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青心在
唐人街

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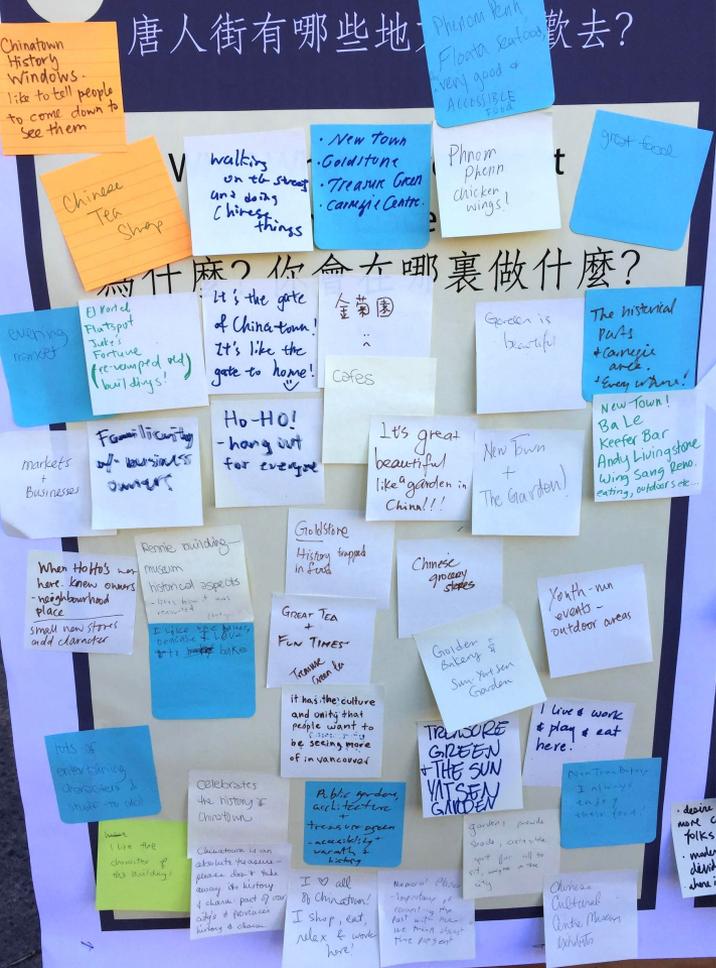
REIMAGINING PUBLIC SPACE IN
VANCOUVER'S CHINATOWN

APPENDICES



Appendices

This document details the community feedback we received at our events. Responses were used to inform our **Hot+Noisy: Reimagining Public Space in Vancouver's Chinatown** report and the resulting urban design booklet **Experiences of Chinatown**. Thank you for your contributions.



It's great, beautiful, like a garden in China (referring to SYS Gardens)
 Lots of entertaining characters and stuff to do
 Youth-run events, outdoor areas
 Celebrates the history of Chinatown
 Public gardens, architecture, Treasure Green, accessibility and warmth of history
 It has the culture and unity that people want to be seeing more of in Vancouver
 I like the character of the buildings
 Chinese grocery stores
 Rennie building, museum, historical aspects, likes how buildings are renovated
 Goldstone - history trapped in food
 The historical parts of Carnegie area, and everywhere!
 New Town, Goldstone, Treasure Green, Carnegie Centre
 Ho Ho's, hang out for everyone
 Familiarity of business owners
 When Ho Ho's was here, I knew the owners.
 It's a neighbourhood place. Small new stores add character
 New Town Bakery - I always enjoy their food
 Chinatown is an absolute treasure - please don't take away its history and charm.
 It's part of our city and province's history and charm
 Gardens provide shade, accessible spot for all to sit, and it's unique to the city
 Goldstone Bakery and SYS Garden
 Great good
 Goldstone! (translated)
 Phnom Penh chicken wings
 El Kartel, Flatspot, Juke's, Fortune Soundclub (revamped old buildings)
 New Town and the garden

