



Communities' role in shaping urban environment: Tallinn neighbourhoods

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Opening of the Soo street in Tallinn, 4.09.2013

Watch the video with English explanations: <http://vimeo.com/76189912>



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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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 soovide, 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

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- Eesti ja Läti rahvusballetid



**over 20 neighbourhood associations in Tallinn
with more emerging each year**

How do these communities shape their 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



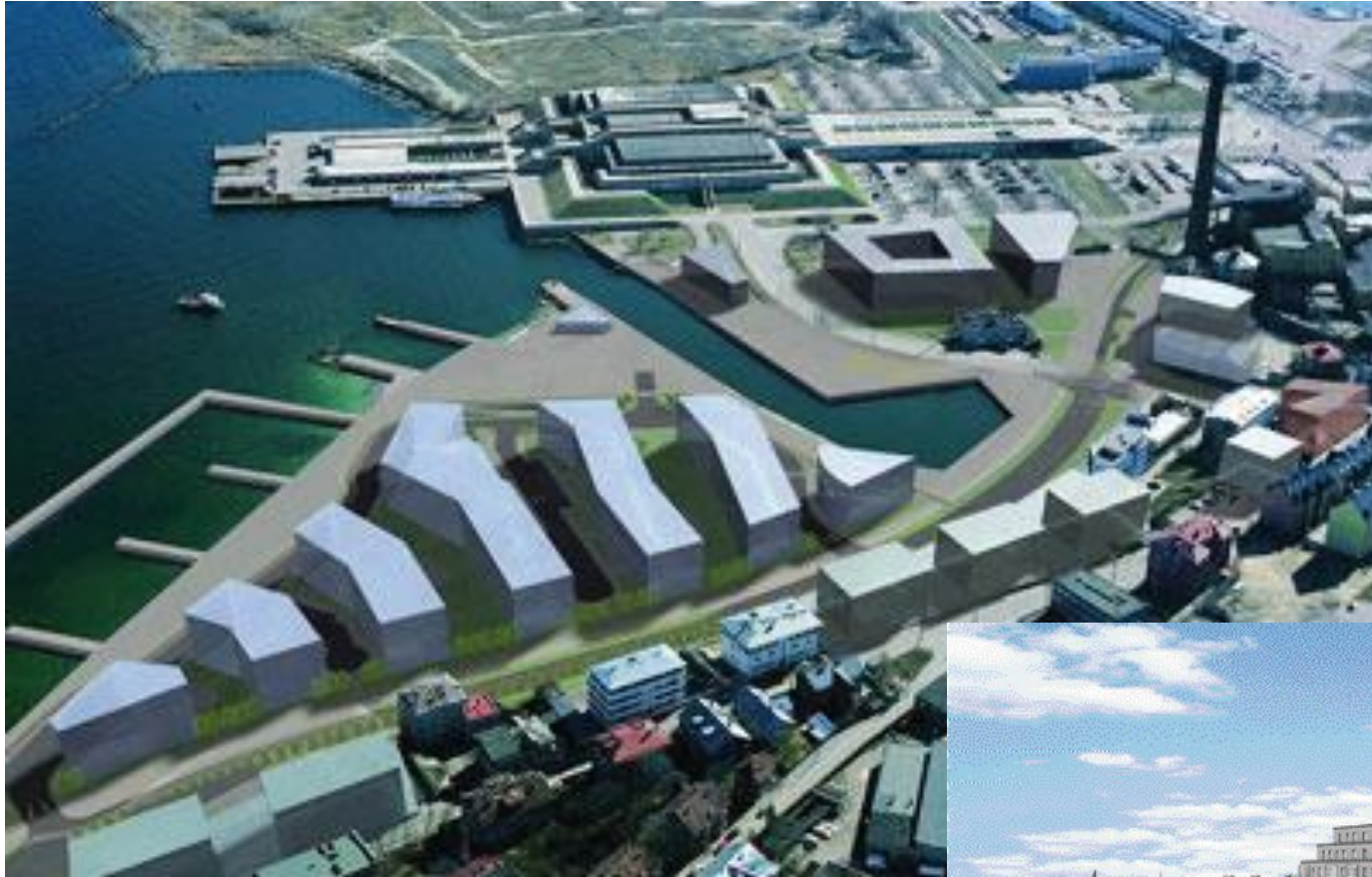
Reclaiming public space

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

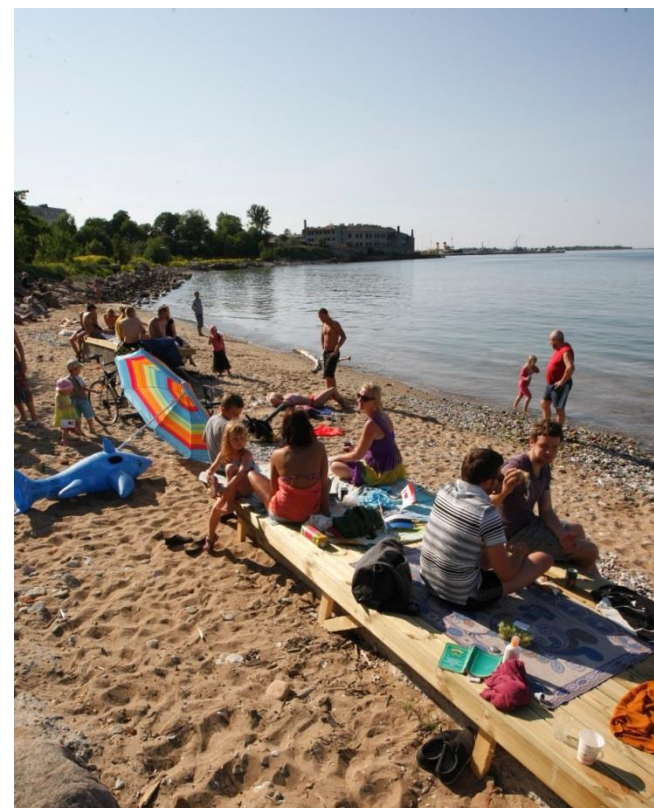
Kalarand case: how the local community has influenced the detailed plan



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



Alternative ideas for Kalarand:



The state of neighbourhood associations in Tallinn (and in 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

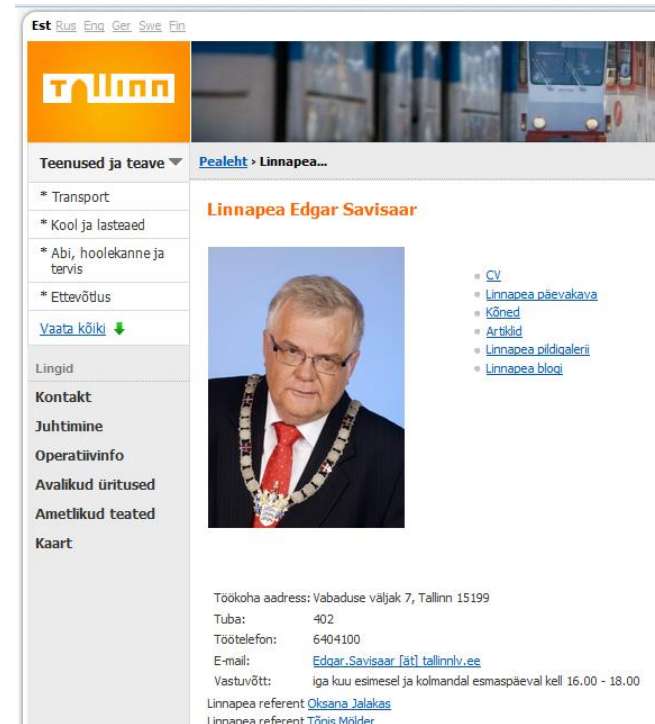
Active neighbourhoods as the voice of common sense

- * 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 profile for the Mayor of Tallinn, Edgar Savisaar. 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 name 'Linnapea Edgar Savisaar' in orange text. To the right of the name is a portrait of the mayor. Below the portrait is a list of links: CV, Linnapea päevakava, Kõned, Artiklid, Linnapea pildigalerii, and Linnapea blogi. On the left side of the profile, there is a sidebar menu with options: Teenused ja teave (with a dropdown arrow), * Transport, * Kool ja lasteaed, * Abi, hoolekanne