

A PARK IS BORN: A simulation game on participation

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timeframe

time	length	work	material
11.00	20'	<p style="text-align: right;">Plenary</p> <p>Start</p> <p>aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience a role play about participation. Find out what works, what doesn't. • Understand the "plot": the story of the park • Hear the rules of the play • Let's try! <p>programme (facilitators):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • welcome participants • introduce yourself • talk about the aim of the play • tell the story of the park • inform about the 8 groups • give a simple overview of the day • tell people about reflection period at 16.45 	
11.20	50'	<p style="text-align: right;">Group Work</p> <p>First Group Round</p> <p>aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify yourself with your role • Meet your group members • Discuss your wishes for the new park • Prepare a poster for the "Public Hearing" 	<p>Handout: Invitation to the Open Council for each group</p> <p>Facilitators: Find one timekeeper/group!!!!</p>
	10'	<p>1. Slip in your role: read the text, find a costume</p>	
	20'	<p>2. Meet other group members: everybody tells his/her interests</p>	
	20'	<p>3. Four Interest Groups: Prepare a poster Make a list of 5 activities you would like to do in that new park</p> <p>Other Groups: Discuss your strategies, ideas on the process</p>	

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12.10	40'	<p>Open Council</p> <p>aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to know all groups and their interests / tasks • Find out who could possibly support your position • Listen! 	Plenary	
	10'	<p>Introduction of all groups:</p> <p>4 Interest groups: Students, teachers, Senior Citizens, Dwellers 2 Expert Groups: City Administration, Social Network 1 Media Group 1 Group of Politicians</p>		
	15'	<p>4 Interest Groups present their posters (3 minutes each group)</p>		
	15'	<p>2 Expert groups give statements on the ideas Media and Politicians listen and/or ask clarifying questions</p>		
12.50	10'	<p>LOBBYING, EXCHANGE,....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to write comments on the posters • Time to talk to people from other groups (to be continued in the lunch break) • Time to ask for interviews,..... 		
13.00		Lunch break		
14.15	40'	<p>Second Group Round</p> <p>aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rethink ideas, strategies • speak to people to get more information or to find supporters • Talk about group splitting for workshops 	Group work	Handout: Workshop Invitation
	20'	<p>1. Group Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange possible new knowledge • Rethink strategies 		
	20'	<p>2. Lobbying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to people from other groups to gain more knowledge, to find friends and supporters or to discuss different expectations 		

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14.55	35'	<p style="text-align: right;">Two big groups</p> <p>Workshops</p> <p>aim & procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collect possible future activities in the new park (target-group-wise) • prioritise together • see results ("10 best of") • give a voice to the consultants (city administration and social network) • politicians can ask questions and give statements • discuss results 	<p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect activities and prioritize with audience • Result could be: list of 10 activities to hand over to politicians • (they could instruct than City Administration with realisation)
15.30		Go back to plenary room, prepare plenary room session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring posters with WS Results to plenary • Prepare Plenary Room for City Assembly
15.40	10'	<p style="text-align: right;">Plenary</p> <p>Live Interviews</p> <p>Media is allowed to make 2 – 3 interviews</p>	
15.50	20'	<p style="text-align: right;">Plenary</p> <p>Assembly of the local government</p> <p>aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politicians discuss results • They discuss <u>if</u> they can already give an order to the garden department for the planing of the new park • They decide <u>what</u> kind of instructions they give to the garden department <p>(The decision can be found by a simple majority – e.g. 4 of 6)</p>	<p>Fishbowl setting:</p> <p>Big table for the 6 politicians in the middle, rows of chairs for everybody else around them</p>
16.10	10'	<p>Official end of the simulation game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slip out of your roles!!! • Have a coffee/juice • Be back for reflection at 16.45 	

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16.20		Break	
16.45	50'	<p>Reflection</p> <p>Aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on personal emotional level what you have experienced • share with the others what you have learned about participation in that simulation game 	Plenary
	5'	Introduction of reflection phase by facilitators	
	20'	<p>Former groups</p> <p>Exchange what you experienced</p>	Groups Handout with reflection questions
	25'	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Share what you have learned about participation today. What compares with reality, what is different? Could anything like that be possible in your town/country?</p>	Plenary
17.30	End!!!		

