What is Urban Planning



What Urban Planners Do?

 Urban planners try to make cities safe, healthy and enjoyable places to live. They are especially concerned

with **public spaces** that all citizens share such as streets and parks.



 Sometimes they design new cities, but most of the time they plan how to make existing cities better or bigger.

What Urban Planners Do?

 Urban Planners create the vision for the community, by identifying current problems, analyzing trends, and engaging community members in dialogue about goals and issues, that establish a framework for growth and change



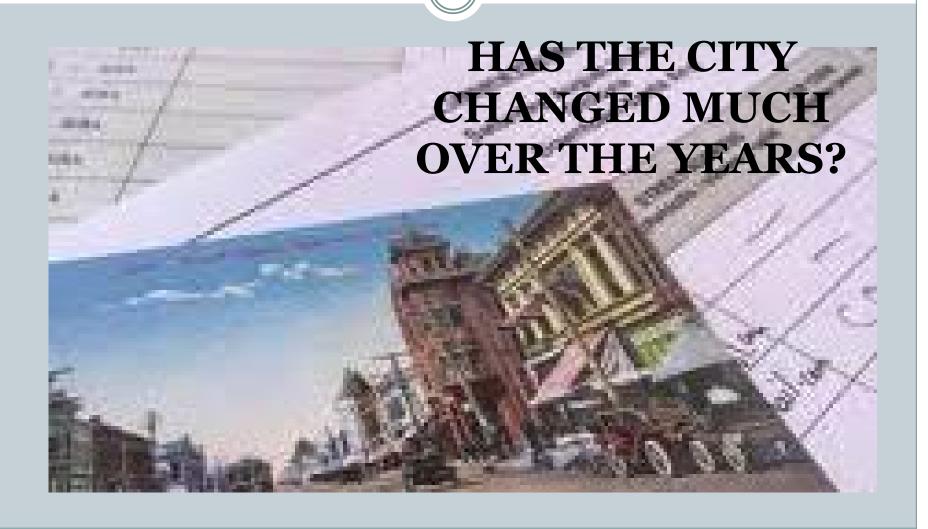
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 Urban Planners also bring together different segments of a community (e.g. residents, businesses, elected officials, and non-profit organizations) together to create a vision for that community and transform that vision into a "plan". The plan offers suggestions for how to improve community (e.g. redesigning streets to include bicylcle lanes, building more affordable housing, increasing parks for youth and families in working class neighborhoods etc.)

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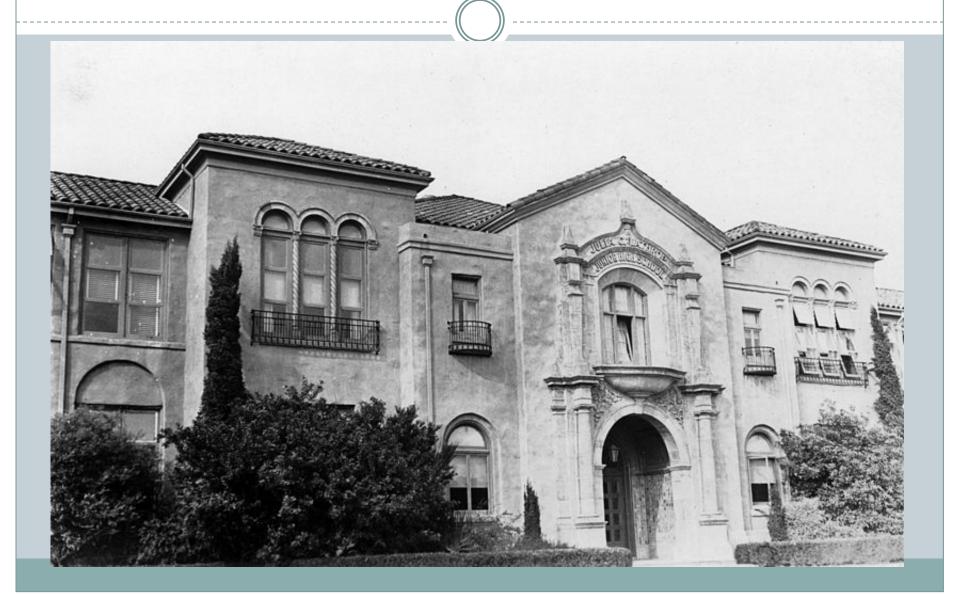