ja tervis, * Ettevõtlus, Vaata kõiki (with a dropdown arrow), Lingid, Kontakt, Juhtimine, Operatiivinfo, Avalikud üritused, Ametlikud teated, and Kaart. At the bottom of the profile, contact information is provided: Töökoha address: Vabaduse väljak 7, Tallinn 15199; Tuba: 402; Töötelefon: 6404100; E-mail: Edgar.Savisaar@tallinnlv.ee; Vastuvõtt: iga kuu esimesel ja kolmandal esmaspäeval kell 16.00 - 18.00. At the very bottom, it lists 'Linnapea referent' as Oksana Jalakas and 'Linnapea referent' as Tõnis Mölder.

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 was framed in 2013 and 2014.

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

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News

Neighbourhood associations are a popular research topic!

When in the beginning of 2013 there were only few studies on neighbourhood movement in Estonia, in 2014 it seems among the most popular topics. Perhaps thanks to the Linnaidee initiative? [Read the latest Master theses in English on neighbourhood associations](#) (click on the titles).

19.02.2014 Tallinn citizen organisations announced that the Good Collaboration Pact with the City Government of Tallinn is ready

In the signing event of the Pact there were good discussions about the official ways how to bring the document to the City Council's agenda as well as about the unofficial ways how the NGOs can help to apply the mutual collaboration agreement. In the end of the event 49 organisations signed the Pact, among which where 37 different citizen organisations, 2 unions of associations, 10 political parties and election coalitions and couple organisations directly linked to the City Government. [Watch photos of the event.](#)

Check the website: www.linnaidee.ee/en/content/news

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