

2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Muted noises of city life  
Squirrels chipping at each other  
or  
squeaking

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

other people  
skies a-blue, red roses  
too  
Trees, grass



1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

<sup>+voice</sup>  
A48 Bus Driver



Enjoy their lunch break, or  
other meal

Thinks to himself,  
what a wonderful life

That it's a distraction  
to their customers

that it is relaxing  
to sit in

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Birds  
Breezes/leaves  
water  
Quiet music  
Calm voices

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Trees  
Birds  
friendly people  
people reading  
Some art/sculpture  
places to sit

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Me/adults  
teens  
families

Read  
Have a coffee  
Watch people  
nap/relax  
Draw/paint  
listen to music

calm  
at rest  
thoughtful

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

*music, laughter*

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

*other children climbing, playing  
other families and older/single individuals  
enjoying the playful scene*

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

*family with young children  
visiting town*

*a fountain  
sculpture*

*attend family focused events-  
concert  
climb, swing, play*

*Welcome, safe  
challenged to play*

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Birds  
traffic  
Laughter

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Bikes  
other elders  
Benches  
street lights

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Elder Woman

Sit  
Read  
People Watch

Trying to get out  
Happen

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Laughter  
Conversation  
Music

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Groups of people engaged  
with each other -  
+ some solo people

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

Mobility impaired

Meet friends  
Have an opportunity  
to move to a higher  
elevation - a small scale  
ramped "tower"

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

Relaxed  
Welcome  
Interested in  
surroundings  
Drawn to interesting &  
varied activities

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Conversations  
Moving water  
Laughter  
Music performances  
Theatrical performances

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

People gathering organically  
occasional performances  
- food tents (not permanent)  
political or other "causes"  
- planned

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Downtown Resident  
\* who works  
downtown as well

Meet \* with friends  
& co-workers  
Be entertained  
Relax  
Read  
Buy from slow-food or farmers market  
(non-permanent)

welcome  
Relaxed (during non-event times)  
Green space & water feature  
for calming amidst  
busy downtown  
\* interconnected to  
other people of the  
community

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## 2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

quiet conversation  
birds  
children - supervised play  
dramatic speeches  
historical  
enactment

## 3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

benches - ~~walking~~ paths  
people, ~~Not a lot~~  
books of concrete  
music concerts  
maybe  
wild chips  
playground  
for kids - in a corner

## 1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

workers in area  
residents of city  
and surrounding area

read books  
think  
listen to music  
conversations  
read paper

## 4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

like to see lots  
of people but  
feel it should be  
suitable to read a book  
meditate listen to  
music - headphones or  
moderate level

## 5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Water  
New ideas  
Inspiration  
HOPE

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

new relations  
people happy  
people talking  
Green plants  
Light

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

A place for people  
to come together  
to create solutions  
for a sustainable  
future

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

Share  
contribute to the  
community  
create solutions

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

that they  
made a difference  
Inspired

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

traffic

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

People of all ages, flowers/landscaping,  
art work, friends + neighbors,

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

Young adults:  
teenagers, college students

Hang out, take selfies by art-  
work + fountains, swing on  
swings, wait for their city  
bus, wait for their ride (parent, uber,  
friend), ~~eat~~ drink their coffee/smoothie bought  
nearby, go to events hosted in the space

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

Welcome!

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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- people chatting / playing
- occasional events  
(ex: art fair, library events)  
other festivals/vendors
- some sounds of nature  
(a few trees/birds)

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

small groups / gatherings  
occasional large organized events  
(ex: sometimes Kerrytown has  
food fairs, ~~and~~ performances,  
and movies.)

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

Resident of A2 who  
does not live downtown

Meet up with friends  
learn/participate in local  
events.

Relaxed or excited...

