**Third Place Tool**

For each “third place” in your neighborhood, rate the locale on a 1-5 scale (where 1 is low and 5 is high) for how well each item describes the place.

Location or Name of Place **USA RESTAURANT, GRANT PARK, IL** Date & Time of visit: **WEDNEDSAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 4:30 PM**  
Name of neighborhood and sub-section, if any:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Circle one: This place was inside n’hood **on n’hood periphery** outside walkable outside drive

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| Convenient location/walking distance to center of neighborhood | 5 |
| Leveling: class, income, occupation, age, race and background unimportant | 4 |
| Used by “regulars” from the neighborhood(s) | 5 |
| Conversation as main activity | 5 |
| Conversations “open” to all (not limited to small group) | 5 |
| OK to linger? Is lingering encouraged? Discouraged? Ok during non-peak times | 4 |
| Casual/“Come as you are” | 5 |
| Inexpensive (Approx. price range $10.00 | 5 |
| Convenient hours. (Hours: 5 am to 9 pm) | 4 |
| Heterogeneous clientele (If homogeneous, describe: age, ethnicity, gender, class, etc.) white, rural/farming middle class, older population and families. Not a ‘teen’ hangout. | 2 |
| People reading paper, doing homework, or engaged in “solo” or isolated activity. newspaper | 4 |
| Conversations between workers and customers | 5 |
| Neutral Ground? | 5 |
| Low profile, not fancy or impressive; simple, plain, even rustic. | 5 |
| Playful mood relaxed, friendly mood. | 4 |
| A home away from home | 5 |
| Bulletin Boards & announcements: collect information on ads for local/neighborhood groups or meetings. Who, what and how many? | 5 |
| Programs such as reading groups, activities, etc? Say what age groups they are geared toward. Restaurant. No special clubs held here. | 1 |

**Rate each area on the following characteristics.**

**Accessibility.**

Parking lot? How many spaces?\_gravel. Appx 30 spaces available.

Building capacity (interior, posted) I could not find a sign. The waitress told me “about 100.”

Outside capacity, if any none\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

bike racks? no Just park your bike on the wide walkway out front.

Distance to nearest bus stop?none

Sidewalks around establishment? Three sides

Sidewalks leading to establishment from neighborhood? From one direction out of four. Residents are used to walking on the roads.

Do people appear to arrive in groups or do they come alone? Mostly groups. Some folks come alone and sit at the counter.

Hours: 5 am to 9 pm

Handicap accessible? Yes

Outside lights? Yes

**Leveler:**

Diverse clientele? Describe kinds of people Not diverse. Middle class white rural towns people come here, as well as local workers. Small family ‘greasy spoon’ diner.

**Age ranges**: \_20 something to elderly. 0 % children \_\_\_\_0\_\_ teens \_\_\_42\_\_\_\_adults \_\_\_58\_\_\_\_seniors

**Income:** \_\_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_low income \_\_\_\_90\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ middle income \_\_\_5\_\_\_\_upper income

**Race/gender:** mixed or mostly one clientele? Mostly white. One group of Hispanic men.   
**%Students (guess)**: 0

**Conversation as Main Activity:**

**Music/TV** volume: off (channel on CNN with closed captioning)

**Patrons:**  Mostly a little talking a lot of loud talking fun, free ranging discussion   
(circle one) silent talking across many tables

**Playful Mood?** Laughter? Smiling? Joking?

Other descriptives:A lot of ‘catching up’ on personal lives and events.

**Regulars**?

Unless you know, ask proprietor, bartender or wait staff about how many regulars they have, where they come from, and who they are (townies; neighborhood residents; workers at particular place; students, etc.

The owner, George, regularly walks around and pats people on the back, making sure they are enjoying themselves. Many times you will hear the waitresses inquire about family members of the customers. Most are folks I recognize from town with their families, farmers coming in after work, town police and fire workers.