

Observation Chart

Study of the social life of plazas in Maracaibo

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Environmental Characteristics Affordances

Weather conditions:
 Sunny ___ Cloudy ___
 Windy ___ Calm ___
 Warm ___ Very hot ___
 Humid ___ Rainy ___
 Comfortable ___ Uncomfortable ___

Amenities:
 Clowns painting faces, selling balloons
 Ice cream vendors
 Informal food and drinks vending
 Flower vending
 Mini- car and scooter rental
 Special events (TV show, concerts)
 Other:

Traffic intensity around Plaza:
 Low ___ High ___

Maintenance conditions:
 Clean ___ Dirty/ Nasty ___

Safety:
 Safe ___ Unsafe ___

Surveillance:
 Existing
 Non existing at this time
 Permanent ___ Eventual ___

Perceived traces:

Other physical characteristics:

Type of Activities

Special events:

Activities:

- Using scooters ()
- Bicycling ()
- Driving children's car ()
- Talking / Conversing ()
- Walking ()
- Jogging ()
- Watching children/ other people ()
- Stretching ()
- Sleeping / laying on bench ()
- Children playing ()
- Leaning on fountain ()
- Cleaning / sweeping ()
- Studying ()
- Gathering ()
- Taking classes ()
- Attending a special event ()
- Leaning on fence
- Other:

Surrounding activities:

Amusement park O () C ()
 Restaurants O () C ()
 Fast-food O () C ()
 Bakery O () C ()
 Café O () C ()
 Memorial Chapel O () C ()
 Informal vendors O () C ()
 Ice cream parlor O () C ()
O open
C closed

Activity Location

Activity location **# of People**

() Under tree.....
 () Exposed to sun.....
 () Open space.....
 () Central space.....
 () Close to bench.....
 () Greenery.....
 () Near Fountain.....
 () Internal walkway.....
 () External walkway.....

Mother's Plaza

() Individual bench.....
 () Oval- long bench.....
 () Ruben Dario Plaza.....
 () Close to R. D. Plaza.....
 () Funeral Chapel.....
 () Close to Bakery.....

Republic's Plaza

() Walkway towards San Martin.....
 () Walkway towards CUNIBE.....
 () Walkway towards Dr. Portillo.....
 () Walkway towards 5 de Julio.....
 () Bench close to fountain.....
 () Walkway towards Gaucho.....
 () Walkway towards Amus. Park..

Areas of most people concentration:

See map

Type of User / Perceived Behavior

Predominant gender

() Male
 () Female

Predominant user -age

() Children
 () Youth
 () Adults
 () Elderly

Predominant user

() Major's office workmen
 () Students
 () Family (parents and children)
 () Children
 () Couples
 () Vendors
 Other:

User's perceived attitudes:

Quiet ___ Noisy ___
 Active ___ Passive ___
 Energetic ___ Inert ___
 Fast ___ Slow ___
 Comfortable ___ Uncomfortable ___
 Kind ___ Aggressive ___
 Interested ___ Indifferent ___
 Interactive ___ Isolated ___

Comments:

Periodicity

Engagement

() Most people engaged
 () Most people isolated

Average # of people engaged at this time of day:

Approx. # of people in plaza:

Average duration of stay:

Concurrence:

morning	AP	FP	NP
noon			
afternoon			
night			

AP A lot of people
 FP Few people
 NP No people

Date of observation

Time of observation

() morning
 () noon
 () afternoon
 () night

Plaza:

Observation #

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