

NEW VENUE: BROADWAY THEATRE

Civic Squares and Downtown Parks

a placemaking discussion forum



Cynthia Nikitin
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Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Broadway Theatre

Currently, the City of Saskatoon is working on projects for two key areas within the city centre, Kinsmen Park and Area, and the City Centre Plan. It is the City's goal to bring international calibre principles and strategies to these initiatives, while at the same time creating plans that are strongly guided by the community in order to bring together the best global and local ideas.

Cynthia Nikitin has led numerous large-scale and complex projects during her nineteen years with Project for Public Spaces, as Vice President for Downtowns. Her CV includes work on the Centre City Parks Analysis for Calgary, the design of a new civic square in Newberg Oregon, and a new civic centre project in Houston, and a new library to anchor the downtown in Fort Meyers, Florida.

With a portfolio of more than 175 projects, Cynthia's technical expertise stretches from the development of public art master plans for major cities, and the coalescing of civic buildings, like libraries into civic centers, to the development of downtown master plans and transit facility and station area enhancement projects, to the creation of corridor-wide transportation and land use strategies for state highways.

The Kinsmen Park and Area Master Plan includes the re-use of the Mendel Art Gallery building, revitalization of the park as the place in the city for children's fun and play, extension of programming and design to encourage more users of all ages and better connections across the site between the Mendel and Kinsmen Park. This public lecture is presented by the City of Saskatoon as part of the Kinsmen Park and Area Master Plan project, in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan Planner in Residence Program, Prairie Wild Consulting and Great Places.

The Planner in Residence is a planner of significant national or international reputation who can add to the training capacity of the RUP Program through their residency, and invigorate public discussion on issues of planning and design. The U of S Planner in Residence Program is funded by a generous gift from Dr. H.D. (Dewell) Linn to the Regional and Urban Planning Program. The 2011 Planner in Residence is generously co-sponsored by Prairie Wild Consulting.

For further information on this event contact Jeanna South, 975-2844.

