

Blue Urbanism: Inviting Urban Play on Seattle's North Waterfront

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ASSIGNMENT: Napkin Diagrams and Laundry Lists

PRESENTATION DUE: Monday October 6

Waterfront Design Teams reflect the dynamic urban spaces they create, often comprised of layers of complex and interactive systems. Productive Nonhierarchical Teams can be formed by collaborating collections of individuals. As a Studio we will next work in small teams to develop a set of alternative strategies and district scale master plans, each version reflecting an individual teams collective research and emerging vision for enhancing our study area along Seattle's North Waterfront. To start the team process, the Napkin Diagrams/Laundry Lists exercise is an opportunity for the whole studio to share brief individual statements, outlines of ideas, and the partial basis for aligning and composing a set of team members.

Given the boundaries of the study area are roughly (context will be greater):

- Elliott Bay to the west (including the bay)
- Second Avenue to the east
- Piers 62/63 to the south
- The Olympic Sculpture Park to the north

And including the findings of the Shelter, Sensory, Water, Mobility, Community & Culture, Temporal, and Ecology research, the Precedent Research, and the Copenhagen Field Trip:

Process

You work downtown, from your office you can hear the train when you are working late. You are taking a break from the computer. Imagine yourself in a local café looking out on a rainy day. You are thinking about a puzzle a new commission in your office has brought you. It seems key to the project, a system wide example of regional and global thinking, playing out at the community and human scale. The café is busy around you, a hum of laptops, conversations, the comfortable sound of the espresso machine... you drink your coffee... Then punctuated by the bell of the shop door, you suddenly, intuitively, passionately realize how to engage the site puzzle... a pen is in your pocket, a pile of napkins at hand, you start to draw, you make a list, then you draw again, more words, a title... out comes the phone, you Google a website, write down the reference... A couple of napkins later you date them; fold them into your pocket and head back to the office to meet with the team...

Presentation Requirements

Ink on actual café napkins, or used envelope backs. Add a title, date, and your name in bottom right or left corner of Napkin.

Pin up 1 to 3 napkins and or envelopes Monday Oct 6 at 1:30. Prepare an exactly one minute explanation of your lists and or diagrams.