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What constitutes the multiple perspectives in Places of the Bay Area?

“I think one of the reasons I like the space is because when I read my vision is focused a few feet away, as is so much of my life. At the Cleveland Cascade I take breaks and look out across Lake Merritt and daydream about what lies ahead.”

“The Middle Eastern man who always came with two books, somehow always at the cusp of finishing one, the American who read the Chronicle sections again and again and again, the couples and friends and families who were locked in conversations and those who were on the go, the students and their paraphernalia of tablets and smart phones and occasional notebooks, as if some magic, there was space always for all of them”.

“Somehow, this natural environment always seems to reduce the scale of life’s quibbles.”

People relate to places in multiple and unique ways. By learning about the range of relationships that people have with places, we all can broaden our own understanding of places.

Such an understanding will allow the representation of places be better aligned with places as they are experienced in the Bay Area.

“For me this is therapy—taking off my shoes walking in the water, feeling the sand massage my feet, the sun creating a glow against the water, waves splashing the beautiful ocean to the shore.”

“One of a few-dozen “doctors-of-color” to grow up in East Palo Alto, he rode or walked Coyote Hill—at the east end of the Dumbarton Bridge—several days a week for 20 years. So we built a bench for Doc. I see it every day on my commute. That’s the view in the picture below.”

“As the timer counted down I felt the closing of one life chapter and the beginning of something new.”