REGENERATION OF A PUBLIC SPACE

Observations on urban transformation of “Place de la République”- Paris - France
Vanessa Grob - architect

Public•Space•Lab
“PLACE DE LA REPUBLIQUE”

The “place de la Republique” was a crossroad structuring point, with the crossing of circulations in all the senses and a roundabout in the center that revolved around the statue that represents "the republic"
“PLACE DE LA REPUBLIQUE” BEFORE

This place should represent the most important premises of the French republic: Liberty - Equality - Fraternity, its urban configuration left out the expression of citizenship.
From 2008 to 2011 there is a work of Citizen Concertation, where the history of the square is explained, the operation is analyzed, the problems that arise are mentioned and the neighbors are invited to participate in the co-creation of the square ... to reconquer The Place to be a citizen space again ...
“PLACE DE LA REPUBLIQUE”

THE PROJECT

After a project competition organized by the municipality of Paris, the office of architecture: TVK architects, wins the competition, develops and realizes the project that opens in June 2013.
Avant / Before  Après / After
DEFINED USES

• In the beginning a soil is created…
DEFINED USES

• A coffee...
• A fountain and a water-mirror...
• Street furniture: skateboard ...
• And one or another bench to sit ...

Calgary –2017
AGGREGATE USES (AFTER)

• A Ludotec... a games kiosk
AGGREGATE USES (AFTER)

• Skate-ramp and jump (Internationally recognized spot) ...
AGGREGATE USES (AFTER)

- New trees ... Existing trees ... and "planting permits"
AGGREGATE USES (AFTER)

• Street furniture ... we had to stay for a while ...
AGGREGATE USES (AFTER)

- Memorials...
• Concerts ... and protests ...
• Games... and civic education...
• A mineral square but that creates shaded spaces to be ...
• And by night...
• And by night...
• And again the citizen expression ... all get together ...
The citizen expression ... even when it is not possible to meet ...

Climate change manifestation (cancel by Security reasons) December 2015
THANK YOU

Vanessa Grob – architect
10 rue Charles Delescluze
75011 Paris – France

Public • Space • Lab

Photo Credits:
• official photos of the square by Internet
• Personal photos of Vanessa Grob