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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Traffic  
Voices  
Laughter  
Screams/Squeals

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Play space  
Tables/Park Benches  
Scattered Planters  
people - especially  
other kids  
Books in hands

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Family w/ Kids

Read Library  
Books

Play on playspace

Hang out at benches  
or Tables

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

People-watch

Safe  
welcome  
Happy  
Stimulated by  
other people

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Function, water  
Calmness

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Green Space  
Function

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Visitors, Seniors, kids  
grandparents, grandkids

Visit site, talk

restful

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

- ANN Arbor News
- park meeting

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

converging space  
Possibly a LIBRARY

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

People who Live + work in Downtown

- READ A book
- visit with friends
- children playing

Excited About Reestablishing OUR town square

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5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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*Themselves, the environment,  
the community or most importantly  
nothing at all ALL THE  
TIME.*

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

*Their community, the dreams,  
their neighbors, or a new  
face to meet*

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

*Someone who needs a break  
and doesn't want or need to  
go to a commercial space.*

**INCLUDED**

*Whatever they choose  
as long as it doesn't impose*

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5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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Public performances  
chatter of people talking  
No loud arguments

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Clean, open areas  
An indoor area for indoor activities  
(work on laptop, get a coffee)  
Water

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Downtown Employee  
who commutes to the library lot

Walk among green things  
Sit and enjoy a drink with a friend  
Park their car

Safe  
Friendly  
Welcoming  
Proud of being an Ann Arbor resident

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laughing  
running feet/footsteps  
water - fountain, etc.

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

families  
Workers eating lunch  
students reading/passing through

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Visiting Grandparent  
w/ grandchildren

- Sit & watch children play  
- read

- comfortable  
- feels the sun/able to find shade  
- protected

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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Music. Buzz from coffee shop  
tables outside. Dr in - thru  
class. Concerts.  
Community Events

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Festivals. Young ladies  
drawn to music + gathering  
other civic events

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

~~Nettie~~ - ~~Hippie~~ ~~Bob~~ ~~John~~  
VM Vandergrad.  
Male, 20 Y.O.

Takes. Some.  
Eat. Drink

Warm (emotionally)  
Safe. Interested.

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Water from a water fountain  
chatter from his friends with him

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

~~paths that are green~~  
Green-colored areas of the Commons  
Concrete areas of the Commons  
Benches / seating areas  
(doesn't have to be benches, like the Ding)  
Areas to run around and play

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

High school student

Sit and talk to their friends  
Sit ~~at~~ on the grassy areas  
Do some homework in an indoor ~~area~~  
area

Friendly  
welcoming  
Open  
Safe  
I feel like I'm a member  
of the Ann Arbor community  
(not just my HS)

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5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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water fountain speakers on stage  
peace music  
activity  
bustle  
information  
birds  
breeze  
buskers

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Small trees, prairie grass, benches, tables  
people, buskers, food trucks(?), snapshots  
of nature, the band or speaker,

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Anyone passing through this portion of downtown for any reason, on any day or night. Lunch eaters, relaxers, readers, skaters(?), bikers, etc.

relaxed, rested, entertained, informed, fed.

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5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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City ~~scapes~~ sounds.  
Birds  
People talking  
Music at times

## 3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Nature. A small reprieve from concrete & paving stones. Mounded land, grass, grass, grass.

Shady areas ~~that could also be~~  
~~protected~~  
Places to gather on blankets, or benches.

## 1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

- Every Resident of A<sup>2</sup>
- Every Visitor to A<sup>2</sup>
- Homeless or Day Shelter people.
- Young, old, ADA dependent.

Like they can take a break from shopping, art fair, heat.

Like they know that if there is a rally in A<sup>2</sup> it will be in Central Park. Redo Liberty Plaza so it flows into & out of Central Park (Liberty is too hard as it is).

- Meets up with people.
- Socializing in the park.
- Picnics.
- <sup>Communication</sup> Discusses civic issues typical in the City - a place to disseminate ideas & issues before the City officials. As important

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## 5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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① Since we no longer have a daily local paper, this area could be central to disseminating info coming by Council, Mayor, Center etc.

