

# Rohnert Park, CA Downtown Form-Based Code



*Town Planning Charrette Meeting with Model, Rohnert Park, CA*

## *Description:*

Fisher Town Design was part of the Opticos team that was charged with creating a design for a brand new downtown for Rohnert Park. The goal was to create a beautiful public realm in a City that lacked places to gather in public. During the multi-day charrette, the design team worked with the traffic engineer on a plan to make Rohnert Park Expressway into a multi-lane boulevard to allow new development to face the new calmed 'slip' streets instead of 'backing on' to it. A new fully public Town Green surrounded by mixed-use is planned for the parking lot in front of the library (see below). A 3-D model was created so that everyone could understand the proposed plan. The team worked with key developers and city staff to develop a code and design using building types, frontage types, block perimeters, height limits, etc. A Regulating Plan was created and the plan was adopted at the end of 2018.



*Sketch of the Proposed Public Town Green in Front of the Library and Adjacent to the Current Plaza: by Opticos and Fisher Town Design*

Location: Rohnert Park, California  
Type: Design/Code to create a Downtown from Scratch  
Design: 2017- 2018  
Status: Complete  
Size: 43,000 population  
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