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#### City Shorts: Public Space Film Festival - Thursday, June 18, 2009

A reminder about the very exciting Public Space Film Fest that we have planned for this Thursday.

We've assembled an excellent set of short films that look at public space issues, Vancouver's urban scene and city life. Included in this diverse package are movies on urban greening, public art, urban exploring, parkour, billboards and corporate presence, graffiti, and more!

This is the VPSN's first film fest and fundraiser and we hope you can all make it. It's part of our strategy to use this excellent series of shorts to remind everyone that great city-making still lies within the hands of its citizens. Not only will you be getting an evening jam-packed with films on the public realm, but you'll also be helping the VPSN too. Silver screen action with an added benefit!

Doors open at 7:00pm, show starts at 7:30pm. Tickets: \$10 / \$8 Students and Seniors.  
VanCity Theatre, 1181 Seymour Street

Liquid refreshments will be available for purchase. And there will be some lively post-film entertainment to take in as well.

For more information - [www.VancouverPublicSpace.ca](http://www.VancouverPublicSpace.ca)

## **VPSN Annual General Meeting - Sunday, June 21, 2009**

The VPSN's registered non-profit arm is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual AGM & BBQ on Third Beach this coming Sunday. We'll do our best to take care of the standard requirements - Board presentations, Financial reports and elections - in a timely fashion... and then get down to the serious business of enjoying the fine outdoor setting of Stanley Park. We'll have a couple of BBQ's on the go - feel free to bring something for the grill and a beverage to cool you. The meeting will take place on the beach, north west of the stairs to the concession stand (that is, in the direction of Lion's Gate Bridge).

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## **Surveillance & Security Meeting - Monday, June 22, 2009**

As we reported a few months ago, the City has started the move towards rolling out expensive new surveillance cameras in time for the Olympics. Although originally claiming that they would only be 'temporary' they've now backtracked and are making plans for post-Olympic cameras in public spaces. Join us for a workshop and meeting that will provide updates on the CCTV/surveillance background research that we've been working on, as well as to plan our surveillance mapping exercise of the DTES and Vancouver's central business district.

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## **Velo-City Events @ the Museum of Vancouver - Thursday, June 25, 2009**

Join the Museum Of Vancouver and the Vancouver Public Space Network for an evening that offers the latest and most creative solutions to bicycle parking around the world, as well as challenges and opportunities here in Vancouver.

Special guests for the evening will be Richard Campbell with Third Wave Cycling Group, Adrian Witte with Bunt Engineering, and Stephanie Doerksen with the VPSN. Free to the public. Cash bar and refreshments. Takes place 7-9pm, Museum of Vancouver, 1100 Chestnut Street.

:: More information - [www.vanmuseum.bc.ca](http://www.vanmuseum.bc.ca)

## **VPSN Volunteer Orientation Meeting - Wednesday, July 1, 2009**

A monthly orientation meeting about the VPSN's mission, what we do, and how we do it. This meeting will be held monthly - first Wednesday of the month, 7pm. All

interested volunteers are welcome to attend. This month's meeting takes place 7-8pm, at Cafe Deux Soleils, 2096 Commercial Drive.

:: RSVP to erin [at] vancouverpublicspace.ca

## VPSN NEWS

### Where's the Square - Winning Designs!

The winning designs from the Vancouver Public Space Network's "Where's the Square" ideas design competition were unveiled on May 27, 2009. For those that missed the event and the subsequent press, here's the recap:

The competition, was designed to focus attention on the important role that central gathering places play in the life of cities. The competition did this by calling for design ideas for a new "grand gathering place" in Vancouver.

In total, 54 concepts were submitted - and each of these was evaluated by both a six person Jury and the public at large. Three prizes were awarded - a Jury Selection and (because of a close race) two People's Choice Awards.

The winners were:

**Jury Selection** - "The Band" - Mark Ashby Architecture and Greenskins Lab (Mark Ashby, Kevin Kong, Isabel Kunigk and Daniel Roehr).

**People's Choice 1** - "Vancouver Carpet" - Hapa Collaborative (Joseph Fry, Xenia Semeniuk and Doron Fishman).

**People's Choice 2** - "Waterfront Square" - Michael Alexander and Michael Painter/MPA Design.

The Jury Selection Award, entitled "The Band," proposed a linear "square" that linked the easterly end of Robson Street, with False Creek. The jury's decision to select this design was unanimous, and in describing the submission they commented on the innovative nature of the concept and design, noting that its ability to link both 'centre' and 'edge' of the city was visionary... and will spark a conversation." You can read an article on the jury process by Lance Berelowitz, who published his thoughts in [The Tyee](#) last week.

The People's Choice 1 Award went to "Vancouver Carpet" - a concept built around an imaginative redesign of the north side of the VAG site. The design envisioned a creative renewal of the current "Centennial Square" area, calling also for the development of a renewed public component in the site currently occupied by the Art Gallery building.

People's Choice 2 Award - "Waterfront Square" - provided an lively scheme for an "edge" site. Selecting the area immediately adjacent to Waterfront Station, the

design proposed the development of a gathering place against the backdrop of the North Shore mountains - at the historic (and present) hub of Vancouver's transportation infrastructure.

The awards ceremony took place in front of a capacity audience at Heritage Hall with winners each receiving a commissioned carving by West Coast artist Cyrile Derrick. Photos of the event can be viewed [here](#).

The winning designs can be viewed online at [www.WheresTheSquare.ca](http://www.WheresTheSquare.ca). All three will play a part in future advocacy activities by the VPSN. Stay tuned - the competition was just the beginning...

## Car Free Day - What a Blast!

Kudos to the good folks behind the Car Free Festivals around town - take a bow for some truly amazing work! VPSN volunteers were staked out at both the Commercial Drive and Denman Street sites, and others were taking the fun in Kitsilano and Main Street. A great time was had all the sites - and thanks to everyone who stopped by to say hi, make bike tags and guerrilla gardening ammo, or just chat about the public realm. Hopefully even the guy who ate one of our seedbombs liked the visit (no sir, sorry, not chocolate). You can see some of our initial photos from the Denman Street event on our [Flickr page](#).

## Follow VPSN on Twitter

Proving that we, too, can stay hip to the latest in communication trends, VPSN is now chirping on Twitter. If you're part of this newfangled 2.0 world too, why not show your public space colours by signing up for our tweet-size dispatches?

:: [Twitter.com/vpsn](https://twitter.com/vpsn)

## Surrey Public Space?

Over the past couple of years we've had a chance to talk with public space advocates in a number of other cities throughout BC and across Canada. In the last few months, we've also heard from a few folks in Surrey who are interested in taking things up a notch and starting a public space group there. Excellent idea! We'd like to help get the ball rolling - so if you happen to live, work or play in this fine city south of the Fraser, please let us know. Perhaps it's time for the Surrey Public Space Network to take flight?

:: Further information - [andrew \[at\] vancouverpublicspace.ca](mailto:andrew@vancouverpublicspace.ca)

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **Seattle versus Vancouver: The Great Urban Debate - Tuesday, June 16 2009**

Gordon Price from Vancouver arguing FOR Seattle; Peter Steinbrueck from Seattle arguing FOR Vancouver; moderated by Lance Berelowitz

Come hear two of the region's most provocative thinkers call it as they see it, in what will be a stimulating, no-holds-barred public event that is sure to serve up some challenging new ideas about the future of Cascadia. Presented by VIA Architecture and the SFU City Program. Takes place 7pm at SFU Harbour Centre. Free admission, reservations required. Email [cstudies@sfu.ca](mailto:cstudies@sfu.ca) or call 778-782.5100.

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