

# The Manzanita Gathering Place

*Engaging Youth In Creative Place Making*



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# About Me

## Education:

- Rollins College, Winter Park, FL  
BA in Environmental Studies, 1998
- North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
Master of Landscape Architecture, 2002

## Professional Practice since 2002

- Rooted In Place Landscape Architecture and Consulting

## Specializations:

- Children's Outdoor Play and Learning Environments
- Community Engagement and Facilitation
- Place Making



# San Diego Gathering Place Project



ARTS/A REASON TO SURVIVE & POMEGRANATE CENTER COLLABORATION

## What is a Gathering Place?

- A **SPACE** for people of **ALL AGES** and walks-of-life to celebrate, relax, play and socialize. It is a place to meet and **BUILD SOCIAL CAPITAL.**
- Designed and Built by the **COMMUNITY**



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# Day 1: Community Input Meeting

What ARE your ideas  
FOR THE MANZANITA  
GATHERING PLACE?

**COLLECTORIA**  
1) Minimum seating on Canyon rim  
2) Food serving on Stage  
3) Entry Definition of Manzanita Place  
4) Water Storage  
5) Budget \$20,000 for Materials

**GROUND RULES**  
1) Everyone who lives and works in City Heights  
is encouraged to participate  
2) Listen to others to discover common interests  
3) Respect the time of others

**AGENDA**  
1. INTRODUCTIONS  
2. GROUND RULES

**THEMES**

- APPLE - 4 CORNERS MARKER
- SAFETY
- HUMMINGBIRDS
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- ART
- SHADE
- SEATING/TABLE
- PLANTS/GARDEN
- ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

1) GPS  
2) 4 CORNER MARKERS  
3) BBQ AREA  
4) COMMUNITY PROJECT  
5) TREES PATTERNS  
6) SEATING  
7) HUMMINGBIRD FEED  
8) WIRED

✓ 2) Shade  
4) STATUE, center piece  
WATER  
5) ACCESSIBLE ROUTE  
6) STAGE  
10) NO HIDING PLACES  
12) KEEP THE VIEW  
14) RESTROOM ✓  
16) ELECTRICAL CHARGING

15) DAILY PAT  
17) PAINTING  
19) EXERCISE  
21) TRELLIS  
23) LIGHT NIGHT STAGE  
25) SOLAR  
27) APPLE +  
29) NATURE  
31) SMALL SO



# Day 1: Community Input Meeting





# Day 2: Youth Design Workshop





# Day 3 & 4: Community Design Workshop

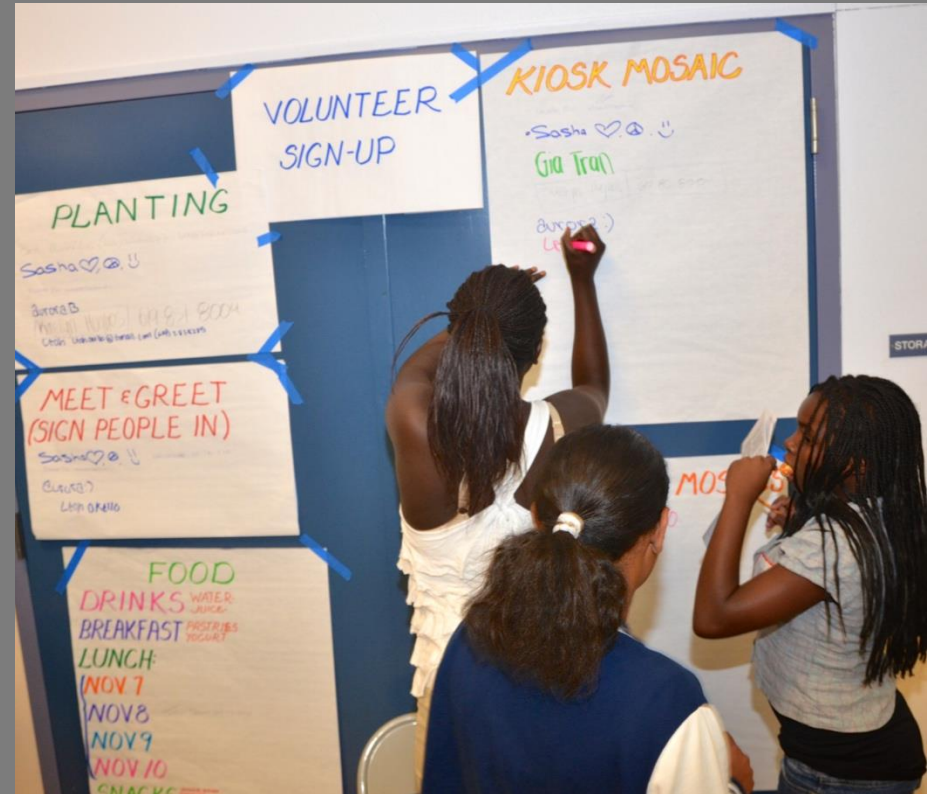


# Day 5: Student Model Workshop





# Day 8: Community Design Review



# Early Success Art Making Workshop





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# The Community Build





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# The Celebration





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**Thank You!**

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