



Peter J. Park

Design Critic in Urban Planning and Design
Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Monday, January 14, 2013 at 6 p.m.
BioScience Research Collaborative
Rice University
6500 Main Street at University Blvd

Please register for this event at <https://signup.rice.edu/Liu/>.

Parking will be available in the BRC parking garage,
off Dryden and Main Street.

This event will be registered for AIA, AICP, and CNU-A Continuing Education (1.5) credits, pending approval.

A brief reception will start at 6 p.m.,
followed by the lecture at 7 p.m.

From Vision to Reality: ReFORMing the American City

American city planning is in a constant state of flux. Today's economic challenges present opportunities for city planning and design with renewed purpose. Peter J. Park is the former Planning Director of Milwaukee and Denver and has led innovative private and public sector practice for over 20 years. In Milwaukee, he oversaw the replacement of the elevated Park East freeway with an enhanced downtown street network that connects surrounding neighborhoods to opportunity and catalyzes new riverfront development. In Denver, his work focused on revitalizing and creating new urban centers around Fastracks, one of the nation's largest public transit expansions. He oversaw comprehensive zoning code updates in both cities that streamline development permitting, guide high quality design, and shape urban places of lasting value.

Peter was the 2012 Lincoln Loeb Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. During his fellowship, he researched opportunities for removing elevated highways in cities, application of Form-based codes at citywide scales, and new technologies for community engagement. He teaches urban planning and design at the University of Colorado-Denver and was the Loeb Design Critic in Urban Planning and Design at Harvard GSD last fall. He is currently assisting in the comprehensive zoning code update for Los Angeles, California.

Peter will share his perspective on the importance of planning vision and design leadership in strengthening American cities.