

Experience of Neighbourhood Parks in Karachi
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Abstract

The quality of urban spatial elements like parks, playgrounds, squares add character and livability to the city. Neighborhood Park is one such element of urban design. It is why people come to live in a neighbourhood. Substantial research has been done in this field in the west (e.g. Jacobs 1969, Gold 1972, 1977; Hestor 1984) but how people perceive and experience these spaces in third world cities like Karachi is limited. This research tries to investigate how the people of Karachi experience neighbourhood parks provided by the local authorities with its specific climatic, cultural and socio-economic background. This may provide an understanding on how these elements may be planned and designed.

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