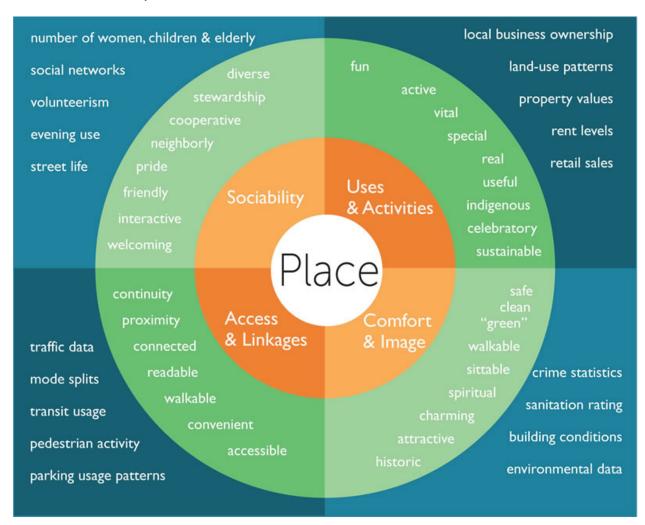
Techniques for Evaluating Public Space

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What Makes a Great Public Space Chart



Questions to ask

Sociability

- What opportunities are there for social interaction
- What would compel you to bring others here—would this be a place that you would gather

Uses and Activities

- Are people using the space or is it empty?
- How interactive is the space? Is there a choice of things to do?
- What would you like to be able to do here

Comfort and Image

- What is the character of the place—how would you describe it—adjectives
- What additional amenities would make the place more comforting and welcoming

Access and Linkages

- Does the space function for people with special needs?
- How do you get here—convenient?
- What places are nearby that interest you

The Power of 10

- Each building should have 10 places
- Each place should have 10 things to do

How to get to 10

- Observe
- Ask your users
- Brainstorm
 - Set a timer and come up with as many possibilities as you can
 - o Don't focus on money, feasibility, or even reasonability—let your imagination run free!

Resources

Project for Public Places—http://www.pps.org

- Power of 10- http://www.pps.org/reference/the-power-of-10/
- What is Placemaking- http://www.pps.org/reference/what_is_placemaking/
- What Makes a Successful Place- http://www.pps.org/reference/grplacefeat/
- Eleven Principles for Creating Great Community Places- Http://www.pps.org/reference/11steps/

R2 Blog

http://rsquaredconference.org/blog

The Space is the Service: Assessing the Physical Library in 2.012 (Part of Library 2.012 Online Conference) https://sas.elluminate.com/site/external/recording/playback/link/table/dropin?sid=2008350&suid=D.49D4449E9205F1BECDF69475856E24

Reinventing Spaces and Places—Internet Librarian 2012 http://www.slideshare.net/jeffwisniewski/reinventing-spaces-and-places

Josh Linkner -- http://joshlinkner.com/blog/

Book: Disciplined Dreaming