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Present [alphabetical order]:
Wolfgang Andexlinger [Building Director, City of Innsbruck], Philipp Fromm [Town Planning Department, City of Innsbruck], Iris Kaltenegger [General Secretary Europan Austria], Georg Preyer [IIG Innsbruck Real estate company], Elias Walch [Briefer], Karin Wörgötter [Town Planning Department, City of Innsbruck], 36 participants

11:00 – 11:50 site visit
Iris Kaltenegger welcomes all participants and introduces representatives
A site visit with a detailed tour and further information and explanation on the competition site follows (Elias Walch). It is agreed, that questions will be asked at a meeting room in the Markthalle after the tour.

11:50 room on 1st floor / historic Market Hall

Q&A
01 / Which role takes „car parking” in the competition?
GP: There are already a lot of different uses on the site, even it´s not that beautiful. In the moment, certain qualities on the site are disturbed by car traffic. For the competition, parking should not be the main topic – but the city of Innsbruck has to reduce the amount of car traffic and this should also be part of the project.

02 / Is there a certain amount of parking lots mentioned in the brief, that have to be kept?
EW: Altogether there are about 550 (350 carpark - which is to be demolished because of bad condition, 200 in the underground car park BOE). Even though it´s not the most important issue to keep all the parking lots, there should be an idea to find a solution for this problem somehow.
GP: Probably parking could be situated on the plot of Innrain 34 / Polizeidirektion in the future.
IK: Parking should be integrated in an overall „mobility concept“ and not just seen as an isolated issue. Investigate in combination with other functions and Think of innovative ways on how to implement parking and parking spaces on how to combine them with other functions. Parking spaces might not be needed 24/7; what happens with the spaces if it is not used.

Wolfgang Andexlinger arrives at 11:59

Short input of Wolfgang Andexlinger
The important things for the city: The plot is situated on a „super vibrant“ part of the city. The city of Innsbruck wants to look for ideas because ideas are not fixed yet. There are questions like what is a market hall nowadays and what could be added to this agricultural topic or what means productivity in a city centre nowadays.

03 / What is the meaning of the red line / strategic site?  
IK: The reason for the strategic site is to set the project site in its context. The specific line was drawn in order to include the main traffic artery with its bottle neck situation in the East, the transition between city and water - partly working well - in the North & South and the cross-over to the other side of the Inn in the West.

04 / Is there local acceptance when listed buildings are changed/altered and would it be possible to attach other buildings to listed structures?  
PF: It is definitely OK to work with these listed buildings, while keeping the existing structure. There are a lot of possibilities, you do not have to keep it exactly as it is. Keep in mind, that the idea of the competition is a strategic one, you don´t have to solve details.  
WA: The existing structure of listed buildings should be kept, but think of them in a contemporary context. The city of Innsbruck also wants to save the character of certain historical buildings and structures but it´s obvious, that certain things have to be changed.

05 / Is it allowed to move the entrance of underground car park?  
PF: Yes.

06 / Polizeidirektion: Does the function as a police station have to be kept?  
PF: No, you can find a new use for the existing structure.
07 / What is the relation between IIG and the Government of Innsbruck regarding to the ownership of the land and future developments?
GP, WA: The IIG is a 100% subsidiary company of the city of Innsbruck, there is a close collaboration. By law there are different ownerships of e.g. buildings or roads – but in the end it does not matter, because it is the same.

08 / In the brief the Marktplatz seems to be a kind of event space, but there is also the Christkindlmarkt. Is it a classical market?
There are very different ways of using this place, it’s kind of open place near to the river Inn, which has to be flexible for all these different events and uses.

09 / Is it allowed to remove the „High Water Pumpstation building“
GP: No, it is not allowed to remove the building structure, but there is the request for an implementation of the building in an overall concept.

10 / Is the sculpture on the market square of high value?
EW: This sculpture is the air ventilation for the underground carpark. Air ventilation for the carpark is needed, but there is no need to keep the sculpture, it is not an art piece.

11 / Is the pedestrian corridor between Innrain and Markthalle always open to the public.
WA: In the moment there are time restrictions, even though it is a very important link. Discussions to keep it opened 24/7 are going on, for you concepts you can think it as open space.

Do you have some information to the bakery and the ownership of the playground on the other side of the river?
WA: On the other side there is already an existing design, developed by Terra Nova, landscape architects. Plans are not part of the brief in the moment but will be provided to download.

End 12:26
Innsbruck, 26. 04. 2019, Elias Walch