Garden is beautiful
 Chinese Cultural Centre museum exhibitions
 New Town, Ba Le, Keefer Bar, Andy Livingstone, Wing Sang reno, eating, outdoors
 Phnom Penh, Floata seafood, very good and accessible food
 Memorial plaza - importance of connecting the past with how we think about the present
 Markets and businesses
 Evening market
 Cafes
 Treasure Green Tea, Sun Yat Sen Garden
 Chinese tea shops
 I like the bakery because I like to bake

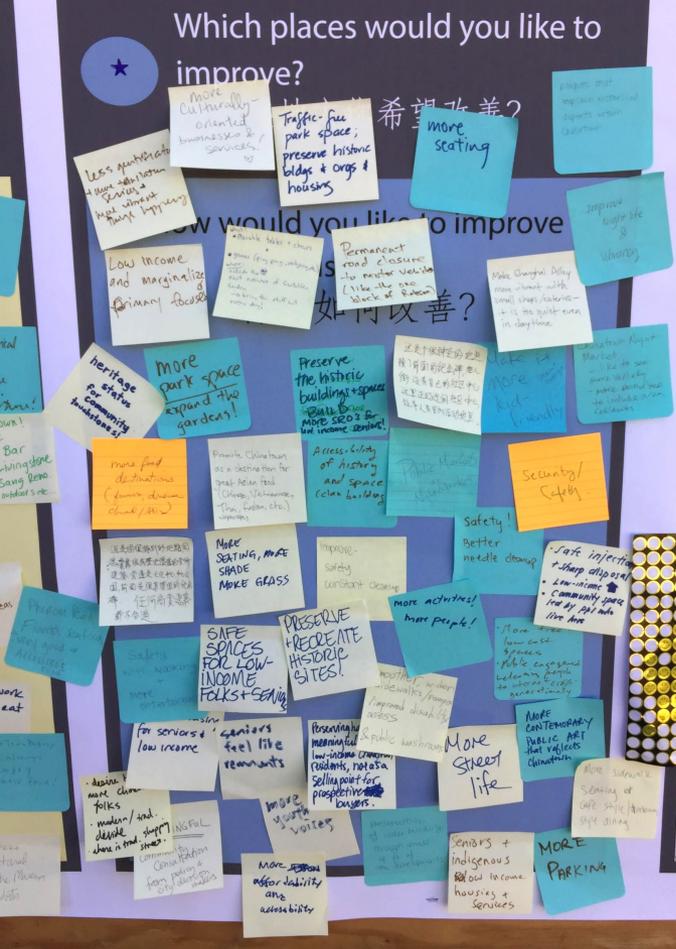
Dot-Mapping Feedback
 (July 29, 2017)

Share Your Favourite Places in Chinatown (July 29)

a) What are your favourite places in Chinatown? (Why?)
 What do you do at this place?)

Chinatown history on windows; I like to tell people to come down to see them
 I live, work, play, and eat here
 I love all of Chinatown! I shop, eat, relax, and work here
 Walking on the streets and doing Chinese things
 It's the gate of Chinatown! It's like the gate from home

Which places would you like to improve?



b) What places would you like to improve?

- More street life
- Preserving heritage meaningfully for low-income Chinatown residents, not as a selling point for prospective buyers
- More youth voices
- Make it more kid-friendly (especially Main and Hastings)
- Moveable tables and chairs, games (ping pong, mah jong, etc.) outside the east entrance of Sun Yat Sen Garden - bring stuff out everyday
- Seniors feel like remnants

- Less gentrification, more translation for seniors, more vibrant things happening
- Accessibility of history and space (clan buildings)
- Safety when walking and more entertainment
- Improve safety, constant clean-up
- More free and low-cost spaces, public engagement welcoming people to interact cross-generationally
- Permanent road closure to motor vehicles (like the one block on Robson)
- Heritage status for community touchstones
- Safe spaces for low-income folks and seniors
- Traffic-free park space, preserve historic buildings and organizations and housing
- More seating
- Preserve the historic buildings and spaces, build more SRO;s for low-income seniors
- Make Shanghai Alley more vibrant with small shops/eateries - it is too quiet even in the daytime
- Desire to see more Chinese folks, modern/traditional divide, where is traditionally shopping street
- More activities and more people
- More affordability and accessibility
- More contemporary public art that reflects Chinatown
- Preserve and recreate historic sites
- Seniors and indigenous low-income housing and services
- Promote Chinatown as a destination for great Asian food (Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, Japanese, fusions, etc.)
- Chinatown Night Market - like to see more variety, more activities to include area residents
- Improve nightlife and vibrancy

