# Placemaking in Action



Project for Public Spaces

**Community Powered Public Spaces** 

Richmond Urban Design O22 Committee

#### What is Placemaking?

Placemaking is a collaborative visioning process that results in public spaces that serve their communities better through programming, design, and stewardship.











"Space is a realm without meaning, as a fact of life, producing the basic coordinates of human life.

When humans invest meaning in a portion of space and then become attached to it in some way, it becomes PLACE."

- Yi-Fu Tuan, Space and Place, 1977



#### **Placemaking Process**

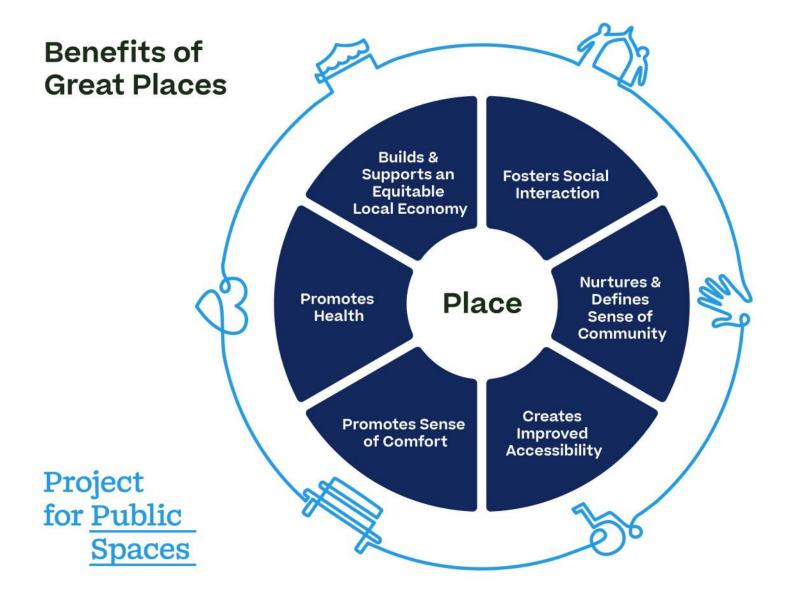


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#### Who Are the Stakeholders?

- Local governments
- Residents
- Marginalized groups
- Youth!
- Students!
- Elderly people!
- Anchor institutions
- Researchers
- Real estate developers
- Local businesses + entrepreneurs
- Property owners

- Design + planning professionals
- Philanthropy orgs
- Community organizations
- People of all abilities, housing situations, races, ages, education levels, and socioeconomic statuses within your community





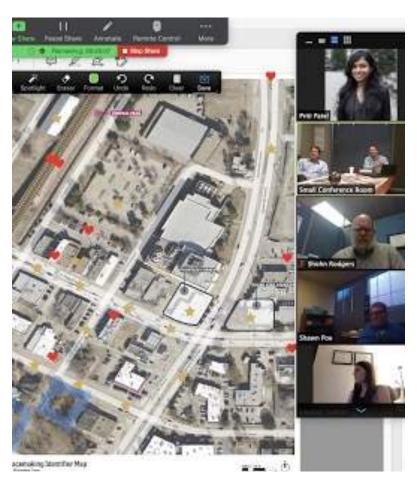
On site observation



Broadway Corridor Workshop, PPS



Place Game



Virtual Asset Mapping Exercise



Near Southside, Ft Worth, TX



Pershing Square project, Los Angeles, CA



Astor Place, NYC

#### **Engagement Strategies**

One-on-one stakeholder interviews

Focus groups

Interactive workshops;

- Asset Mapping
- Place Game/Place Evaluation
- Street Audit
- Journey mapping

Online surveys

In person ethnographic observations & interviews

Pop-up engagement stations

Organized activation of a space

Social Media

Digital tools/platforms



#### **Placemaking Implementation Principles**

- Develop unique identity + image
- Create multiple attractions + destinations
- Connect places + edge uses; bring the inside out; get life on the street
- Build and program activities and amenities close together
- Be flexible with design
- Create seasonal strategies
- Experiment with activations + programming
- Build capacity + nurture partnerships
- Develop a management plan

