

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP MEETING 19TH SEPTEMBER

PRESENT

Sue Taylor – Chair of Meeting
Co Jonker
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Kim Cook
David Hough
Cheryl Robinson
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INTRODUCTIONS

As this was the first meeting of the group people introduced themselves and outlined their experience and areas of 'expertise' that ranged from enthusiastic amateur to experienced activists, researchers and educationalists.

SHORT TERM GOALS

The group discussed a number of topics and agreed that initially the short-term goals should be identified for action.

1. Make Dalyan Green and Safe

- Research the possibility of planting some fast growing native local trees (no palms) in the Cami Garden and re-siting benches from the Cumreyit Meydani to the grassed area in the shade
- Identify the areas that are in urgent need of 'Greening Up' by taking a 'walkaround Dalyan'. The allocation/distribution of dustbins will be incorporated together with proposals for sites for recycling bins.
- In an attempt to avoid the possibility of serious accidents, suggest that the Saturday flower stalls be moved from outside the Shell Garage on Ataturk Blvd to the Cumriyet Meydani.
 - In an attempt to prevent winter flooding undertake an Arik inspection and identify the ariks that are in need of cleaning and/or digging out

2. Raising Awareness

- Obtain a list of all the areas of Dalyan e.g. Maras, Gulpinar etc and suggest meetings with the local Muhtars to encourage their active participation in local environmental projects
- Over the next six months plan and develop a campaign to raise general awareness. The groups initial thoughts are to:

Propose 'Green Issues' as the main theme in the first publication of the 2010 Dalyan Times.

Suggest regular focused articles be prepared for Guney Ege and Zaman Today

Propose the introduction of Dalyan Stickers (keep it clean, keep it green) to be awarded to active participants in the Dalyan Environmental Programme when it is developed.

3. Develop an initiative for the eradication of plastic bags in Dalyan.

- As an initial step consider approaching shop owners to encourage a move to paper bags by the beginning of the 2010 season. The group will look at the urgent preparation of a 'flyer' that can be distributed to shop owners, the content to include sample and comparison prices together with supplier information.
- A Plea to all Foreign Residents **to Make a Statement!!** Please DO NOT accept plastic bags and either take your own or use a cloth bag. Use this action as an opportunity to speak to the shopkeeper about the effects on the environment and encourage them to make the move to paper bags.

GENERAL ISSUES

Funding and Fund Raising

During discussions the need for DKK funding and fundraising within Working Groups and Working Parties was raised. The Chair of the FRG could not explain the current position due to lack of information.

Entrance to the Market

Although not part of the remit of this group concern was raised about general access to ATM machines on Saturday and wheelchair access to the machines in general. Although it was reported that wheelchair access was already a priority for the Turkish 'Disability' Working Group it was agreed that the FRG Man-made Environment Group should be asked to follow these two issues up.

OUTCOMES

It was agreed that before the Working Party embarks on any major research or initiatives outlined above, and in an attempt to avoid duplication of effort, it was vital that we establish:

- The issues and priorities of the Turkish Environmental Working Group
- The Dalyan Belediye Environmental Programme of work for the next 12 months

Members of the group will arrange to meet as a matter of urgency with the Chair of the Turkish Environmental Group to ensure there is general support for the initiatives identified. At this meeting it will also be proposed that a joint letter be prepared requesting details of the Dalyan Municipality's planned programme of work and outlining the short-term goals of both groups.

It was also agreed that a member of the Working Party will attend the next meeting of the Turkish Environment Group.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be arranged following the meeting with the Chair of the Turkish Environmental Group.

MINUTES OF THE FOREIGN RESIDENTS GROUP (FRG) NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY MEETING 26th SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESENT

Sue Taylor – Chair of Meeting
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Kim Cook
David Hough
Cheryl Robinson – Steering Group Member
Suleyman Bay – Chairperson DKK

GENERAL ISSUES

An outline of timeline was presented from a meeting held with Chairperson FRG 25th September 2009.

