

SITE REPORT #1B

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FURTHER RESEARCH

Choose and revise one of your questions for further research from part 1A of this report.

Revised Research Question:

If Zuccotti park is a public area why is it still privately owned? Is there any strings attached?

Find a book, government document, or newspaper article that could help you answer your question. MLA Citation for Book, Government Document, or new article:

Beyond Zuccotti park : Freedom of Assembly and the Occupation of Public Space

Shiffman, Ron. Beyond Zuccotti Park: Freedom of Assembly and the Occupation of Public

Space. New Village Press, 2012.

Massey, et al. "Occupying Wall Street: Spaces of Political Action." *Places Journal*, 1 Sept. 2012, placesjournal.org/article/occupying-wall-street-places-and-spaces-of-political-action/.

Why did you select this source? How does it address all or part of your research question?

Within the book *Beyond Zuccotti Park*, it defines the fundamentals of what it means to be a public place. It questions whether public places belong to the public. It discusses how someone has to own everything and no land can be an orphan. The quote, "it seems that most of the large urban public assembly places began for the commercial purposes and later became convenient venues for social or political gatherings" really stood out because it's the underlying reason why Zuccotti park is a privately owned.

The second source is chosen in order to expand my knowledge of privately owned public places. Moving on to the second half of the question where it reveals the real intentions of corporations. Public places such as Zuccotti park exist as an exchange for private owners to build extra floors or waivers. Both sources give an insight into what's strings are attached to privately owned public places.

Describe the process you used to find this source including any keywords and the search engine or tool you used to search.

When researching, I used City techs library website where you can find books. I typed in keywords such as Zuccotti park, public and private. These keywords led me to the book Beyond Zuccotti Park. I found its reserve number and checked it out. Then I went to google and further researched. The article "Occupying Wall Street: Spaces of Political Action" was found in which it that contained important information regarding my research question.

What other sources or further information would you need to answer your question? Where would you look for them?

In order to further find information regarding my question, I believe will need legal documents of the city that demonstrates the terms of the Zoning Resolution. I would also look into articles/journals that focus on corporations. Their expansions and what the step they need to fulfill in order to do so.