

Channel Some Fun!

The Northern Avenue Bridge Experience

There is a certain level of corporate sterility - a genericness - which has replaced the local character and identity once associated with public space and the city.

This proposal addresses the fundamental element of urban infrastructure - the bridge - not simply as a functional conveyor of people from one place to another, as it is commonly understood, but rather as an expressive experience that emphasizes the journey itself and a public space that is welcome to all. The main thrust of this design is creating a significant and memorable node within the evolving Harborwalk system that might form the foundation for a cohesive public realm experience between the more established Downtown and emerging Innovation District. Furthermore, this proposal invites the public to explore the Harbor in an entirely new way, and experience a more intimate relationship with the water by way of a large multi-purpose dock that rises and lowers with the tides.

“An overlay of functions creates public space: the thicker the collage of functions, the more public a space becomes.”

~ Richard Sennett

can have a transformative effect on health, safety, and economic activity of a place - not to mention beauty and happiness (Silberberg, 2013).

This proposal establishes a new identity for the Harborwalk by harnessing increased foot traffic to offer a playful and flexible public experience. The design gives

