

THE LAYOUT PROCESS OF THE WHOLE MOSHAV



There was no clear idea of how the moshav would look like before the layout process started.

The layout process was left to be guided by the existing structure of the site; trees, views, vistas....

The main guiding force was the identification of the existing latent centers, induced by trees, and by the configuration of the site.

The trees and the view points, and the sequential movement from one tree to the other, played a fundamental role on the layout of the moshav. This idea was already developed in the work of the master plan for the moshav.

The structure of the moshav was let to be guided by the latent existing centers. An extreme statement probably.....

However, if this is true what can guarantee that a coherent physical "urban " structure will come out of this kind of layout?

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The process was identify nodes ~~was~~ where important public building will be located and then connect them. What in a process like this can guarantee the coherency of the overall structure. Maybe in the case of the moshav layout no problem like this had emerged due to Chris talent, which I doubt, but if we want the process to be implemented widely, then how can we guarantee a coherent overall structure. How such a thing is introduced.



I have a feeling that the whole moshav lacks overall coherent structure. On the small buildings have been placed with care and sensibility, but on the overall things do not make much sense.

The main square is too big. There is not enough substance around it to support it as an active place. Also,

The street with the workshops on one side is slightly stangetoo. There is to natiral edge or boundary on the other side of the street.

Streets and paths are really weak. Only the goal is clear. Where they lead to. That was defined as a center. However, the way to reach the goal is muddled. Not clear definition of path. Paths are not defined by houses or other buildings in most c cases. They are free-standing!!!!

The hierarchy of paths is not completely clear also. The only major path is that one along the workshops? And all the rest that lead to cluster are minor paths. And then what about the one that leads to the upper clustre, through the hostel and the workshop. It is ambiguous; and its ambiguity is increasig when we think that somehow this will be the major way of expanding the moshav.

All clusters are located at the end of paths, but not one. Was it accidental? does it make any difference? Would it have been better if this did not happen.

The different stages of improving the master



The different stages of improving the master plan:

- the first layout
- minor changes on the first layout, still on the site.
- work on the model. Some improvement.
- the major weak point was identified as the cluster of houses, not the public buildings. Chris wanted the public buildings as he had laid them. Probably correct.
- Objections by the people of the moshav on the location of public buildings. Synagogue mainly, moadon. Andy's group.
- We persuade them that what we have is the best .
- The final layout plan of the moshav after the layout of houses. The upper cluster was realized; it did not exist up to that point.  
The cluster on the synagogue.  
Establishment of some new paths.

The main question to be answered for the layout of the overall moshav is:

- if the guiding theory (latent existing centers) was a good one, complete and coherent.
- The way to judge is : a) from the plan itself, b) from insights on the subject matter on what is correct and what wrong.
- the level of the participation of the families on the layout.
- all public functions concentrated; not thought like this in master plan.
- the major point: families choose their lot for the houses without deep understanding of the moshav. that is why latter si disatisfactions came about.
- when I went on the site I did not have the feeling that things were located on a way that made deep sense; that was obvious.



We were ready to make major changes on the a master plan in terms of the location of public buildings: move synagogue to Slyper's cluster, exchange positions between school and moadon.

Where is the center of the moshav. Is it a spine? Does it have, or should it have one major center~~x~~? It is a spine with activity nodes along it.

Discuss probsbly the disputes about the lacation of the synagogue. Their arguments; our arguments.