

Case Study 008	from www.communityplanning.net
<i>Theme</i>	Town centre upgrade
<i>Project Title</i>	In the centre of Luebeck (Mitten in Lübeck)
<i>Location</i>	Luebeck, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
<i>Project leader</i>	City of Luebeck (Hansestadt Lübeck)



Productive use of a Community Planning Weekend to find the best, and most widely accepted solution for redesigning and enlarging the central pedestrian area of a historic European town and World Heritage Site. The first community planning activity in the Schleswig-Holstein region of Germany

Context

- The historic city centre of Luebeck is a prime example of urban architecture from the Middle Ages. It is identified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site
- This status has created a demand for high quality public spaces at the same time as preserving the historic infrastructure
- To meet this demand, the city authorities decided to refurbish and extend the pedestrian zone (Schrangen, Obere Breite Straße, Kohlmarkt, Sandstraße and Klingenberg).
- It was felt to be important to secure the maximum possible support from local residents and stakeholders for the look and feel of the new pedestrian zone. Earlier attempts to make improvements failed due to difficulties in securing public support.
- A Community Planning Weekend was organised to help resolve controversies and conflicts over city planning in Luebeck.

Process

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Activity</i>
2006	Sept	Project initiation City of Luebeck decides to hold community planning weekend. Formation of Public Support Group and Steering Group.
2006	Oct Dec	Preparation
2007	Jan Feb	Preparation continued
2007	Mar	Community Planning Weekend 23 & 24 March Days 1 & 2: Open house • topic oriented workshops • city walks • hands on planning tables 25, 26 & 27 March Days 3, 4 & 5: Team working External interdisciplinary team of architects and urban planners integrate the open house suggestions into a full conceptual plan. 28 March Day 6: Presentation "Vision" for new pedestrian zone presented to the public by the team
2007	Apr	
2007	May	Event report published Detailed final report of the Community Planning Weekend published
2007	Jun Dec	Design competition International design competition for city centre improvements uses the Community Planning Weekend report as part of the brief.

Outcomes

Successes

- The Community Planning Weekend provided a neutral platform for constructive dialogue between city planners, private interest groups and professionals from a variety of disciplines.
- The results of the Community Planning Weekend were received enthusiastically by the public at the final presentation
- The final event report forms part of the brief for an international design competition for the redesign of the pedestrian zone.

Shortcomings

- The exchange of information and views between the support group and The City of Luebeck did not continue beyond the Community Planning Weekend.

Parties involved

<i>Party</i>	<i>Role</i>
City of Luebeck www.stadtentwicklung.luebeck.de	Planning authority and client
Possehl-Foundation www.possehl-stiftung.de	Sponsor
Von Zadow GmbH; www.vonzadow.de	Process design, organisation and facilitation consultant
John Thomson & Partners, London www.jtp.co.uk	Urban design consultant. Planning team lead.
Communio www.communio-essen.de	Facilitation consultant (for Support Group)

Funding and resources

- Funding for the community planning weekend and the international design competition was provided by the Possehl-Foundation
- Capital funding for the city centre improvement works provided by the City of Luebeck.

Photographs

In the centre of Luebeck, Key aspects of the community planning weekend held in 2007



Luebeck 01.jpg



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Luebeck 13.jpg

Documents

In the centre of Luebeck; Results of Community Planning in 2007 (Mitten in Luebeck; Ergebnisse der Perspektivenwerkstatt 2007)

Available from von Zadow (see contacts below)

Quotes

"It is surprising how many consensus points we found. Usually we come together to discuss controversies."

("Es ist doch erstaunlich, bei wievielen Punkten Einigkeit herrscht. Denn meistens treffen wir uns, um Strittiges zu erörtern")

Participant at the Community Planning Weekend.

Reviews/comments

"If all future community planning events in Luebeck are as creative and competent, I do not fear about Luebeck's future!";

("wenn alle folgenden Werkstätten in Lübeck künftig so kreativ und kompetent sein werden, dann ist mir um die Zukunft Lübecks nicht bange!")

Bausenator Franz Peter Boden; Councillor for Urban Planning, City of Luebeck; after the presentation of the results

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