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A PARK IS BORN: the plot

The City of Greytown is big, old, very crowded and there is not much green space for old and young people. The districts of the city are ruled by small local governments. Head of the local authorities is the district mayor.

In the framework of our simulation game there is an old park which is in a very bad condition:

- **The cage of ball games** is very damaged. Broken metal bars could easily wound children. The old walls of the cage make a horrible noise every time a ball is touching them. The old concrete floor has big holes and cracks.
- There are much more **pigeons** than children because some old ladies are feeding them and nobody is using the park anymore. All kind of furniture –like benches or tables – are covered with pigeon excrements.
- **Old big bushes** along the outer borders of the park are very big and dense. Drunken men use them as toilets at night and so do the dogs of the district. People – especially women – are scared to walk through the park at night because you cannot see inside.
- All kind of **playground equipment** for children has been damaged within the past years or vanished for security reasons. There is only a small sandbox left which is used as dogs toilette.
- There are some **schools and kindergartens** nearby which have no possibility to use courtyards or other parks.
- A newly build **home for elderly people** is at the corner of the park.
- The **population of this district is mixed**. You can find wealthy flat owners who have been living in that area for many generations, as well as inhabitants of social flats with a more modest financial background.

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Simulation game roles

STUDENTS

Martin
You are a 13 year old student. You like sports very much and most of all you are keen on soccer game. You would like to have a space for playing soccer in the park.
Jan
You are a 13 year old student. You like sports very much and most of all you are keen on soccer game. You would like to have a space for playing soccer in the park.
Peter
You are a 12 years old student. You are very active, you like nature, trees. Your favourite game is to spend time in the secret house in the trees. You would like to have big trees in the park where you can build your house.
Tina
You are a 12 years old student. You are very active, you like nature, trees. Your favourite game is to spend time in the secret house in the trees. You would like to have big trees in the park where you can build your house.
Kristina
You are a 15 years old student. You are usually spending your time at home, listening to music. Your idea about the park is to have place where some music groups can do concerts.
Mira
You are a 16 years old student. You are usually spending your time at home, listening to music. Your idea about the park is to have a place where some music groups can do concerts.
Teresia
You are a 15 years old student. You are usually spending your time at home, listening to music. Your idea about the park is to have a place where some music groups can do concerts.

TEACHERS

Mr. Winter
You are a young school teacher, 25 years old. You just graduated from university, and it is important for you that everyone has equal opportunities and equal chances. Your idea about the park is to create space for physical activities for children and youngsters.
Ms. Summer
You are a school teacher, 53 years old. You are very tired after work in the school. During your free time you prefer reading books. You think no changes are necessary in the park and it is important for you that in the park there is no noise that would disturb you.
Ms. Novak
You are a school director, 44 years old. You are a very calm person and it is important for you to have a good relationship with teachers and students. Also outside the school you want to have no conflicts and the best would be if everybody would agree and would be satisfied with the park.
Mr. Jovanović
Your age is 32. You work in the after school club. It is the place in the school where students go after finishing the day in the school. But before they go home they meet in your club, prepare their homework and have some free-time activities. You speak several languages – Hungarian, Serbian, German and English. Your idea about the park is that all kind of children could play there together.

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Ms. Horvath
Your age is 33. You work in the after school club. It is the place in the school where students go after finishing the day in the school. But before they go home they meet in your club, prepare their homework and have some free-time activities. You very much like playing with children and mostly you like outdoor activities in the nature. You would like the park to be a place where it is possible to do some games with children.
Kindergarten
Ms. Kinder
You work as a teacher in the kindergarten. You are 24 years old and for you it is important that also small children can move in the park safely, you want to put some attractions in the park, like air-castle or ropes.
Ms. Garten
You work as a teacher in the kindergarten. You are 48 years old. You would like to have a park, where parents and children can play together.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Mr. Polak
You live in the senior house where old people live when they have no own house. You are 72 years old and you are very active. You enjoy walking very much, you like to see young people, like to talk to the people. You also like playing chess.
Ms. Panić
You live in the senior house where old people live when they have no own house. You are 75 years old and you are very active. You enjoy walking very much, you like seeing young people and you enjoy talking to the people. You also like playing chess.
Mr. Kempinski
You live in the senior house where old people live when they have no own house. You are 82, using a wheelchair. During the day you prefer sitting quietly outside but you do not want to be disturbed during the night because of noise.
Ms. Schuster
You live in the senior house where old people live when they have no own house. You are 84, using a wheelchair. During the day you prefer sitting outside quietly or you are looking out of the window. You do not want to be disturbed during the night because of noise.
Mr. Muller
You are director of the senior house, you are 46 years old. You are concerned about what might happen with the park because when you advertise the senior house you always say that seniors can use park anytime.
Ms. Wilma
You are a 39 years old nurse who is working in the senior house. You are taking care of old people in the house especially of those with bad physical condition. You are usually very tired after a whole day's work and would prefer the park to be a quite place especially during lunch 12.30 – 14.00.
Ms. Anna
Physiotherapist
You work in the senior house as physiotherapist and you are taking care of old people in the house. You are 41 years old. In the park you want to have free safe space for your clients to move, breath fresh air and exercise.