② The AAPD used to have small satellite stations (bigger than a phone booth) throughout the city - in West Park, on N. Maple, etc. Reestablish that. ~~They~~ Takes care of security presence & decontaminating. AAPD is desirable.

2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Sounds of children playing; calming music

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

A pleasant building lobby plus meeting / activity rooms in a building for low-income individuals and families

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

low-income people who work in community as well as people disabled and others.

lives, cooks, recreates + share social activities in a social housing, supportive apartment building.

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

safe, secure, supported in an affordable social housing complex that supports young families, children + disabled individuals

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?



2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

L0000TS of activity —  
talking, musicians,

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

People 24/7. Always  
active, never  
deserted. As or  
more diverse than  
the rest of the city.  
age, race, income

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

high-school  
student

Lots of seating,  
opportunity to purchase  
low-cost items

Safe, welcome,  
energized, FUN!  
Like Main St + more  
people!

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3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

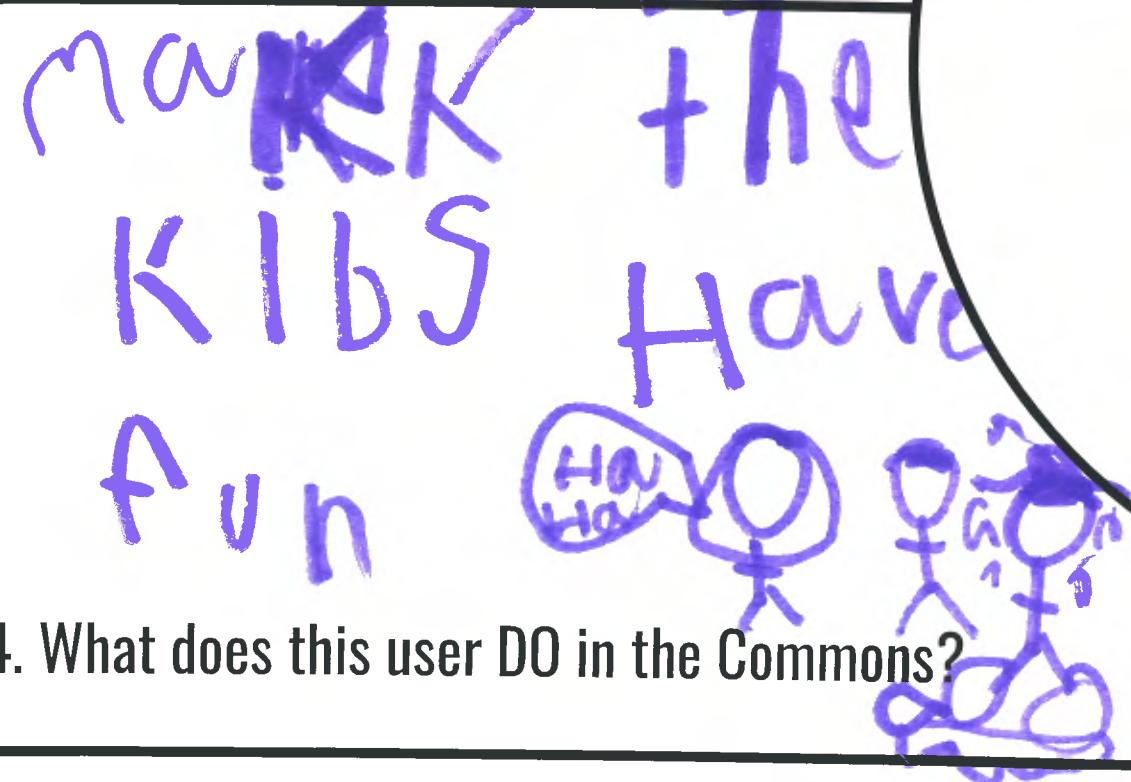
Kids with  
Smiles  
on them

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?



