**Third Place Tool – Leslie Searl**

**There are no third spaces within my neighborhood**

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time of visit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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 |  |
| Leveling: class, income, occupation, age, race and background unimportant |  |
| Used by “regulars” from the neighborhood(s) |  |
| Conversation as main activity |  |
| Conversations “open” to all (not limited to small group) |  |
| OK to linger? Is lingering encouraged? Discouraged? |  |
| Casual/“Come as you are” |  |
| Inexpensive (Approx. price range:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) |  |
| Convenient hours. (Hours: |  |
| Heterogeneous clientele (If homogeneous, describe: age, ethnicity, gender, class, etc.) |  |
| People reading paper, doing homework, or engaged in “solo” or isolated activity. |  |
| Conversations between workers and customers |  |
| Neutral Ground? |  |
| Low profile, not fancy or impressive; simple, plain, even rustic. |  |
| Playful mood |  |
| A home away from home |  |
| Bulletin Boards & announcements: collect information on ads for local/neighborhood groups or meetings. Who, what and how many? |  |
| Programs such as reading groups, activities, etc? Say what age groups they are geared toward. |  |

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

**Accessibility.**

Parking lot? How many spaces?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Building capacity (interior, posted)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outside capacity, if any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

bike racks?

Distance to nearest bus stop?

Sidewalks around establishment?

Sidewalks leading to establishment from neighborhood?

Do people appear to arrive in groups or do they come alone?

Hours:

Handicap accessible?

Outside lights?

**Leveler:**

Diverse clientele? Describe kinds of people

**Age ranges**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% children \_\_\_\_\_\_ teens \_\_\_\_\_\_\_adults \_\_\_\_\_\_\_seniors

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

**Race/gender:** mixed or mostly one clientele?   
**%Students (guess)**:

**Conversation as Main Activity:**

**Music/TV** volume:

**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:

**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.