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DWELLERS

Married couple, Mr. Stein
You are 63 years old and you are married to Ms. Stein. You live in the area close to the park, you have your own your flat and you have been living here for many years. You remember that there was nothing happening in the park and you appreciate it being a quite place. You have your favourite tree and bench there.
Married couple, Ms. Stein
You are 65 years old and you are married to Mr. Stein. You live in the area close to the park, you have your own your flat and you have been living here for many years. You remember that there was nothing happening in the park and you appreciate it being a quite place. You have your favourite tree and bench there.
Mike
You are a university student, 19 years old. You came to the town for your studies and you are renting the flat close to the park together with another student, Jack. You go often to the park to have a cigarette and a beer because the flat is small. You want that you will be able to go the park to smoke and drink in the future too.
Jack
You are a university student, 20 years old. You came to the town for your studies and you are renting the flat close to the park together with another student, Mike. You go often to the park to have a cigarette and a beer because the flat is small. You want that you will be able to go the park to smoke and drink in the future too.
Family with small children and grandparent, Mr. Adamovič
You live with your wife, Ms. Adamovič, and your grandmother, Ms. Tilkovič, and small children. You are new in the district. You are 28 years old. You obtained the flat close to the park from the municipality, because your job is not well paid. You are in a bad social situation and do not have much money. You and your family are very happy that you can use the park with the children. You are surprised that somebody wants to know what you are thinking and you do not know what exactly you want to do with the park.
Family with small children and grandparent, Ms. Adamovič
You live with your husband, Mr. Adamovič, the grandmother, Ms. Tilkovič (she is your mum), and small children. You are new in the district. You are 27 years old. You were given the flat close to the park from the municipality because your job is not well paid. You are in a bad social situation, you do not have much money. You and your family are very happy that you can use the park with the children. You are surprised that somebody wants to know what you are thinking and you do not know what exactly you want to do with the park.
Family with small children and grandparent, Ms. Tilkovič
You live with your daughter, Ms. Adamovič, and her husband, Mr. Adamovič, and their small children. You are new in the district. You are 52 years old. You were given the flat close to the park from the municipality, because your job is not well paid. You are in a bad social situation, do not have much money. You and your family are very happy that you can use the park with the children. You are surprised that somebody wants to know what you are thinking and you do not know what exactly you want to do with the park.

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CONSULTING GROUP MUNICIPALITY

Mr. White
You are 45 years old and you work in the town office. You work in the school department, which is responsible for all the schools in the town. You agree with the reconstruction of the park but you do not want the money of your department to be used for it.
Ms. Red
You are 26 years old and you work in the town office. You work in the school department, which is responsible for all the schools in the town. You agree with the reconstruction of the park but you do not want the money of your department to be used for it.
Mr. Lobov
You are 43 years old and you work in the town office. You work in the construction department which is responsible for all the construction work and for how traffic and roads are organised. You have no interest in changing the park but it is important to you that if park is changed, people should consider re-arranging the traffic, light, parking places.
Ms. Buch
You are 35 years old and you work in the town office. You work in the construction department which is responsible for all the construction work and for how traffic and roads are organised. You have no interest in changing the park but it is important to you that if park is changed, people should consider re-arranging the traffic, light, parking places.
Mr. Green
You are 28 years old and you work in the town office. You work in the gardening department which is responsible for the whole design of the park and the management of the reconstruction. You are experienced in such projects, you know how to do the reconstruction and you also want that streets around the park are closed for traffic (cars).
Ms. Flower
You are 50 years old and you work in the town office. You work in the gardening department which is responsible for the whole design of the park and the management of the reconstruction. You are experienced in such projects, you know how to do the reconstruction and you also want that streets around the park are closed for traffic (cars).