Happy  
~~Happy~~

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?



5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Water trickling from a natural wetland area.  
music from a main stage overlooking a meadow.  
a play from an open air theatre.  
demonstrations on water remediation.  
people talking from an open market.

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

people enjoying themselves.  
natural beauty.  
people and lovely landscaping

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

A teenager

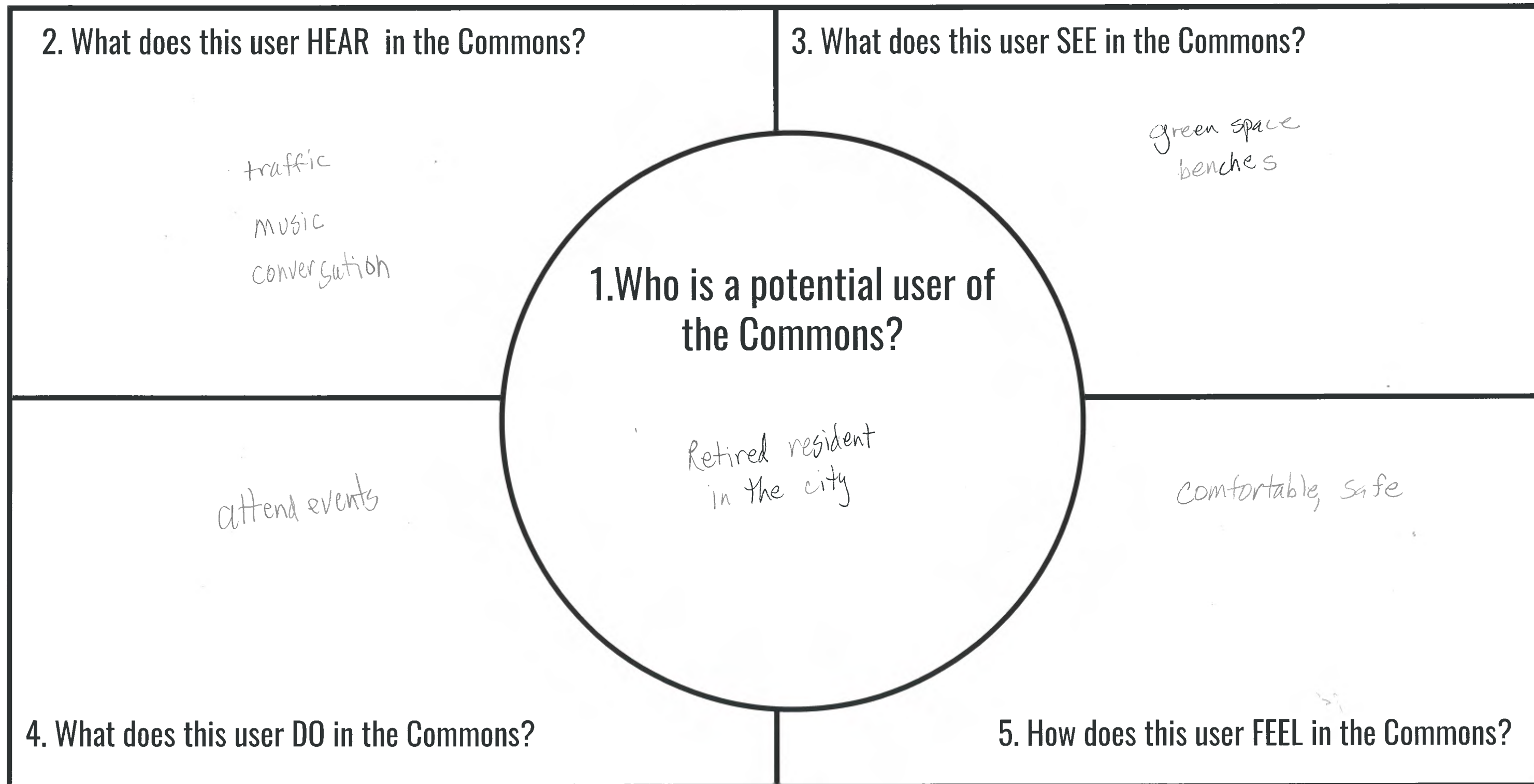
Enjoy nature.  
hang out in a natural play area.  
meet friends.  
enjoy music  
pick from the edible orchard + gardens.  
visit the open market

