11 Guidelines for Building an Urban Village

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Essentials for creating cozy communities within an urban setting

1. Facilitate bumping into friends & neighbors
   - Provide ample seating
   - Let people sip

2. Follow the Three Rules
   - Encourage gardens
   - Don't put garages in front of building
   - Build to the sidewalk
   - On streets parking creates a
   - Bike racks encourage biking
   - Change parking material for walking
   - Clear entrance
   - Plant trees in parking lots
   - Mobile police on bikes

3. Ease the Hassles of Getting Around
   - Permeable building fronts
   - Pedestrian friendly
   - Maintain Landscaping
   - Make signs speak directly
   - Art as a point of reference
   - Remind People Where They Are
   - Add two dimensions
   - Use alleys for retail
   - Provide recycling cans to make recycling convenient
   - Art as a protection
   - Paint murals on blank walls

4. Create Buildings that Fit In
   - Local Walk
   - Similar rooflines
   - Use similar rooflines
   - Allow alley houses
   - Use alleys for retail

5. Smooth Rough Edges with Buffers & Shields
   - Bike racks encourage biking
   - Clear entrance
   - Low fences

6. Be Child-Friendly
   - Build Playgrounds in Unlikely Places
   - Provide baby changing
   - Allow baby changing
   - Build baby sitting

7. Don’t Forget Little Necessities
   - Cover trashcans
   - Awnings to keep heads dry
   - Clear entrance

8. Create Buildings that Fit In
   - Local Walk
   - Use similar rooflines

9. Smooth Rough Edges with Buffers & Shields
   - Local Walk
   - Plant trees in parking lots
   - Clear entrance

10. Recycle & Use Small Spaces
    - Local Walk
    - Allow alley houses
    - Use alleys for retail
    - Provide recycling cans to make recycling convenient

11. Personalize the City with Art
    - Art as a point of reference
    - Art as a protection
    - Paint murals on blank walls
    - Clear entrance

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