- Truly meaningful community consultation from policy and city decision makers
 - Safety, better needle clean-up
 - More sidewalk seating and cafe style/takeaway style dining
 - Preservation of older buildings through smaller square footage of new developments
 - More culturally oriented businesses and services
 - Smoother, wider sidewalks and ramps, improved disability access, public washrooms
 - Public markets or night markets
 - Safe injection and sharp disposal, low-income community space led by people who live here
 - More park space and expand the gardens
 - More seating, more shade, more grass
 - More housing for seniors and low-income
 - Low-income and marginalized primary focus
 - Security and safety
 - More parking
 - Plaques that explain historical aspects within Chinatown
 - This is a sacred site, beside the memorial statue; Chinatown doesn't have its own community centre, the space should be used for activities for Chinese Canadians (translated)
 - This is a special site next to the memorial and cultural centre and park, market developments are not suitable (translated)
 - More food destinations
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Identity and inclusion forum for community conversations
 Water
 Accessibility for all bodies
 Festivals or workshops where people can learn arts and performance arts
 Hard surfaces for easier clean-up, regular cleaning and washing (the viaducts get cleaned more than Chinatown)
 Accessibility for all bodies
 Seating, eating, safety and mobility issues, needles/drugs
 Private lot (105 Keefer) owned by a private citizen? Can they donate it and we name it after them?
 Marijuana joints and needles in grass, fixed furniture because people steal them
 Less hoity toity development
 Toronto Chinatown all developed, businesses, shabby
 Cheap shopping
 Involve gentrifying businesses
 Large and small gathering spaces that are fixed and flexible
 Street market, night market
 Have workshops so people can get involved with programs of inclusionary practices

Chinese but contemporary
 Gathering older people's stories to understand the history
 Talk about culture, keep it relevant and dynamic, not static
 Culture
 Integrate plaza/CCC
 Chinese New Year - more activities with variety, outdoor interaction
 More Beijing opera
 Great tea, fun times, Treasure green tea
 Chinese style buildings, public senior housing for seniors to live in
 Sensory spaces in Chinese language, younger people speaking their language
 Social programs with community support
 Collaboration between youth and elders
 Festivals as an opportunity for elders to share stories; stories behind origination of the festivals, mythology sharing
 Keep seniors relevant in a modern way
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STREETS of CHINATOWN

Graphic Facilitation #2
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How about the juxtaposition of traditional and modern Chinese architecture
Integrating old and new spaces informed by history
More integration of history in built environment
Express identity and be "controversial", blend old and new, understanding and inclusion
Integrate old/new
A contemporary space with traditional Chinese design elements
Incorporate traditional design elements into new designs
Playground
Shady areas, more seating
More street activities and performances

Define the space with bunting or overhang elements
Multi-generational and cultural games
Washrooms (with attendants)
Lanterns
Bright street lights at night
Soccer
Table games, sitting area for parents, play area (soft) for kids, shaded
Seating area and quiet area in front of the park, water features
Lawn bowling and stationary exercises, physical activities for seniors
More open community space
Calm spaces, children's spaces, green space
Paving, public transit
More needs to be intimate small gathering spaces, people live in small apartments and need places for gathering, social spaces and cohesion

What might new/improved/expanded public space in Chinatown look like? Imagine a new plaza. Should it be...