relaxed & happy.  
comfortable and SAFE  
enjoying nature.  
excited to be in a historic  
new place designed for them and  
ALL PEOPLE

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

traffic  
music  
conversation

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

green space  
benches

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Retired resident  
in the city

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

attend events

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

comfortable, safe

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birds chirping  
Kids Laughing and  
having fun.

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

A ZOO or homes or a  
Pool, apartments or  
a grassy park  
with lots of flowers  
and space/trees.

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

Child

Sit and read or  
sit calmly and  
happily, have fun,  
Laughing, enjoying  
themselves.

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

Happy and  
Calm and like  
Thare safe at  
home.

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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*Music & laughter. Kids happy squeals.*

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

*Art, food, other teenagers, private benches in little circles to talk in a group*

*Place to get popcorn*

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

*Teenager*

*Hang out with friends, watch live music, maybe participate in a once a month teen open mic night*

*Good, comfortable, surrounded by trees and nice landscaping. No rowdy bums*

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Varies by use/time

- quiet
- rustling leaves
- music performances
- demonstration speeches
- conversations

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Mostly green space

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Every A2 resident  
+ visitors  
A magnet for all

- relaxation
- demonstrate
- free speech
- get educated/informed
- chat

relaxed  
or  
engaged  
or  
invigorated  
invited/  
welcomed

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a lively urban environment  
where i'd love to settle  
in as a young  
professional

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

a mixed use building w/  
people of different backgrounds  
mingling, living & working

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

university  
student

live, work,  
eat, recreate,  
gather

welcome, urban,  
sustainable, close to  
friends, transit,  
restaurants.

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Live music

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

A tower full of  
apartments

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

out-of-towner

Attend a  
conference

Like it would be  
a nice place to  
live.

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

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THE DIN OF  
PEOPLE BUYING/SELLING  
PRODUCE

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

GREENSPACE  
PEOPLE  
PLAY STATIONS  
BALLOON

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

A CHILD

PURCHASE MKT  
OFFERINGS FROM  
SALES STALLS

ENGAGED  
FELICITIOUS

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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voices of lots  
of people

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

people living in  
affordable housing!

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

20-something  
tech yuppie

talk, meet,  
shop, and hopefully  
stay warm! (nest lamps?)

