Chapter 12: Civic Culture
CIVIC AND CULTURAL LIFE

List of Places

1. Music Center Plaza
   Festivals, outdoor dining, tourism, concert outdoor lobby
2. Civic Park (future)
   Outdoor dining, festivals, proposed small-scale event site, outdoor screenings
3. Cathedral Plaza
   Events, Shakespeare Festival/LA, cafe, church lobby
4. City Hall South Lawn
   Farmers market, small demos, speeches
5. City Hall West Lawn and Courtyard
   Political events
6. Grand Avenue Festival
   Annual October ~ 25,000 attendees
7. MOCA
   Street level - public art, nighttime openings
   Below street level - cafe
8. Spiral Court, California Plaza
   Outdoor dining
9. Watercourt
   Summer lunch and evening programming
   50 programs June - October
10. Colburn Plaza and Cafe
    Gathering spot for students
11. Wet Fountain
    Events, openings, music
12. Paseo - Wells Fargo Court
    Interior
13. Angel's Flight
14. Grand Central Market
    Paseo - Outdoor seating
15. Biddy Mason Park
16. CRT Parking Garage Paseo
17. Broadway Pedestrian Activity
18. Arcade Building
    Paseo
19. Old Bank District
    Outdoor cafes and street life
20. Monthly Art Walk - 2nd Thursday
21. Walt Disney Outdoor Site
    Garden and Amphitheater
22. Arts High School Theater entry on Grand Ave.
    and New outdoor Lobby
23. Arts High School Grand Ave. Entry
24. DWP Fountain Circuit (potential)
25. Bamboo Lane (future)
26. Art Walk/West Plaza
27. Central Plaza
    Informal games, people sitting, some events (under utilized)
28. Blossom Plaza (future)
    Event site, outdoor dining, paseo - connect Gold Line to Broadway
29. Network of Chinatown Alleys (new)
30. Future bridge to State Historic Park
31. State Historic Park
    Event site, concerts, circus, etc.
32. Farmlab and Under Spring
    Events, openings, music
33. Chinatown Pedestrian Overpass
    (should be gateway)
34. Solano Canyon
    Pedestrian enclave
35. Bridge to Chinatown West
36. Alpine Recreation Center
    Tai Chi, basketball, sports etc.
37. Future Ord Street Stairs
38. Castellar School Playground
    Festival and event space, carnivals, moon festival
39. Chinatown Street Activity
40. Main Street Triangle
41. California Endowment Entry Plaza
    Annual Event Site, Healthy Neighborhood
test and main street closure
42. Philippe's
43. Homegirl Cafe
44. El Pueblo
    Events, festivals, music on weekends,
    church events, outdoor dining and shopping
45. Redesigned Plaza
46. Union Station and Gateway Plaza
    Some private events
47. Chinatown Library
    destination, classes, lectures,
    community meetings
48. Dragon Gateway (no pedestrian place)
49. Plaza de Cultura y Artes
    New cultural center 2010
50. Gloria Molina Parkway (future)
51. Triforium Plaza (no current uses)
52. St. Vibiana’s
    Concerts, possible event site
53. Little Tokyo Walk Streets
54. JACCC
    800 seat theater
    Festival plaza (Noguchi)
55. JANM
    Event Plaza, outdoor music, tea room
56. New Gold Line Station
57. Temporary Contemporary
58. Arts Park (unbuilt)
59. Go For Broke Monument
    Magnet for JA tourists
60. East West Players
    Outdoor Lobby
61. Irvine Japanese Garden
    Traditional - new site for weddings and events
62. Sci-Arc
63. Arts District
    Walk streets, some outdoor dining, some street closures on traction for events
64. Skid Row
    very dense
65. Toy District
    Streets
66. Flower Mart
67. Fashion District
    Walking streets
68. “St Vincent” Court
    Outdoor dining
69. Jewelry District
70. Pershing Square
    Outdoor Concerts, events, and ice skating
71. Library West Lawn
    (nice place)
72. Library Steps
73. Financial District
    Walking streets
74. Nokia Plaza
    Possible events
75. LA Live
76. Ralph’s
    New destination
77. FIDAA and Grand Hope Park
78. South Park new housing, restaurants & nightlife
79. Broadway to City Hall
    Historic Parade Route

Everything in the Design Guide is intended to provide a framework for and
support an increasingly active civic and cultural environment for residents,
workers and visitors in the Downtown in public spaces and along the streets.
Figure 12-1 maps many of the current events, activities, cultural facilities street
activity and other aspects of life in the Downtown public realm.

A. GOAL

Every project should contribute to the civic and cultural life of the Downtown,
building on and connecting to existing elements.

B. GUIDELINE

1. Describe how your project will:
   - Contribute to the civic and cultural life of the Downtown.
   - Connect to existing elements illustrated on the map in Figure 12-1.
Figure 12-1 Existing Downtown Activity (map courtesy of Aaron Paley, Community Arts Resources).