Active sidewalks and plazas: Seating and plantings

- Facilitating people watching with sidewalk seating
- Enabling privacy for live-work spaces by raised porches and landscaping
- Integrated planting and seating
- Carving out small performance spaces from wide sidewalks
- Outdoor games that invite gathering
- Integrating water and public art
- Parklets and linear plaza spaces from sidewalk
Active sidewalks and plazas: Dining

- Fenced seating immediately adjacent to retail uses
- Outdoor dining and retail facades separated by pedestrian circulation zone.
- Planters where in-ground planting not possible
- Outdoor dining in plazas during weekends and special events
- Distinctive retail facades and seating
- Activating nightlife with outdoor dining
Opportunities for art and play

- Using water to create contemplative public spaces
- Secure play areas for toddlers
- Fountain as a play space for children
- Pop-up play spaces in vacant parcels and parking lots
- Artistic expressions through building facades and pavement textures.
- Public seating with public art
- Spaces for informal musical gatherings
Identity, Information and Wayfinding

Narrating stories about a place with interpretive historical signs

Furthering environmental education through signage

Supporting local businesses with signage rich on visual narratives

Wayfinding signs

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Interactive signage

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