SUPPORTING NETWORK MUNICIPALITY

Max
You are 26 years old and you work in the youth centre as a youth leader. The youth centre is paid by the town. You work with children and youngsters in the youth club but you also like working with youngsters that are on the streets and you do various activities with them during the free time. You want that park is used for sport and ball games (basketball, football...).
Moritz
You are 26 years old and you work in the youth centre as a youth leader. The youth centre is paid by the town. You work with children and youngsters in the youth club but you also like working with youngsters that are on the streets and you do various activities with them during the free time. You want that park is used for sport and ball games (basketball, football...).
Ivana
You are 45 years old and you work as a social worker in the social centre that is paid by the town. Your job is to take care of people who live in a bad social condition, to help people without jobs or without accommodation. Your idea about the park is that it should be open to all people and different types of people (nationalities, rich and poor) should meet in the park.

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Zdenko
You are 45 years old and you work as a social worker in the social centre that is paid by the town. Your job is to take care of people who live in a bad social condition, to help people without jobs or without accommodation. Your idea about the park is that it should be open to all people and different types of people (nationalities, rich and poor) should meet in the park.
Sibyla
You are a young girl, 20 years old. You are interested in the environment and you are active in a non-governmental organisation called Green city. Your aim is to have as many green spaces in the town as possible; you want to have special plants there with the names of the trees and animals which live there. People should use it as garden, plant the trees and have flowers there. Your organisation does not have money but you can do volunteer work during the reconstruction.
Marko
You are a young girl, 20 years old. You are interested in the environment and you are active in a non-governmental organisation called Green city. Your aim is to have as many green spaces in the town as possible; you want to have special plants there with the names of the trees and animals which live there. People should use it as garden, plant the trees and have flowers there. Your organisation does not have money but you can do volunteer work during the reconstruction.

POLITICAL PARTIES

Mayor, Mr. Wildung
You are the mayor of the town and you are 36. You were nominated by the Social Democratic party. Your party won the elections, You are a young girl, 20 years old. You are interested in the environment and you are active in a non-governmental organisation called Green city. Your aim is to have as many green spaces in the town as possible; you want to have special plants there with the names of the trees and animals which live there. People should use it as garden, plant the trees and have flowers there. Your organisation does not have money but you can do volunteer work during the reconstruction.
Mr. Wirt
You are a member of town parliament, you are 48 years old. You belong to Social Democratic party. Your party won the elections, You are a young girl, 20 years old. You are interested in the environment and you are active in a non-governmental organisation called Green city. Your aim is to have as many green spaces in the town as possible; you want to have special plants there with the names of the trees and animals which live there. People should use it as garden, plant the trees and have flowers there. Your organisation does not have money but you can do volunteer work during the reconstruction.
Ms. Locker
You are a member of town parliament, you are 26 years old. You belong to Green party. You are representing the political party which is young; your voters are students, young people and educated people. You care about equal opportunities, sustainability: things we should preserve for next generation. You want to educate people to have closer relationship to the nature and healthy living. You want to open the park for all people and to have a variety of activities there, because it is important for people to meet, talk and live together.
Mr. Strong
You are a member of town parliament, you are 32 years old. You belong to Green party. You are a member of town parliament, you are 26 years old. You belong to Green party. You are representing the political party which is young; your voters are students, young people and educated people. You care about equal opportunities, sustainability: things we should preserve for next generation. You want to educate people to have closer relationship to the nature and healthy living. You want to open the park for all people and to have a variety of activities there, because it is important for people to meet, talk and live together.