A discussion was held regarding what projects would be proposed to the DKK meeting on the 1st October 2009.

A paper from David was presented with some suggestions to be added to the proposals from the Turkish Environmental Group.

OUTCOMES

PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO DKK FROM FRG NATURAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY

Vision

**That 2010 become 'Environment Year for Dalyan' with a slogan
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

A municipality driven campaign for Dalyan through education, activities, projects and policies will affect positive, sustainable improvements for the natural and urban environment.

Associated Projects

- Recycling: Domestic recycling program, recycling bins suitably located throughout the town, domestic recycling bins, regular collections
- Waste Management Educational Program: clean-up Dalyan and villages program, competitions, T-shirts, Saturday Club for children on summer holiday. Commercial property development fine for dumping rubbish

- Domestic refuse collection: positioning of domestic bins on existing properties, bins allocated and paid for on new properties with Living Permission, regular separated collections

Greening of Dalyan

- Re-instate tree planting program with reference to the City Plan
- Create tree planting program for 'Green Areas'. Trees donated by members of the community
- District competition run by Muhtars for cleanliness, greenness. Plaques or stickers for good practice.

DAVID'S PAPER

It was decided that an email be sent to Ahmet Alten to include David's suggestions regarding water testing for the canal proposal and that the other ideas may also be included for his perusal.

Please read and forward any comments or edits you may have in the next 24 hours.

Next meeting to be advised.

MINUTES OF THE FOREIGN RESIDENTS GROUP (FRG) NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY MEETING 13th OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT

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David Hough
Cheryl Robinson – Steering Group Member

GENERAL

Meeting Protocol

A discussion was held regarding the protocol process for all meetings. An e-mail contact would be sought for each Turkish Working Groups to enable the FRG to obtain copies of their minutes and proposals. It was hoped that this might promote transparency and collaborative working on future projects and submissions to the DKK.

Increasing Voluntary Membership for both Turkish and Foreign Residents

In an attempt to obtain a larger DKK membership it is suggested a meeting be arranged with representatives from the boat co-operative and with the Muhtars to outline the Dalyan City Council initiative and to request their active participation in both activities and 'spreading the word' within communities.

It was also suggested that:

- Each Muhtar could be asked to display relevant information on boards outside their offices so that Dalyan residents could be kept up-to-date with all DKK activity. .
- A noticeboard be placed on the wall outside the 'Account Payment' Office at the Belediye promoting membership and providing up-to-date info on the FRG activities.
- A flyer style newspaper/newsletter from the DKK could be produced on a regular basis as a supplement in Dalyan Times.

Greening Dalyan – Tree Proposal

The meeting discussed the implementation of Greening Dalyan and agreed that it would need to be done in stages.

As Stage 1 the group would concentrate on the tree planting in the Cami Garden Mosque area. Trees for Stage 1 would be by donation and it was suggested that following planting a board in both Turkish and English should be erected advising that the planting was part of the DKK process and made possible through donations from Dalyan residents (no names). The planned article in the first 2010 addition of the Dalyan Times newspaper would also be used to give recognition to donors.

A number of people have expressed concerns that the ancient plane tree in the Cami Garden area looks very neglected and it is felt that without specialist help it may not survive very much longer. The group agreed to explore the possibility of obtaining the services of a dendrologist to advise the best way forward.

OUTCOMES

- The FRG Chair will be asked to write to the DKK General Secretary requesting the e-mail addresses of the Turkish Working Party Chairs and an update on the development of a DKK newsletter.
- Two members of the group will look into the practicalities of arranging tree donation and planting and prepare a brief report and recommendations for the next meeting.
- A member of the group will visit the Ortaca University to see if there is a Dendrologist available to inspect and report on the state of the Plane Tree in Cami Garden.
- A member of the group to approach the Belediye regarding supplying labour and equipment required to plant the donated trees in the Meydana and to enquire whether a dendrologist (tree expert) has previously advised on the ancient plane tree in the Cami Garden area. Ownership of the Cami Garden area to be established.

Date of next meeting to be advised.