新增/改良/擴大的公共空間是什麼樣?
想像一下一個新的室外廣場, 它應該。。。

CENTRE:
Green: 9 (62)
Silver: 34
Gold: 19

CONNECTOR:
Green: 4
Silver: 11 (18)
Gold: 3

LARGE GATHER:
Gr 7
Si 17 (40)
Go 16

SMALL GATHER:
Gr 7
Si 18 (39)
Go 14

HARD:
Gr 3
Si 17 (26)
Go 6

SOFT:
Gr 8
Si 12 (35)
Go 15

FIXED:
Gr 7
Si 21 (36)
Go 8

FLEX:
Gr 4
Si 16 (31)
Go 11

TRAD'L:
Gr 11 (61)
Si 30
Go 26

MODERN:
Gr 3
Si 5 (9)
Go 1

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Fixed: 36	Flex: 31
Traditional: 61	Modern: 9
Centre: 62	Connector: 18
Large Gather: 40	Small Gather: 39
Hard: 26	Soft: 35

Interactive Urban Design
(July 29, 2017)

Urban Design Concept #1 (August 26, 2017)

CONCEPT 1

Paths to the Heart of Chinatown

What if... this place is the new Heart of Chinatown? As Chinatown's main public open space, how can it become an exciting and welcoming central gathering place for the community?

In this concept, three paths draw people toward a central plaza, which features a new contemporary landmark gate for Chinatown that complements the Millennium Gate.

概念 1

通往唐人街核心的路徑

如果...這裡是唐人街新的核心？作為唐人街主要的公共空間，這裡可以變成一個充滿活力，歡迎社區聚會的地方嗎？

在這個概念中...三個路徑帶人前往一個中央的公共廣場，這個廣場的特徵是一個反映著千禧門的新地標。

CONCEPT 2

Experiences of Chinatown

What if... this place showcased all the cherished, experiences that people have in Chinatown? It is the activity, culture, and interactions that make Chinatown special - could they all come together in this plaza?

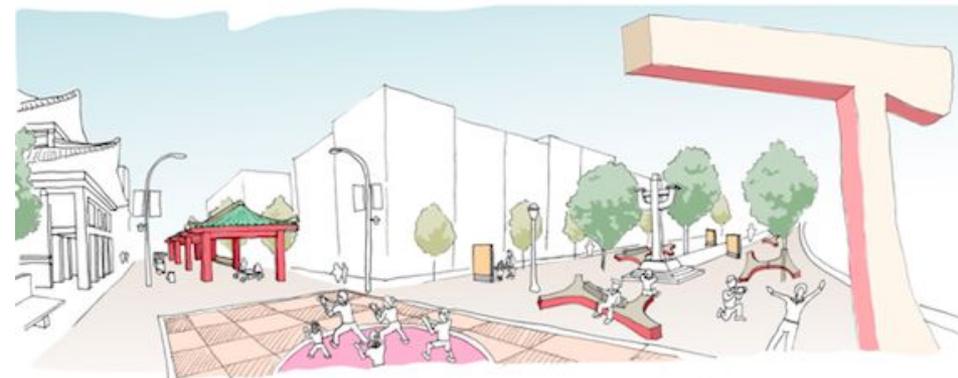
In this concept, the plaza is divided into smaller, distinct spaces. Each space highlights a different experience that makes Chinatown special.

概念 2

通往唐人街核心的路徑

如果...這裡展示出唐人街所有被人們珍愛的經驗？唐人街特別是因為這裡的活動，文化和人際關係 - 如果全部聚集在這個廣場的話？

這個概念中...廣場分為一些小型，獨特不同的空間，每個空間都突出了一個唐人街特別的體驗。



The Heart of Chinatown:

- outdoor stage for festivals and performances
- contemporary Chinatown gate as landmark
- movable seating for hanging out

