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Be Flexible With Design – Changing with the seasons, supporting existing uses





















Some Basics

- · The community is the expert
- 80 % of the success of a place will be how it is managed
- The only job where you start at the top, is digging a hole. Anonymous
- · When the people lead, the leaders follow
- Comprehensive results depend on a cadre of zealous nuts











Placemaking/Public Space	
Opportunities	
Transportation & Downlowns	Bus stops/Train Stations Main Streets (outdoor displays, streetscapes, cafés) Local streets and roads
Parks & squares	 Parks (greenways, recreation, play areas) Plazas & squares (performances, events) Markets Waterfronts
Civic institutions	Libraries and hospitals Civic buildings Schools (universities, primary schools) Religious institutions Cultural institutions (theaters, museums)
Private development	Mixed-use – housing, retail and office





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•City demanded that the "public at large" be engaged in the planning process...

•PPS worked with Discovery Green Conservancy to facilitate public involvement and an create an "activity program" for the park including four designated areas that are present in park today:

- 1 Family area includes the Fountain, playground, picnic lawn, dog runs, the Mist Tree (art work and water feature) as well as the park office and public restroom.
- 2 Amphitheater includes the Anheuser-Busch stage Fondren Performance Space (hill facing the stage), Lindsey Waterside Landing, Lakehouse restaurant and Kinder Lake.
- 3- Wortham Foundation Gardens Includes Grace Event Lawn and the significant gardens of the park as well as small bandstand. The Grove Restaurant is also this area.
- 4 Jones Lawn at the center of the park, open green space for pickup games or large event set ups.
 Created conceptual plans based on community input































- More than 2.3 million visitors since its opening in April 2008 through 2010
- Most visitors drive to the park or walk from businesses or residences nearby
- Approximately 70% of visitors come from within Houston's Bettway 8 25% come from the surrounding suburban areas and the remainder compare from of eveloped 25% come from coming from els
- includes events and some specific uses, like the prates approximately 70% of the visits with the ming to enjoy the interactive fountain, playground, well as other amenities. amming, which inclu boat basin, general
- There are also, according to surveys and observations, a number of bicyclists.
- More than 800 public and private events 40,000 plus skaters at The Ice at Discovery Green since 2008
- 1,500 news stories created about the park



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with the right location." -Discovery Green Conservancy website Catalyst for more than \$500 million in downtown development projects (completed or underway) that specifically note the park's creation as an impetus for the dramatic investments, including the creation of the Embassy Suites Hotel, One Park Place Luxury Apartment Building and the Hess Tower (Hess Corp.)

Nearly one billion dollars in downtown development (future/planned) nearby to Discovery Green since the park was announced in 2006

A different way to think abut that figure: \$8 of downtown construction for every \$1 invested in Discovery Green

According to Stephen Lewis, deputy director of the city's Department of Convention and Entertainment Facilities, "Discovery Green has caused land prices around the convention center to skyrocket to between \$200

Media and advertising contributed an estimated \$7.5 million in sponsorship value.



One Park Place

- Opened spring 2009
- 37 story luxury apartment building; more than 2 million square-feet of residential and retail space
- The first new residential construction in Downtown Houston in more than 50 years.
- 346 apartment units -90% were occupied -early 2011.
- Ground floor retail including a 28,000 square-foot grocery store.
- Supports the increasing number of residents choosing to live downtown
- Sales material highlights proximity to Discovery Green as major amenity



Hess Tower

- Opening summer 2011
- 844,763 square-feet of office space
- 100% leased by the Hess Corporation Hess Corps. moved its corporate headquarters from New York City and consolidated other Houston offices
- Houston's first green office tower; state of the art 30 story building, topped with wind turbines
- Class A office building is Gold LEED pre-certified
- Two-stories of retail and restaurant space, including ground floor retail 10-story parking structure on the adjacent northern block.



Embassy Suites Hotel

- Construction started spring 2009
- \$34.5 million full-service hotel
- ~260 rooms
- Funded in part by Houston's tax incentive initiative in an attempt to attract more hotels downtown.





Campus Martius – Detroit, MI

Mayor's vision: To develop "the best public space in the world"

PPS worked with the Campus Martius Mayor's Task Force and Detroit 300 Conservancy

Designer: Rundell Ernstberger Associates, LLC

Campus Martius opened in November 2004







Campus Martius - Description

Size: 1.6 acres

Flora and Fauna:

57 trees

2,700 shrubs and perennials 25,000 bulbs; 42 varieties



Features: 2 retractable stages lce skating rink Central fountain and water walls 2 grassy lawn areas Year-round café Movable tables and chairs Wireless internet

Campus Martius – Programming



Over 200 events programmed May to September

Lunchtime arts performances every day Friday concerts from 11:30am to 1am Film festival every Saturday night





Campus Martius – Programming



On-Going Programming Petanque and bocce tournaments Exercise classes Arts and crafts fairs Book club meetings Starting point for tours of Detroit

Special events:

Live Television Broadcasts

Press events related to SuperBowl 2006 and Baseball AllStar Game 2005



Campus Martius - Use

Over 750,000 people visited Campus Martius in its first year Over 1 million visitors per year since first year Over 2.5 million people total visited park from November 2004 - May 2007 50,000 people go ice skating each year



Campus Martius – Budget

Park cost \$20 million to construct in 2004 \$8 million was raised by Detroit 300 Conservancy \$8 million was contributed by Compuware and Ford Motors Company

Campus Martius - Impacts

- 2.24 million square feet of new or renovated space in the lots fronting on Campus Martius, including new ground floor retail
- \$454 million spent on new buildings fronting Campus Martius, with multi-million dollar projects still underway
- Approximately 300 new condos/apartments planned within a 2-block radius of Campus Martius
- New % acre park expands and extends Campus Martius
- Huge variety of programming includes daily activities, large events and festivals, and both active and passive uses
- Active management presence with Campus Martius as its sole focus
- - "Campus Martius Iras become a very special place. It is the lynch pin connecting downtown." Danny Sampson, Vice President of Brokenge, Sterling Group

































"Converging Ideas around Creating Place"

"The blunt calculation by public officials that if they can't make their downtowns and neighbourhoods appealing, they can't compete... all of these hinge on the deceptively simple challenge of creating places... that people intuitively like." – Governing Magazine





Upcoming Placemaking Trainings!

Making it Happen Markets Training Streets as Places May 1 - 3 May 31 - June 1 June 13 - 14

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