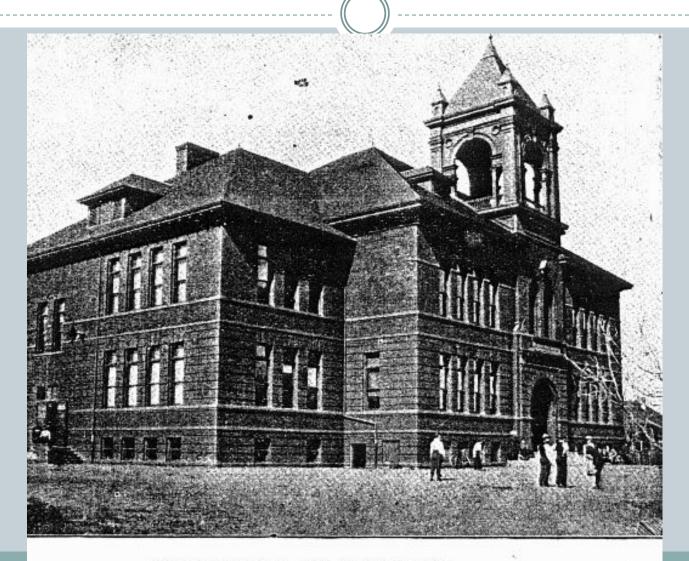




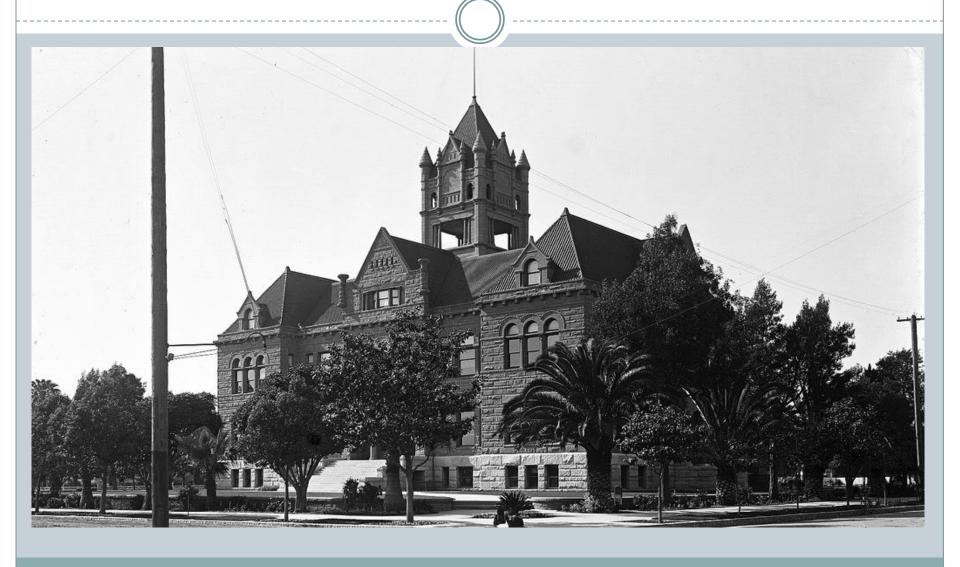








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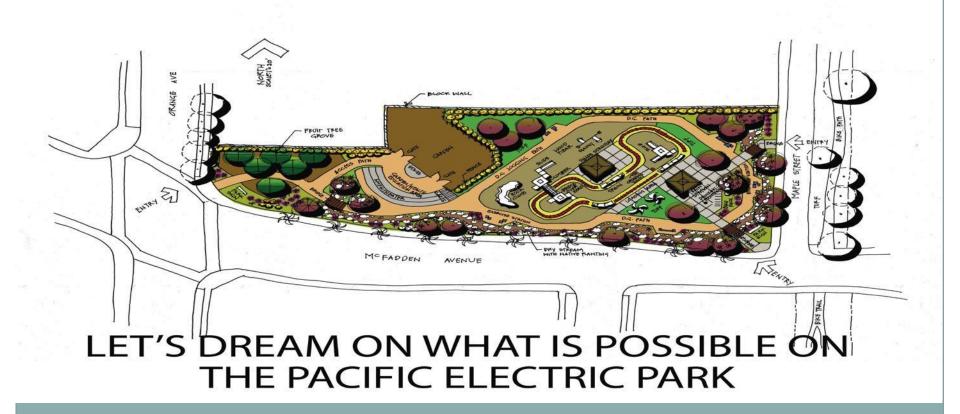
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• Complete Streets Santa Ana: Complete Streets are road systems that provide safe, convenient access for all users including motorists, bicyclists, transit operators and users, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. The Complete Streets concept focuses not just on individual roads but on changing the decision-making and design process so that all users are routinely considered during the planning, designing, building and operating of all roadways.



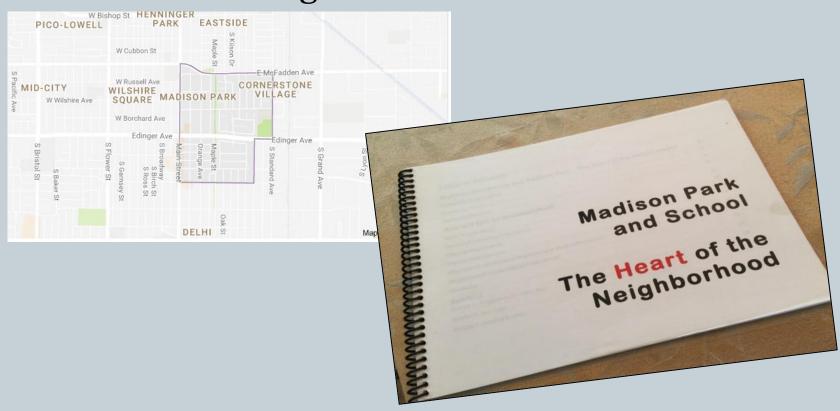
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Park Development



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Madison Park Neighborhood Plan-



Areas of Planning Practice

- Historically, Urban planning was associated with such fields as architecture, landscape architecture, civil engineering and public administration.
- Today urban planning is an independent discipline that includes different sub-fields such as land-use planning, zoning, economic development, environmental planning, and transportation planning.

Planning Education

- AICP-American Institute of Certified Planners
- PHD- Doctorate in Planning requires 5-6 years of post baccalaureate education.
- MURP: Masters in Urban and Regional Planning
- BA or BS Degrees- Includes majors such as Urban Studies, Urban Planning, and Geography.