



It is possible to rescue Teufelsberg! Part 1

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Year 2010



Year 2011



Year 2013

Motivation

My relationship with Teufelsberg (German for 'Devil's Mountain') started in 2010, while I was looking for appropriate premises for the exhibition entitled "50 Years of the Berlin Wall".

In 2011, I organized the first group exhibition in the scope of the first "Open Monument Day" ("Tag des offenen Denkmals") on Teufelsberg. In subsequent years, I participated in every "Open Monument Day" with a new exhibition.

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In 2012, I signed a Usage Contract for the Jambalaya Tower with the tenant, Mr. Shalmon Abraham. At the time, the evaluation of the building was negative. The necessary measures such as roof repairs, door and staircase installation, cleaning-up operations, providing equipment and lighting, etc., were paid for out of my own pocket.

Goal

My goal is to open an art gallery and a psychotherapeutic practice, as well as to cultivate and to expand the Garden of Peace.



The Garden of Peace

In Spring 2013 I have accomplished the first works on the Garden of Peace.
(Photos: Jahr 2014)

The vast variety of crop, wild and natural plants ensures a healthy biotope. It's just about the colorful mix, that makes a flora possible, which gets well along without any chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

The naturally dying off plant remains with the effective microorganisms from the Japanese agricultural scientist Teruo Higa are the only additive for a reasonable bacterial household of the humus layer, which builds up on the debris hill.





In 2012 I have initiated the construction of the cube in order to create a roofed, clean lounge with windows and an oven. This place serves as an information center for all involved and concerned persons of the system, that came into being and which is still evolving. Oftentimes while we take a meal together. In 2014 I arranged for the installation of an irrigation system in order to collect the rainwater from the roof of the canteen making the exhausting transport of water out of the city for the plants not necessary anymore. At present, I transport only drinking water up the hill.

The success of my Garden of Peace is the proof, that the transformation of the area into a garden and park complex for the visitor's relaxation does not have to stay a long-standing desire of mine.



Safety measures

At the beginning of 2012 I have convinced my brother, Dariusz Gorczyk, to carry out welding work to the safety rails. (ca. 400 linear meters)
The work was financed by Shalmon Abraham. He generated the money from the entrance fees for the tourist tours, that are being offered daily.

In my opinion, such measures ensuring the safety of the visitors should be continued, so that their exposure to danger on all area, which is open to visitors is eliminated.

The goal is to provide the adequate quality of freedom to the visitors, so they may explore the area by themselves without any time pressure after having paid the entrance fee; just like in museums, the botanical garden, galleries, etc.



The steady threatening vandalism predestines the company Shalmon Abraham with it's competent and well-versed security staff, if it comes to the area, the fence and the city scene, with is strongly attracted to that place, to continue their good work.
A task especially necessary at night.

The highest priority at present (before the onset of winter) in the architectural safety view would be to protect the concrete structures from water and other weather dependent influences, so that der shell remains suitable for modernisation projects.

Within the five years of my engagement, I made the observation of the forfeiture rate increasing more and more each year. The robust build military facility just appears to be undestroyable for in the eye of time it is not about to resist the weather for too long.





Canteen

By the end of 2013, I invited Mr. Wolfram Liebchen and called for his attention to the canteen, that has been burned down deliberately in 2011.



His rescue measures to the present day:

- several Container of rubbish from the 1. and 2. floor of the canteen, which he has sorted and disposed properly
- installation of doors
- renovation of the roof (ca.1000 m²)





- The removal of the burned carpet and glass wool from the roof



- painting works(ca. 600 m²)



- installation of the broken window glass (ca. 200 m²)

Mr. Wolfram Liebchen (www.antike-bauelemente-berlin.de) wants to create exhibition rooms in the form of a museum in the canteen in order to show exhibits from the pre-war period for the visitors.

The exhibition of the treasures of the past era ought to remind of what has been lost for good due to the war.



Location

There has been a lot written about the special feature of the location. Unique about that object is: position, architecture, history.

The visual views and cerebral experiences.

The nature and recreational opportunities for the Berliners and visitors from all over the world.

It would be a great loss for the present and the coming generation to let this cultural heritage decay.

Target audience

The diversity of the location refers to all groups of people:

from the connoisseurs of cream cakes to the sportsmen, throughout the art lovers and historians, nature enthusiasts and spare time drifters, young and old.

