

**space2place design inc.**  
Mercantile Building  
309-318 Homer Street,  
Vancouver BC V6B 2V2

**T** 604.646.4110 **F** 604.646.4120  
**E** [studio@space2place.com](mailto:studio@space2place.com)  
**W** [www.space2place.com](http://www.space2place.com)

## Resource Team Session 1 - Summary

### ***Buchanan Courtyards***

#### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

##### ***Heritage***

- Heritage of site to be considered, with the underlying intent in the original design to be incorporated into re-design where appropriate
- The historic value of the west courtyard is having a 'civic' nature and offering an 'elevated experience' to visitors
- West courtyard was design to be an enclosed space with physical / visual /perceptual connections to the north and south
- Geometry of the west courtyard is important
- The east courtyard is open to reinvention, as its history has been developed over patterns of use rather than an original design intent
- The memorial trees may be relocated where appropriate

##### ***Noise***

- Block B is more noise-resilient than Block C (Block B has white noise)
- Classrooms are used till 10pm weeknights and on Saturdays
- Sequencing of activities is important and is to be managed accordingly
- Performances and events with amplified sound are to be scheduled and coordinated through an event approval process
- Platform for informal theatrical events to be located to minimize noise in Blocks B + C
- East wall of Block A may be suitable for projections, preferably with no amplified audio (earphone use only)

## Resource Team Session 1 – Summary (cont.)

### ***Buchanan Courtyards***

#### ***Activities and Technical Requirements***

- Fire trucks require access up to block D entry
- Develop strategies for limiting vehicle access in courtyards, eg. collapsible bollards
- Consolidate garbage and food composting in two locations: the SE corner of east courtyard and the SE corner of Block B along Memorial Rd.
- Accommodate easy movement of carts through west courtyard
- Drainage of courtyards to be amended, with consideration of canopy runoff (Block A)
- Security and storage of moveable café furniture overnight requires a solution
- Opportunities for additional rain protection
- Limited resources for maintenance, drought-tolerant species preferred
- Café is currently closed weekends and summers, and usually closes at 8:30 pm
- Strengthen connections / programming with surrounding cultural precinct
- Develop strategies to provide secure and dry bike storage: eg. If bike parking is centralized in Rose Garden, a variety of smaller bike parking opportunities should be provided across the site
- Potential vandalism and skateboarding damage a concern

#### **ITEMS REQUIRING FURTHER CLARITY, COORDINATION or CONFIRMATION**

- Café deliveries to enter Block A via Main Mall to avoid vehicle access in west courtyard
- Block A and Café to use garbage collection area located in SE corner of east courtyard
- Café in Block A is to use composting area located in SE corner of east courtyard
- Café hours to be extended to for summer, weekend and evening use, in coordination with programming at the Chan Centre and Belkin Gallery
- Opportunities for bike storage in the Rose Garden
- Process for noise management to be established