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Mr. Lobster - Conservative
You are a member of town parliament, you are 46 years old. You belong to Conservative party. You want to rebuild the park and your political party supports the vision that the park should be a quiet place. People should know how to behave their and not make noise. The park is in middle of the town, many tourists go around so you are not interested that there might be a big meeting place and you do not want many people from less privileged social backgrounds to go there because it gives a bad image. We should not forget that around the park there are many people who have been living for many years and we should take their opinion into consideration. Also, if it will be a nice quite park, well maintained, prices of flats around will increase.
Ms. Fischer
You are the member of town parliament, you are 56 years old. You belong to Conservative party. You want to rebuild the park and your political party supports the vision that the park should be a quiet place. People should know how to behave their and not make noise. The park is in middle of the town, many tourists go around so you are not interested that there might be a big meeting place and you do not want many people from less privileged social backgrounds to go there because it gives a bad image. We should not forget that around the park there are many people who have been living for many years and we should take their opinion into consideration. Also, if it will be a nice quite park, well maintained, prices of flats around will increase.

MEDIA GROUP

Jacob
You work as a journalist in the boulevard newspapers called TODAY and you are 25 years old. You are trying to catch the interesting and sensitive issues and you are playing with them. You want to sell as many papers as possible so you try to bring up the shocking news. You write about the private life of known people and you try to look out for shocking news and headlines.
Paul
You work as a journalist in the boulevard newspapers called TODAY and you are 25 years old. You are trying to catch the interesting and sensitive issues and you are playing with them. You want to sell as many papers as possible so you try to bring up the shocking news. You write about the private life of known people and you try to look out for shocking news and headlines.
Simona
You work as a journalist in the boulevard newspapers called TODAY and you are 25 years old. You are trying to catch the interesting and sensitive issues and you are playing with them. You want to sell as many papers as possible so you try to bring up the shocking news. You write about the private life of known people and you try to look out for shocking news and headlines.
Olga
You work as a journalist in the newspapers called OUR DISTRICT and you are 30 years old. This newspaper is paid and issued by the town. You bring the news from the district and the town. Usually you always agree with mayor and the people who work in the town office and you support them and protect.
Jelena
You work as a journalist in the newspapers called OUR DISTRICT and you are 35 years old. This newspaper is paid and issued by the town. You bring the news from the district and the town. Usually you always agree with mayor and the people who work in the town office and you support them and protect.
Victor
You work as a journalist in the newspapers called OUR DISTRICT and you are 22 years old. This newspaper is paid and issued by the town. You bring the news from the district and the town. Usually you always agree with mayor and the people who work in the town office and you support them and protect.

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Simulation game rules

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Rules of the Simulation Game



Please stay in your role as long as the game takes place



Help other players to stay in their roles by calling them with their role names



Invent strategies but not facts



Talk to your facilitators any time you need help, information or any kind of support



Have fun

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Two group rounds

Welcome to the first group round!

START TIME: 11.20 h

- 10' 1. SLIP IN YOUR ROLE
read the text, find a costume
- 20' 2. MEET THE OTHER GROUP MEMBERS
everybody tells her/his interests
- 20' 3. FOUR INTEREST GROUPS:
PREPARE A POSTER
Make a list of 5 activities you
would like to do in that new park

OTHER GROUPS: Discuss your strategies,
Ideas on the process

12.10 - back to the plenary!

Welcome to the 2. Group Round

Aim:

- rethink strategies
- talk to others to find supporters & get information

Start:

14.15

20' 1. group meeting

- Exchange new knowledge
- Rethink strategies

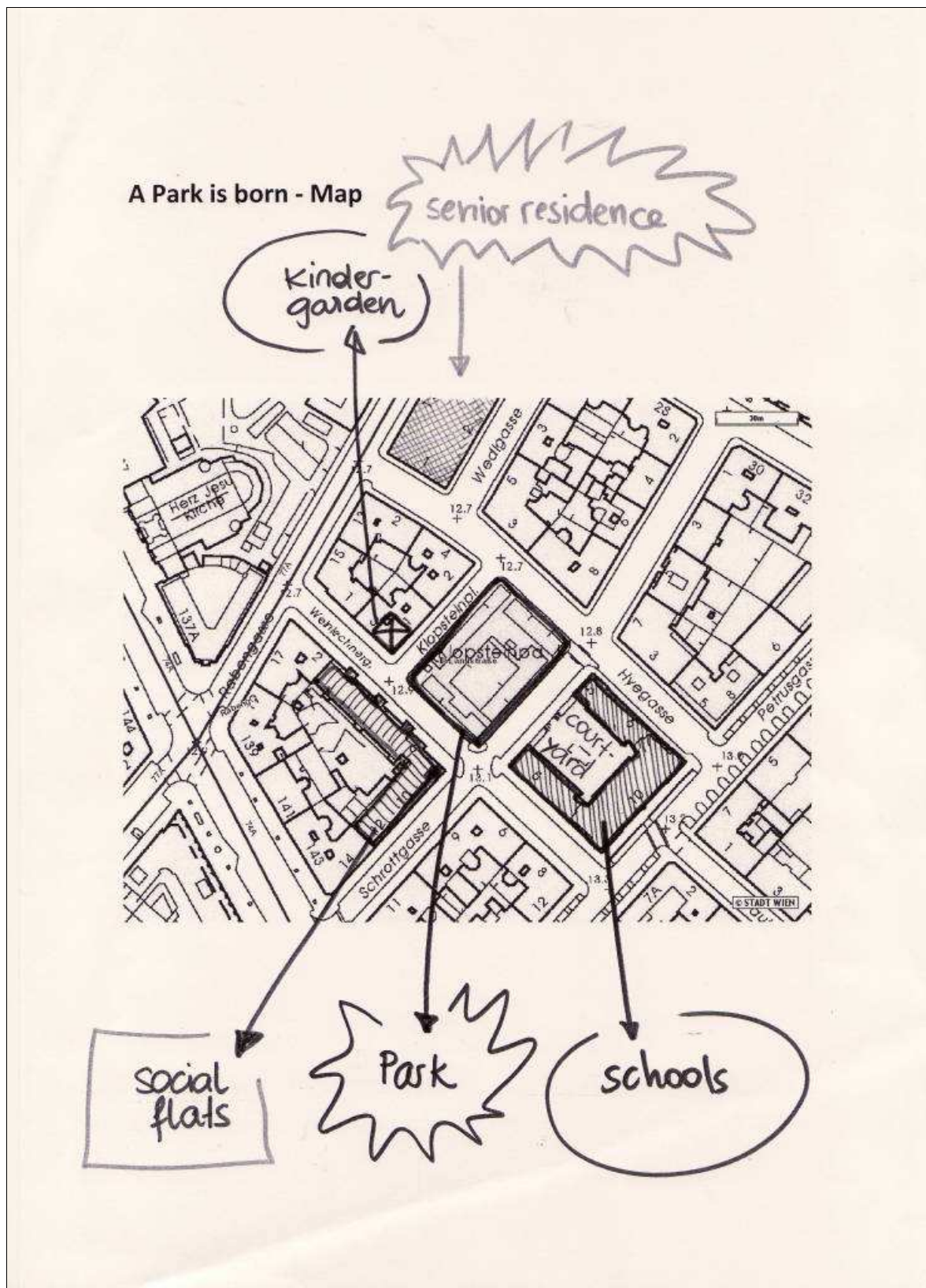
20' 2. Lobbying

- Talk to people from other groups (organize individual meetings - split up the group to have as many talks as possible !)

idea!

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The map of the district



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The invitation of the mayor

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Invitation to the OPEN COUNCIL

Dear Citizens of Greytown

We kindly invite you to our Open Council to discuss your ideas on the renovation of our park. If you live or work in the area around the park, we ask you to bring a poster with proposals.

If you work as consultant, social worker or youth worker for the local authorities be prepared to give your professional point of view.

Date: 30.09

Location: City Hall

Mr. Wildung,
Mayor

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An example for a priority list

TOP TEN Ⓡ

Ⓡ 25 Ⓡ 1 : Stand Now! Step by step

Ⓡ 14 Ⓡ 2 : Extreme Activities Teens

Ⓡ 14 Ⓡ 3 : Planting flowers & trees
(with volunteers)

Ⓡ 22 Ⓡ 4 : Nice, quiet area for seniors:
relax, play chess

Ⓡ 9 Ⓡ 5 : Taking disabled children
for a walk

Ⓡ 8 Ⓡ 6 : Playground (Sliders, Castle,
Sandboxes)

Ⓡ 7 Ⓡ 7 : safe, green area

Ⓡ 7 Ⓡ 8 : mother & child

Ⓡ 5 Ⓡ 9 : Dogs separate area

Ⓡ 2 Ⓡ 10 : Bike & wheelchair path

Ⓡ 2 Ⓡ 11 : civil guards

Blatt Code

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One possible final decision

