

Learning Places Spring 2017

SITE REPORT

Dumbo Park



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INTRODUCTION

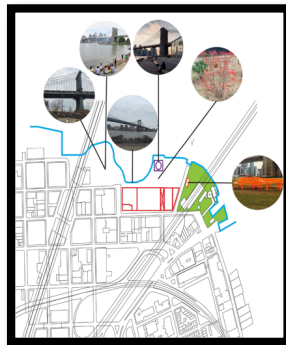
The main purpose for our visit between my team and I, was to go out and do some site research. Our main agenda is to compare Vinegar Hill & Dumbo Park. We went out to our location and collected as much data as possible. We went out and walked around specific areas in which, as a team will focus on in order to do our presentations.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Due to our first visit at Vinegar Hill, I was already pretty familiar with that area now, so this time I had to go to Dumbo and do some comparison between both sites. I was already some what familiar with Dumbo Park, so for me it wasn't going to be anything new, however the only thing was, before getting to the site to meet up with my team, we were consulting as to how exactly we were going to do this research, what exactly are we looking for and how does this pertain between Vinegar Hill & Dumbo Park.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)

Site Analysis



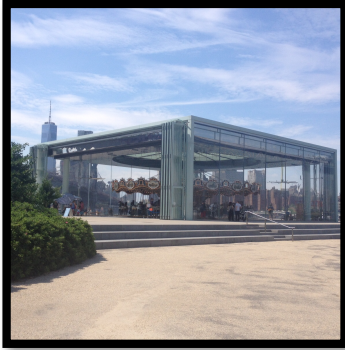
This park is able to provide people to be in contact with nature, it's known to confer certain benefits and enhance the well-being. Dumbo Park is able to offer us as people to have a direct experience with the open surfaces. It allows pedestrians to want to explore around, discover, and learn more about the surroundings that's around us. Within this place, there are many views to sight-see in this open wide field and getting to be around a social environment.

Site Circulation



This park consists of several circulation paths. My team and I, we walked around most of the park. I did notice that when visiting Dumbo, there were different paths people were coming through to arrive to the site such as the main entry in Old Dock St., Main St., passing through Water St., coming through the back entryway of St. Ann's Warehouse, and Plymouth St. Between the main entry access of Old Dock St., Main St., and Plymouth St. during the time, to me it seems that these 3 are the main entries where a lot of people seem to come from. Coming from Water St. to Washington St., there is less movement happening. And from Water St. going to Old Dock St. there is some movement going around, especially within the area of Jane's Carousel.

Images



1. **Jane's Carousel:** A close-up view of the Carousel with lots of family members enjoying their day, having a great time spending with each other.
2. **Manhattan:** This view of the site is an open park in between Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridge with amazing views. The site contains such a beautiful view towards Manhattan, views towards the skylines.
3. **Main St. Pebble Beach:** At this location, this beach contained different materials that were found, such as rocks, pebbles, grass, sand, broken glass, and some trash, but other than that it's a great spot to visit and just relax and admire its view, there was a lot of movement happening around that spot.

OBSERVATIONS

1. Carousel
2. Brooklyn Bridge
3. Landscapes
4. Ferry
5. Main St. Pebble Beach
6. St. Ann's Warehouse
7. Empire Stores

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Materials	Rocks, Water, Trees, Wood/Log, Grass & Pebbles.
Carousel	Many family members with their children either waiting in line or riding in the carousel and having a pleasant day.
Brooklyn Bridge Dog Park	A small but perfect area for Dog owners to bring their pets to and run around and just be playful.

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. What was Dumbo Park Historical Land Use?
2. How can we improve Dumbo Park?
3. How come there aren't any Info. Kiosk for the public/tourist since it's a very touristic site?

HYPOTHESIS:

1. Dumbo Park, in the early 1900's, it probably had its own residential, commercial, manufacturing zoned destinations. Dumbo Park seems like it began its life as a manufacturing district. It still maintains this edge, even in its post-industrial revitalization, as one of the premier art districts in NYC.
2. To make Dumbo Park look a lot more interesting, designers can contribute to making the park look more renovated and updated, it can resemble a more beauty and essence to what the park should deserve.

This park could be redesigned in order for it to give out this reflection of support within the environment.

Due to the fact that this park cannot be reconstructed, therefore they can try to find a perfect solution to reduce the liability of this park.

They can create marvelous designs for the park, so that it can look more modernized and give it a more groundbreaking look to the site itself.

3. The kiosk was designed to be located right in between the center of the busy carousel, which will be able to provide full information on site itself, advertise & it will be a place for people to hang out and relax.

The beauty of the kiosk is that it allows you to have the freedom to build a system that is functional & practical to your business needs, while adding brand-specific elements. It will be a small physical structure that displays information for people walking by.

Kiosk will let users interact and it will include touch screens, sound, and motion video.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Once my group and I were done with the site visit. I decided to work on a theme of compare & contrast between both Vinegar Hill & Dumbo Park. The reason I came up with this idea is because I thought it be interesting to analyze both neighborhoods, also note the history behind

both, as well as find out why one neighborhood seems more popular, more well-known than the other. What makes one better than the other. Now the next phase for our group is to investigate as much as we can to and find sources that will allow us to develop our project further on.

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