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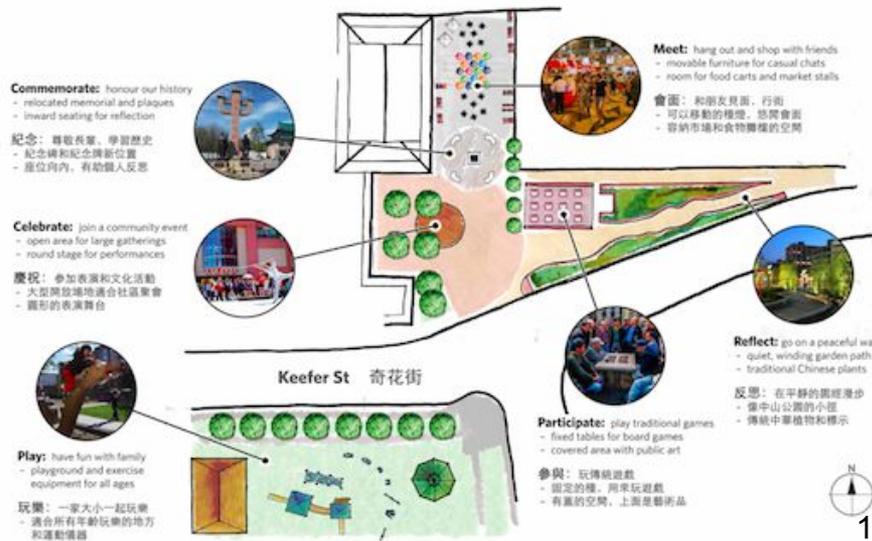
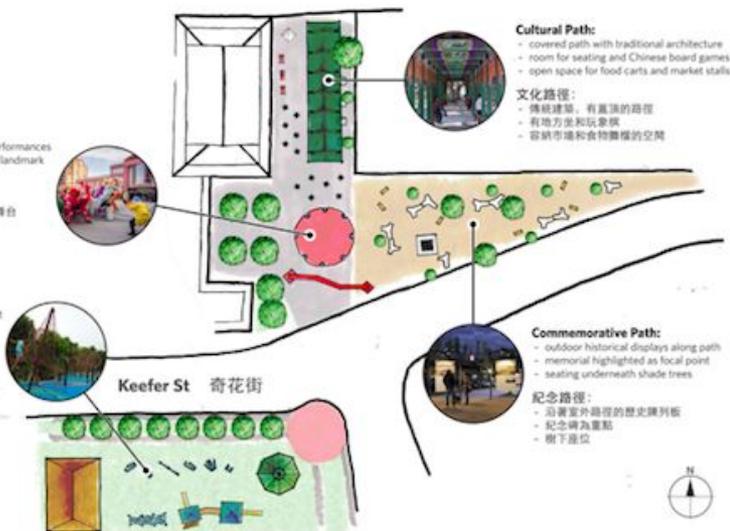
- 能容納節日和表演的室外場地/舞台
- 新穎的「門」作為新地標
- 能移動的室外家具

Park Path:

- public art drawing visitors to heart
- local park with playground, gym equipment, and pavilions

公園路徑:

- 室外藝術帶領人到中央廣場
- 社區公園，有玩樂場，運動儀器亭



Feedback on Urban Design Elements

(August 26, 2017)

Good ideas but too for Chinatown now

Use of greenery is good - spaces for strolling

Lacking green space

Both (concepts): good use of Playgrounds -

intergenerational spaces

having stone tables is important

Like flexible coverage but not necessarily

umbrella

Pagoda = fetishization?

Place I want to go to

Permanent structure - an "intentional" space even without activities

Permanent structure always hit, may be better for residents

Intergenerational aspects - open covered space, community centre

Paths concept is good, able to move freely, more inviting

Grandparents would like nature

Flexible spaces for markets

Greater interaction within garden and street?

Similar idea to Spadina - the Annex in TO

Toronto's Koreatown - potted cement trees line streets, but local businesses get to paint pots of trees - creates commercial/community identity

Political Art - allow "hard to tackle" statements by local artists in public spaces that reveal the struggle/challenge of groups within that space;

reclaims space, allows voices to be heard

Installation boards that show history

Public spaces for artist displays

Water: historic False Creeks water line

The street is a barrier between monument and garden

People come out for the garden and then they turn around

People at the memorial can't find the garden

Console with SYS Garden

Water is good

Like covered path, can have images on the rafters - gallery of history/future

Like the light-up lamps in Chinatown, not traditional but place-making

Garden - even sound of leaves in wind is helpful

Good ideas but too late: things that were unique to Chinatown and attracted people here are not here anymore, less and less Chinese businesses, tourists don't want to come here and use Starbucks (franchise business) because they are there everywhere else

Dilution of "Chineseness" in Chinatown

Soccer field of park can be used for large events: safe and clean, bazaar (markets/stalls), carnival