The size of the location (50 000 m² site area plus 20 000 m² facilities) offers sufficient space for a cultural richness.

It has the potential of becoming a symbol of the united Europe instead of serving as just a memorial of the Cold War.

Photos:
Day of the Open Memorial
2011



Canteen before the fire



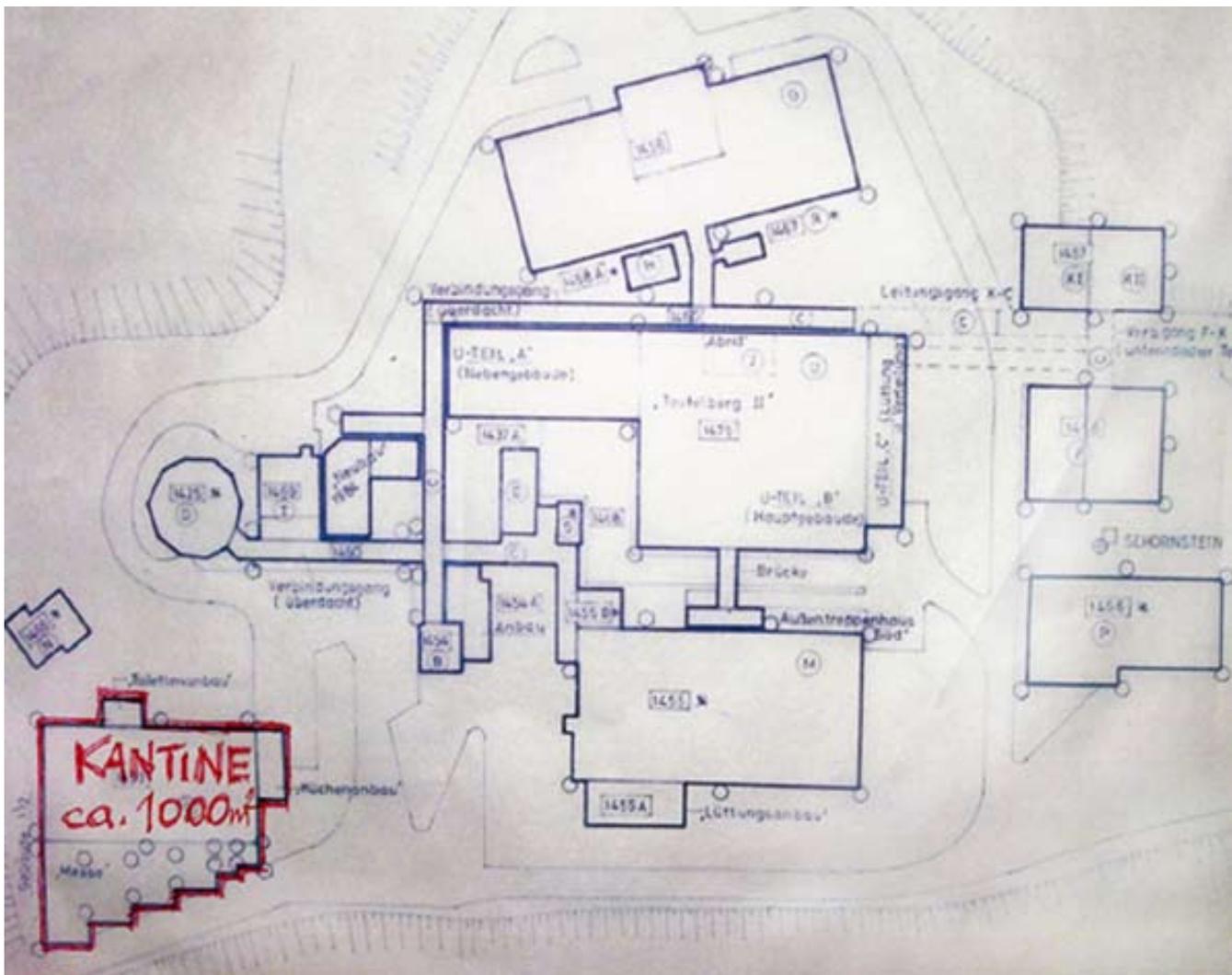
Main tower at th time
before the safety railings

Rentability

The special feature of that site has in its own individual way the potential of self-financing.

