

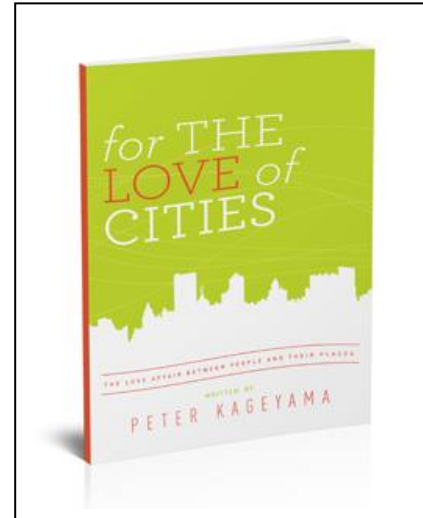
From the Planners' Bookshelf...

For the Love of Cities, The Love Affair Between People and Their Places

Peter Kageyama, Creative City Productions, 233 pages, 2011.

SUMMARY.

Cities and towns, especially those with character, are emotional experiences. We are initially confronted with their physical form, but the feelings, memories and aspirations associated with a special place are the real substance of a city. Peter Kageyama understands this and more as he expresses the feelings between people and the places they occupy. His recent book has become well-read in planning and urban design circles with his contribution adding an emotional dimension to the work of city building.



His uses terms such as beauty, sociality, interesting, memorable and lovable to describe the purpose of urban planning, placemaking, finance plans, economic development and comprehensive planning. The purpose of all the work is to create an interesting, pleasant and prosperous place for people to live their lives. A timely thought as the trend in city planning is becoming more technical and bureaucratic.

Mr. Kageyama's research covers a lot of ground in the literature. He quotes: "Charles Landry, founder of the CreativeCity movement, has often noted that 'If you talk to people about cities, it's all very emotional – it's about feeling, desire... how can you fall in love with a city'". [p25]

He further cites: "The Soul of the Community is a three year study, funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation... and three key aspects of community consistently turned up as 'magic ingredients' to community satisfaction." These were aesthetics, social offerings and openness. [p31] He goes on and on with thoughtful and applicable ideas for building cities that are creative, livable and successful places.

YOUTUBE: In addition to the reviews cited below, check out:

TEDx Front Range - Peter Kageyama - For the Love of Cities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0QdmrK2CPM>

PUBLISHED REVIEWS:

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***For the Love of Cities: The Love Affair Between People and Their Places* by Peter Kageyama**

"The mutual love affair between people and their place is one of the most powerful influences in our lives, yet rarely thought of in terms of a relationship. As cities begin thinking of themselves as engaged in a relationship with their citizens, and citizens begin to consider their emotional connections with their places [perhaps their neighborhoods], we open up new possibilities in community, social..." and more.

<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/10985438-for-the-love-of-cities>

PLANETIZEN

Urbanist Peter Kageyama's new book suggests that the "loveability" of a city as a factor in its success is greatly underappreciated. Mike Lydon has this review at: <http://www.planetizen.com/node/51060>