Like promise of cultural scenery

Large chess on the floor is good

Old style game/activities

Children's games, change every once in awhile, rotating, unlock locks, solve puzzles

Good idea to close the road

More lively spaces for play/interaction

Unique sense of belonging/community

Different activities traditional Chinese

Games that promote interaction/imagination; inclusive of all cultures (First Nations); folk games

Cantonese Opera

Memorial could be upgraded: more visually pleasing; not that attractive

We deserve a better memorial statue, more impressive

Mahjong

Moving the memorial will block the middle of the path, not a good use of space around that
Water/rocks/greenery = Chinese gardening elements

Ceramics/finishes/stages that are Asian inspired should be more commonplace - blue/white tile with grey tiles

Shophouses replicated everywhere else in Chinatown

Chinese senior: having games + activities better use of streets as opposed to vehicular traffic, but shading and lessened glare is better for eyes and vision loss

Nodes feel segmented

Like the set up - sitting areas, shading so can stay, things that kids can do, but places for parents to watch

Ming Wo - original, Southern Chinese architect, local materials shophouse typology

People like photo ops

Important to have pop of colour

Like having a path people can put together (precedent card)

Like symbols of the zodiac, in circle to show cycle with years (educational)

More Chinese elements

More shaded seating

The walkway - maybe changeable tiles; seasons can be celebrated

Tiles - customizable: people can buy tiles and mark their family names as a permanent part of the community (similar to park benches)

More traditional festivals to animate the space and make people want to come here from Richmond

Space should be conducive to festivals

Shopping/small food stalls

Show some exhibits/cultural artifacts

More space for seniors to meet each other - community centre

Fountains/mural art is accessible/free

Public art that is interactive

Fountain/water feature with walkway

No bushes in Chinatown because of drug problems

Must be open and can still be engaging

No trees/bushes because it prevents first responder from reaching OD People

Like covered area - extend fixtures must be clean or else people won't sit

Cover during rain, shade during sun - cultural path, typical Chinese

Spaces to exercise in all weather

Covered space for games is important

Hard surfaces makes it easier to clean

More trees for shade, more park-like

Emphasize shop-style architecture - merchant friendly

Leave the monument where it is but draw more attention to it
Cultural path is too static, space should remain flexible
Why here? Why not have the cultural path on Carrall?
Spaces where seniors and youth would be convinced to interact, especially for language classes
Making a focal point out of memorial is key
Musical events, stage, people to do tai chi
Larger chairs, entertainers
Night market, lantern festival (SYS garden)
Grass draws people
Washroom
Seniors like green space
Community centre with classes
Tiles for wayfinding
Spaces to cultural path: area of Chinatown architecture
Free activity space for kids
More places for play, seating, greenery, traditional architecture - very relaxing
Use garden path - nooks for seating, so doesn't block up
More seating (ie: boardgames)
Stage, always have performances
More defined uses, more vibrant, pathway, market
Inviting, modern, greater draw for broader crowd
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Drinking fountain
Games, ping pong is popular
Awareness of surrounding spaces
Issues with parking lots - consideration of surrounding spaces - integrate
Safety when congregating - who is responsible for maintaining public space
Cleanliness - community cleaning
Concern about gentrification - issue of top-down planning (105 Keefer)
Cultural path
Tea ceremony
Traditional places, bamboo
Connection to path
Seating
Moving water - water feature? Water parks?
Flexible covered space - can house events, etc.
Accessibility
Hanging lanterns from trees - traditional elements displayed in innovative way, not traditional section, contemporary section
More murals, different colours
Needle disposal
Attention to seniors and children - Strathcona
Flexible space - cultural path - tourists
Traditional authenticity - covered area - motif
Sidewalk, green space, coloured mural
Water - sustainable
Intergenerational games, sit down area
Tables near garden - permanent shade
Park for kids
Green space- public don't have money can spend time here

Solidarity - not investor targeted
How to talk about reclaiming space when it is never been our space (settler, colonization)
Benches, spaces for people - bike route - consider
Completely blocks off people space and park
More opened up like new street on Robson
Bike share - Northside of Art Gallery



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