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Memorial plaque becomes more concrete

The location of the former concentration satellite camp in Geislingen is to become a place of remembrance. A memorial plaque is going to be erected there which displays historical information and wants to make this history come alive and tangible. Sieglinde Florea, one of the participants of the “round table” of this project had the idea of the plaque being perceived with all senses. “The core idea was that the plaque should inform and relate the history,” Matthias Lotz (foto), pastor of the Baptist Church in Geislingen, explains. “At the same time this history shall come alive. A piece of barbed wire is going to be put up.” Several ideas were being discussed at that meeting: wooden shoes like the ones the imprisoned women had to wear in the camp or a shack similar to a concentration camp barrack as well as a barbed wire fence, which was widely accepted by those present.

In addition to its function as a memorial and site of remembrance, the memorial plaque also has to fulfil a number of requirements: It must be weatherproof and provide protection against bleaching and vandalism as well as frivolous destruction. This was determined at the “round table”.

The project is to be financed by donations and cost sharing of the city of Geislingen. A date has already been set for the unveiling of the plaque next year. It will be April 29th - the day on which the KZ-inmates were rescued from freight cars in Iffeldorf.

The next meeting of the initiative will take place on December 12 at 7.30 pm at multigeneration house in Geislingen.