Besides the tourism with all its broadly diversified possibilities the roofs provide sufficient space for the installation of solar panels, which not only can generate the missing power supply on site but also can produce surplus power, that might be offered for sale to the urban power system.

If the roof size of the canteen only has the surface of ca. 1000 m², imagine how much power the whole site roof size can generate?





The windowless walls offer additional surface solar panels. The view of the building would not be significantly changed because of the blue solar panels and the asbestos sheets would be protected from the weather influence before the decay sets in. The currently hopeless condition would turn into an ecologic and profitable enterprise.

Berlin has ambitious goals towards environmental protection. Thanks to the target-oriented energy and climate policy of the senate Berlin wants to become climate-neutral by the year 2050. The whole complex of the buildings may become a symbol for an ecological dealing with energy worldwide.



Implementation

The rescue measures outlined above were possible due to the lease agreement between Mr. Shalmon Abraham and the investors. It is not only important to keep an eye on the final result, but also to evaluate all synergic-effects, that have occurred within the realization of the project up until now. These are the potentials, that are already present to achieving the aims.

In order to build a logical and functioning system, the starting position and its problems as well as the entirety of the single activities should be comprehended before providing solutions.

Otherwise there is the danger of further entanglements in inconsistencies and devastations of all kinds.

“You can never solve problems by the same way of thinking, by which they occurred.” Albert Einstein

The Pareto principle, also known as the 80-20-rule, points to the fact that 20 percent of the amount of work have 80 percent of the result wanted. It helps to set boundaries to the exorbitant high standards and to concentrate on the remaining 20 percent of activities, which aim at the important aspects.

Otherwise a most difficult questions remains:
what happens if nothing happens?



A process-oriented approach is significantly dependent on the analysis of the situation. The clearer the analysis of the situation is defined, the easier is the aimed search and processing of the possible solutions. In the course of conceptual work, the goals should be observable and measurable.

If the decisions or taken measures, that appear to be meaningful, logical or even necessary for reasons not clear to particular individuals, particular groups or to the whole staff encounter diffuse rejections, creating not directly comprehending doubts or are undercut by passive behaviour, than it would be under the decisive leadership to enforce the necessary steps during the whole transformation process.



Letters from the past

My letter to the president of the united States of America
Mr. Barak Obama
White House in Washington

Berlin, 12 Juni 2013

Dear Mr. President,

On the Teufelsberg (German for Devil's Mountain) raised of 2. World War rubble, the American and British radio station was situated leaving buildings of most remarkable architecture, making the site one of Berlins well known symbols.

Unfortunately the building is yielded to devastation. We are a group of artists and individualists that for three years cares for preventing the building from destruction.

We are asking for support of the city government in order to protect this site as a landmark. Berliners love this place as their amusement park for generations. It should be preserved for historic, architectural and moral reasons.

In regards of Your visit to Berlin just one word of Yours would be most helpful to further negotiations with our city government.

Your obedient servants

The Teufelsbergers

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Liebe Frau Malgosia,

Haben Sie nochmals lieben Dank dafür, dass Sie Ihren Garten für die Aktion "Offene Gärten" zur Verfügung stellen wollten und dass Sie uns eingeladen haben, Ihren Garten zu besichtigen.

Meine Kollegin Frau Schmidt und ich waren sehr beeindruckt von Ihren Bemühungen, dieser Wildnis auf dem ehemaligen Militärgelände der Amerikaner einen Garten abzurufen, und wir wünschen Ihnen auf diesem Weg einen guten Erfolg. Bitte lassen Sie uns wissen, wenn es neue positive Entwicklungen auf dem Teufelsberg geben sollte und wenn Ihr schönes Projekt, einen "Garten des Friedens" inmitten einer Wüstenei aus den Hinterlassenschaften des "Kalten Krieges" zu entwickeln, weitere Fortschritte gemacht hat. Auch die sichere Begehbarkeit des Geländes müßte dann gewährleistet sein, und auch der Garten an sich hat noch weitere Entwicklungsmöglichkeiten, wie Sie ja selbst auch anmerkten.

Für das Programm 2015 können wir Ihren Garten leider noch nicht aufnehmen. Aber wie gesagt, wir bleiben in Kontakt.

Mit sehr herzlichen Grüßen

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