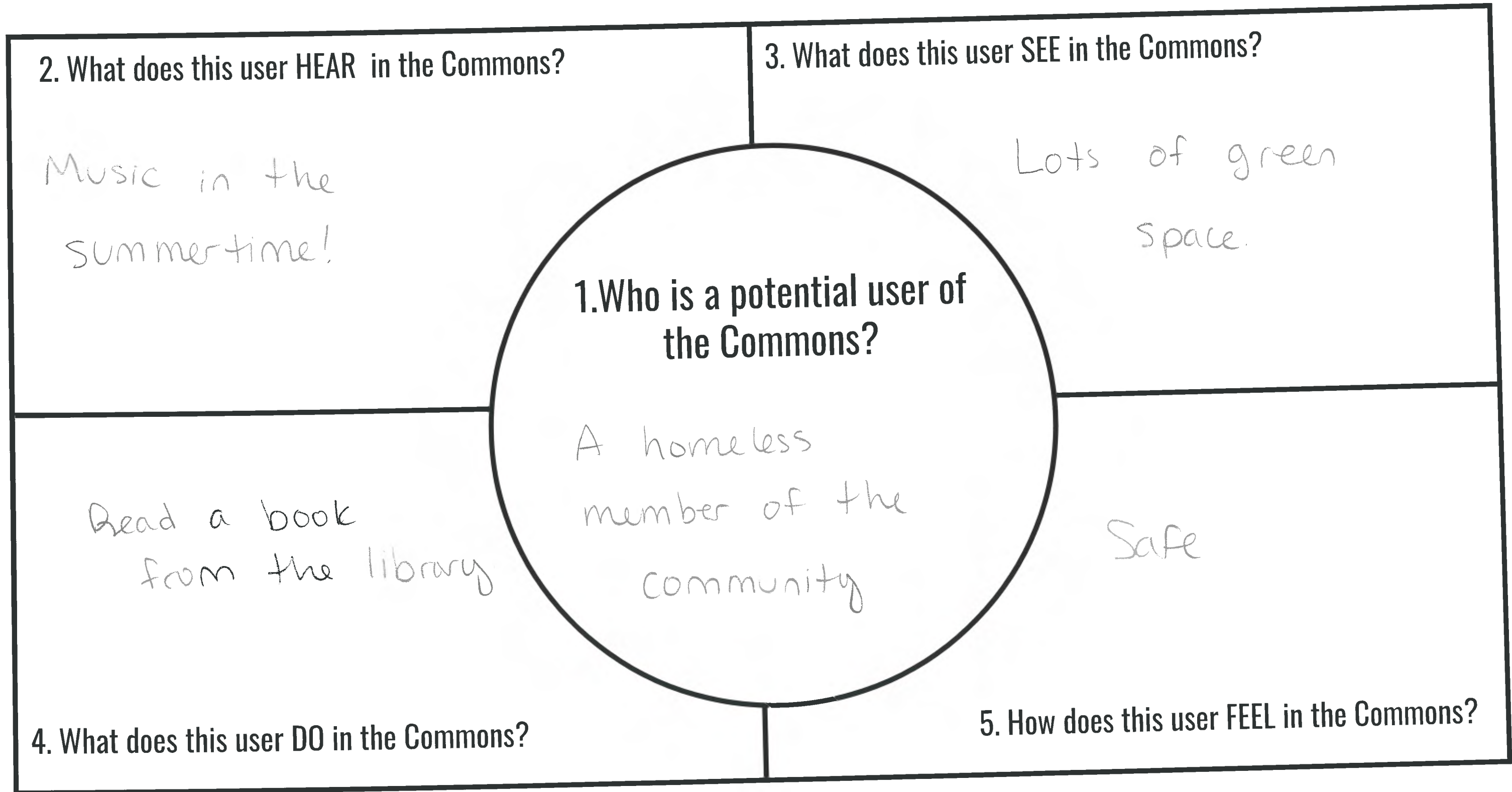
grateful that  
~~the~~ folks who  
would be otherwise  
priced out can afford  
their city

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the sound of a diversity of humans interacting actively in protest, play to celebration, but also in the housing spaces - the sounds of individuals living their lives in rooms of their own.

live with her single mother in social housing, shop in stores at street level, babysit in a public kid's play area, listen to street musicians, get her cards read, etc.

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

a place to live & congregate, A place that speaks of community commitment to their future in Ann Arbor, esp their ability to live here in the future

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

high school student

A valued & equal part of the community. A diversity of people are represented in the space, both housing & public, so the definition

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

of community is broadened from its state in Nov. 2019. The City Center is a welcome table where no one is elbowed out

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LUNCHTIME MUSIC PERFORMANCES  
PEOPLE TALKING, BUT  
SOMETIMES NOTHING / QUIET  
SPACES TOO

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

ART, ~~OR~~ FLOWERS +  
TREES, SMALL  
BUILDINGS

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

DOWNTOWN SMALL BUSINESS  
OWNER

RELAX, MEET PEOPLE,  
SOCIALIZE, HAVE  
QUIET TIME, GET A  
SNACK

COMFORTABLE

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

The sounds of the splash pad!  
People talking! Neighbors  
being neighborly.