### **Ideas** → **Vision** → **Concepts**



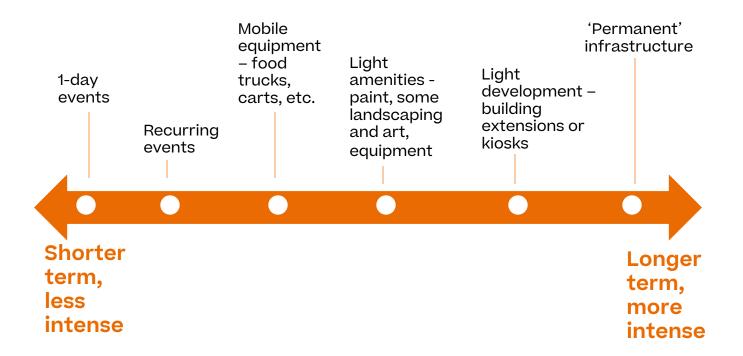












Lighter Quicker, Cheaper: From "Test" to "Invest"



Detroit, MI



















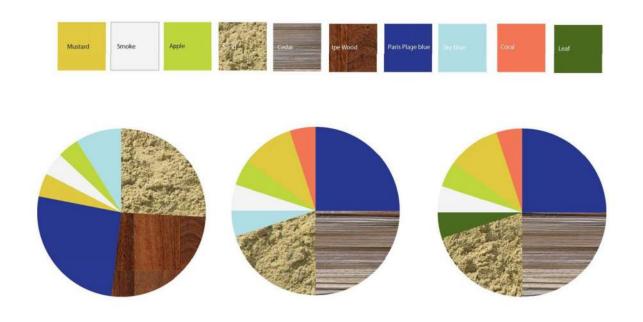








### **Design considerations: Color Palette**



#### **Amenities**





Chair: Koi-Booki Model#:4-370 Table: Ikon Table

Colors available: red, white and blue



Price: 51407 Stacking chair 5469 Table Material Plastic Showroom & Mailing Address 214 Bowery New York, NY 10012 -212-941-8700 Sales Sales@thechairfactory.com



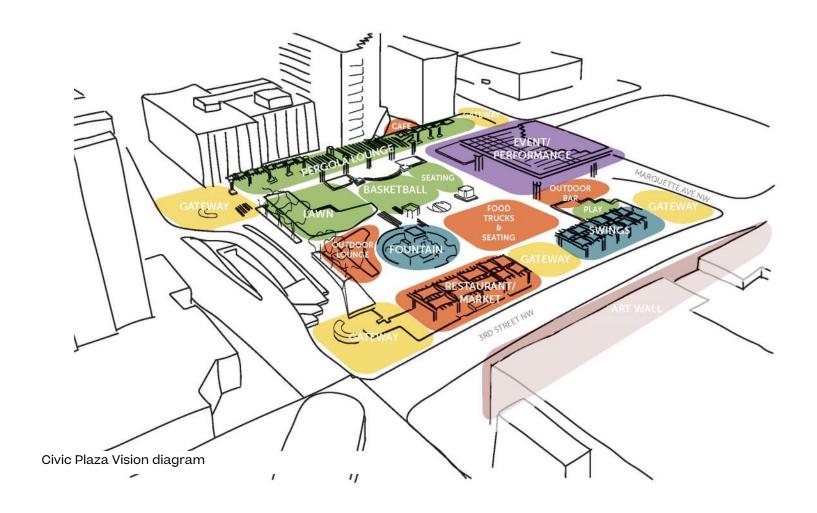
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Colors available: green, orange and white



Price: \$160/ Folding chair \$160/ Stacking chair Table \$349 Material Plastic Manufacturer PEDRALI Design within reach

## Civic Plaza, Albuquerque, NM

















## Travis Park, San Antonio, TX















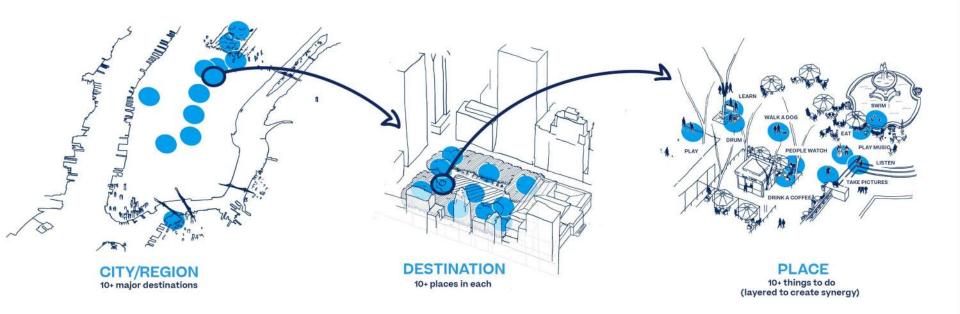








#### Power of 10+: How cities transform through placemaking



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