the industrial past of the area. The modifications are mostly reflected in the current Mill Race riverbed, but the water elements are also applied in the areas of green infrastructure. They proposed an original solution to a technical problem with the heatline. The area in front of Jumbo was understood as a "residential green area", i.e. public space with residential and

loaded lawns. The solution of Mill Race in the narrowed part of "Ťahanovské riadky" is interesting since movement of the road body and the extension of the "biocorridor" are proposed. The benefit is the vision of further continuation of the uncovering of Mill Race towards the city park with a perspective up to its inflow into Hornád.

Jury comment: The proposal is solved comprehensively, it also represents the vision of development of a wider area in the future, the proposal met the expectations of the competition.

The value of the proposal lies in top quality of the assessment and taking into account connection to the wider surroundings of the solved area. The authors managed to develop the urban concept, which was excellently elaborated, in several details, and convincingly present it also in terms of the expected function, attractiveness of the created environment and its equipment. The design represents an example of a smart combination of variety and at the same time uniformity principle, it has defined a pleasant zoning of spaces with a different function. The whole concept considers the needs of conservation and development of biodiversity, respects the requirement to support the migration of organisms.

3. Final evaluation of proposals

- All teams did an excellent job and largely met expectations that were not small from this competition. All proposals can be considered of a very high quality while such a type of competition given complicated and specific assignments proved to be an ideal choice. The competition brought inspiring proposals for the city that will bring many stimuli to the discussion on further development of the locality and the whole city,
- The discussion showed that the two proposals (Ing. Arch. Tomáš Hanáček and IMG+) with their quality, complexity and detailed design of urban and transport contexts, landscape view of the whole area and a quality hint of solving details best met the competition assignment and expectations of the contracting authority,

- The jury voted the 3rd and 4th place - each of the regular opponents marked the name of the team to which the 3rd place will be awarded,
- The discussion shows the jury's recommendations for future implementations - no city can handle a similarly large project without funding from European funds. It is necessary to choose the concept with greatest potential for implementation and positive development. It is important to find the best partner for the city, with which, according to the jury, there will be a high probability of quality professional cooperation (emphasis on experience, professional and human qualities, communication and the ability to defend solutions before the city management or citizens). It is of importance for the city as well as non-profit organizations to take part in national consultation on EU Funds for the coming budget periods,
 - Search for strengths and weaknesses of individual proposals, between which 1st and 2nd place is awarded,
 - From the transport point of view, both proposals have almost identical quality solutions,
 - From the environmental point of view, the flow of the Mill Race is a bit better by T. Hanáček with the team, the lower square at Jumbo as well as the solution of the area around the outflow object slightly better at IMG+ (although both proposals are more in line with other phases,
 - IMG+ is more consistent in eliminating car traffic in Gorkého Street, T. Hanáček's proposal is more daring in relation to Tabačka,
 - In terms of greenery maintenance, both proposals are convenient,
 - The design of T. Hanáček et al. is more complex and responded more fully to competition conditions as well as the recommendations of the jury from 2nd Workshop,
- The jury voted 1st and 2nd place - each of the regular jurors marked the name of the team to which the 2nd and 1st place will be awarded - the proposal of the IMG+ team was unanimously placed in second place by all 5 jurors. 1st place was unanimously awarded to the team around Ing. arch. Tomáš Hanáček.

- **Final results:**

1st place: Ing. arch. Tomáš Hanáček, PhD.

2nd place: IMG +

3rd place: 2M ateliér architektúry s.r.o.

4th place: DOXA s.r.o.

- The publication of competition results will be on 10 December 2020 via the Josephine System,
- Remuneration of competition teams for participating in the 2nd round of the competition will be paid instantly,
- The administrator of the competition in cooperation with the jurors prepares the minutes of the evaluation of competition proposals and in cooperation with civic association Mlynský náhon, press releases will be prepared as well as an output for physical exhibition of the final competition proposals. The jury shall provide a brief comment on the individual competition proposals and a statement for the media,
- The City of Košice will start a negotiation procedure with the competition winner on exact conditions and remuneration of the follow-up contract.

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