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Fellow residents, retail customers,  
library patrons, + community  
members. Kids enjoying  
the SPLASH PAD.  
Bikes! Bikes! Bikes!

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

U-M undergrad student  
- 19 years old  
- full-time student  
from outside SE  
Michigan

live in the the tall  
mixed-use residential  
retail building on the  
site. Patronize businesses  
on the site. 😊

Part of a diverse  
community!

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

traffic from the road. people talking

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

A building. stuff to play on, maybe a store to cause trouble in. The library next door.

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

a child  
(I'm talking toddler)

walk through it w/ parents. Run around. Climb on something.

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

Who knows. It's a toddler. Probably mad.

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Kids playing, bus brakes,  
birds, murmur of diners

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

A young first time  
visitor to town

Like they're seeing a wide  
spectrum of the kinds of  
people in town

Grabs a quick +  
affordable lunch + eats it  
while enjoying a lively outdoor  
atmosphere before catching their bus  
to the airport

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

Welcome, comfortable, like they want to  
come back

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

water running, bus traffic, people laughing

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

affordable housing -  
~~pot~~ housing for me  
plus supportive  
rents, market  
rate neighbors  
many people  
coming & going

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

currently  
homeless  
person

welcoming,  
warm

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

live, eat,  
talk to neighbors  
learn, possibly work

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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## 2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Fountain  
People talking  
Music  
Kids playing

## 3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Greenspace  
Fountain  
People / Kids  
Community speakers

## 1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Residents who want to come together  
Music event audience  
Drama / dance audience  
Kids  
Visitors to downtown

Energized to take actions for community goals  
Relaxed to enjoy open, quiet space  
Happy to be with other community members

## 4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

Organize  
Inform about current events  
Enjoy events

## 5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

AN OPEN SPACE THROUGHFARE, A RAISED PARK THAT WOULD ACT AS A THROUGHFARE FOR CITIZENS TRAVERSING SW TO NW TO EXIT LIBERTY PLAZA - PRIVATE GATHERING SPACES POCKET RESTING OR SITTING AREAS - RESERVED SPACE FOR ~~THE~~ SMALL MUSIC CONCERTS ECO FRIENDLY SURROUNDING -

2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

GREETINGS - MUSIC - MUFFLES OF LOW LEVEL CONVERSATION, LAUGHTER - YOUNG ADULTS CREATING AND HANGING OUT. THE SOUNDS OF PEACEFUL PROTEST

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED  
GREEN SPACE = PUBLIC THOR ALL RESIDENTS + VISITORS TO THE COMMUNITY. DUT OF AREA OR "SUBURBAN" PUBLIC EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES. CITY OF ANN ARBOR WORKFORCE TRAVERSING DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE BLOC NE-SW. THE CITIES TRANSIENT POPULATION GATHERING SPACES FOR PEACEFUL PROTEST. LIBRARY USERS, PUBLIC TRANSIT COMMUTERS SPACE TO HOST COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPS.

SLOWED, SECURE - WELCOME AFFECTIONALLY PLEASED - CONTEMPORARY - YOUTHFUL SAFE (WELL LIT) NEIGHBORLY, PROUD - ECO FRIENDLY - ENVIRONS MENTALLY (CONCIOUS)

CROSS TOWN TRAVERSING ON WALKING PATHS - TO PUBLIC GATHERING - READING, TRANSIT, RELAXING - SOCIALIZING - ATTENDING A MODEST CONCERT

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

- Laughter
- MUSIC
- Inter-generational conversations

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

- Colorful <sup>inventive</sup> buildings (for meeting/housing)
- Rain gardens
- Art installations

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

OUT-OF-TOWNER

- Rest

- Tap into the city's goings-on

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

- A sense of movement

- