



URBAN DESIGN

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*Plan Element:
Urban Design*

Tonight's Working Session

- What is urban design?
- Questions related to urban design for OARP area
- Small group instructions

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What is urban design?*

- Feel of an area
- What area looks like
- Way things come together
- How area links to other areas
- How things flow - into, through, around, out
- Layout of uses in area
- Provision of unifying themes for both distinctive parts and whole
- Contributes to sense of place / getting ones bearings

**Based on Brown Bag discussion*

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What is urban design?*

- Interface between architecture, landscape, and urban planning
- Relationship between public and private space

**Based more more formal definitions*

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Adobe and rammed earth patio houses of various sizes surrounding a plaza



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New adobe and rammed earth houses





Small Group Questions

- A. What are three types of features or elements that would contribute substantially to creating a stronger sense of place for the OARP area? Where would these be located?
- B. What physical linkages should be emphasized between the OARP area and other areas in Tucson?
- C. Is there a particular part (or parts) of the OARP area that should be the focus of initial, detailed urban design / redevelopment efforts? Why?
- D. Are there other places in Tucson or elsewhere that evoke the type of feel / look you imagine for the OARP area in general or for specific locations within the area?



Small Group Instructions

1. Discuss questions.
2. Please draw, write, label directly on the maps to the greatest extent possible.
3. For those things that can't be indicated on the map, write on flip chart.
4. Work toward consensus on responses to Questions A - C, but try to capture range of ideas in on maps and in notes.
5. Select spokesperson to provide highlights of discussion to full group.