Record Nr. UNINA9910795413003321 Autore Rojas James **Titolo** Dream Play Build: Hands-On Community Engagement for Enduring Spaces and Places Pubbl/distr/stampa Washington, D. C.:,: Island Press,, 2022 ©2022 **ISBN** 1-64283-150-6 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (218 pages) Altri autori (Persone) KampJohn Disciplina 307.1/4 Soggetti Community development Public meetings Community organization Political participation Public spaces Play - Political aspects Reunions publiques Organisation communautaire Participation politique Espaces publics Jeu - Aspect politique community organizations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto James's story: the personal roots of place it! -- John's story: a planner's search for new tools -- Forget what you know about engagement --Learning to plan through play -- The heart of engagement: introducing South Colton -- Hands on! -- Pop up! -- Use your senses! --Outcomes: they're not just buildings anymore -- Play more, talk less "People love their communities and want them to become safer. Sommario/riassunto healthier, more prosperous places. But the standard approach to public meetings somehow makes everyone miserable. Conversations that

should be inspiring can become shouting matches. So what would it look like to facilitate truly meaningful discussions between citizens and

planners? What if they could be fun? For twenty years, James Rojas and John Kamp have been looking to art, creative expression, and storytelling to shake up the classic community meeting. In Dream Play Build, they share their insights into building common ground and inviting active participation among diverse groups. Their approach, "Place It!," draws on three methods: the interactive model-building workshop, the pop-up, and site exploration using our senses. Using our hands to build and create is central to what makes us human, helping spark ideas without relying on words to communicate. Deceptively playful, this method is remarkably effective at teasing out community dreams and desires from hands-on activities. Dream Play Build offers wisdom distilled from workshops held around the world. and a deep dive into the transformational approach and results from the South Colton community in southern California. While much of the process was developed through in-person meetings, the book also translates the experience to online engagement--how to make people remember their connections beyond the computer screen. Inspirational and fun, Dream Play Build celebrates the value of engaging with the dreams we have for our communities. Readers will find themselves weaving these artful, playful lessons and methods into their own efforts for making change within the landscape around them."--Amazon.com