

HOUSTON INTERNSHIP

DUE Friday, June 3 @ 2:00pm

1 SITE OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS:

You will move into the initial investigation of the site. In this phase, you are required to do the following:

- 1) **Site observations through written and visual information**
- 2) **Site information based on any available sources through the City of Houston or online resources**
- 3) **Precedent for development projects of similar nature**

You will now continue this process by producing visual diagrams of your analysis of the site.

Remember, during this phase, you are required to visit the site multiple times and at a variety of times throughout the week. See how it is during traffic hour, during lunch, during the weekend and on evenings. You want to get a good sense of the potential use of the site.

Take photographs of the site.

Look for maps – all different kinds.

You need to look at the way in which transportation will interact with the site. In particular the new light rail system running down Main Street.

You will now form three groups and will work on this phase of the project in teams.

Team A:

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Team B:

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Elizabeth Pavlicek
Adam Ruelas
Ryan DiRaimo

Team C:

Colby Brazile
Cole Lorenz
George LaBeth
Cal Otero

The following websites will be helpful to you, but there are more for you to seek out:

www.houstontx.gov (City of Houston – 713-837-0311)

<http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/index.html>

City of Houston’s Planning and Development Department – 713-837-7701

www.hou-metro.harris.tx.us (City of Houston’s Metro System)

There will be other websites and you will want to locate maps and other site information.

www.teraserver.com

aerial photographs

<http://www.houstonmidtown.com/>

Midtown Houston’s website with great information for this project.

www.houstondowntowndistrict.org

Houston Downtown Management District provides all kinds of information about the downtown area, include market research for housing.

www.centralhouston.org

Provides more information about center city Houston.

<http://www.tmc.edu/>

Medical Center website information

ADDENDUM

You will turn in the following:

- 1) Site observations through written and visual information**
- 2) Site information based on any available sources through the City of Houston or online resources**
- 3) Precedent for development projects of similar nature**
- 4) Visual Diagrams representing the collective investigations of your site** (this is a very important part of the assignment. It tells me how well you understand the site based on environmental, cultural, etc... means. What is important is that you take the research information you have gathered and you develop visual diagrams that help us to understand the site in a better way. It could be wind directions, sun angles, etc...or, it could be demographic influences, traffic patterns, etc...)
- 5) Site plan information (based on civil survey you get from the city)**

As a team, you will determine how much information you need to provide. I have a very good idea of what is needed, but part of your problem is to determine how much is necessary to show you have fully investigated the site.