

Learning Places Spring 2017

SITE REPORT

Vinegar Hill



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INTRODUCTION

During my site visit to Vinegar Hill, I explored a neighborhood that I never knew it existed. I realized that the neighborhood has a lot of historic architecture. There was variety of architecture that show different time periods. The train tracks and the stone roads show the historic part while the modern houses show the newer period times. The neighborhood looked deserted and not being taken care of at all.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I expected to see a neighborhood that's full of people and somehow similar to DUMBO. As I was walking there, the weather was really nice and that what made me expect that I would find a lot of people walking around.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)



This picture showing some of the arts that I found while walking around, also its showing that the buildings haven't been renovated in a long time.



This pictures shows the kind of buildings that are in Vinegar Hill, they're mostly around the same height



These photos showing the train tracks, stone roads, and the closed stores

OBSERVATIONS

1. Very quiet, not much car traffic
2. Not many people walking around
3. Train tracks

4. Buildings are mostly the same height
5. Most of the stores were closed
6. Stone roads
7. There isn't restaurants or coffee shops

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Parking lots	5 unused
Crime	2 flat tires, 2 broken windows
Parks	3

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. Why is the neighborhood forgotten about?
2. How can the community make the neighborhood attract tourist?
3. Why isn't there any restaurants or coffee shops in the neighborhood?

HYPOTHESIS:

1. Lack of money and maybe people living there aren't requesting for change
2. By taking care of it, having more signs to guide people to the neighborhood, more parks
3. There aren't developers that are interested in the neighborhood since its very dead

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

I was in shock because the neighborhood has a lot of historical places but yet it's very abandoned, and not a tourist attraction. It seems like Vinegar Hill was once a community but after the Navy Yard stopped working, the neighborhood stopped functioning. Also, I learned that there's other neighborhoods around

school other than DUMBO.

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