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Creating a Vibrant City Center, Urban Design and Regeneration Principles

Cy Paumier, Urban Land Institute, Washington DC, 2004.

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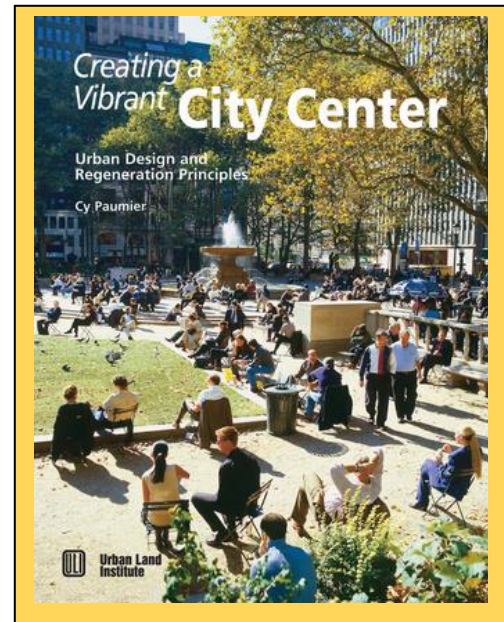
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Creating a Vibrant City Center is a tour de force, a comprehensive discussion of the processes and products that lead to the creation of a great center of the city. His chapters Historical Perspective, Market Components and the many individual components of the city center are insightful and actionable as are his sections on visioning and plan implementation.

The quality of the book and its photographs match the quality of his on-the-ground work. The book begins with a thorough discussion of the processes and elements of great urban design work; followed by a description of the results of his work in 17 world-class cities.

His wisdom reflects many years of intimate work with important places and spaces. His opening quote sets the stage: "The image of a great city stems largely from the quality of its public realm – its streets, boulevards, parks, squares, plazas and water fronts." In conclusion he observes

"Successful city centers do not just happen. Nor are they necessarily the result of fortuitous history, geography, or economics. They come about because individuals and agencies within the public and private sectors make decisions and take a series of actions."



Cy Paumier

A widely-respected urban designer generally associated with LDR and HNTB who consulted on the Downtown DC Business Improvement District, the Rouse Company new town of Columbia Maryland. His work included assignments with Savannah, Baltimore and more than 50 cities in the US and UK. Mr. Paumier graduated from Ohio State University and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He had a long and productive relationship with the Urban Land Institute.

Place Principles

- **Create an organizing structure.**
- **Foster a distinct identity.**
- **Encourage variety and interest.**
- **Ensure visual and functional continuity.**
- **Maximize convenience.**
- **Provide for comfort.**
- **Emphasize high quality.**

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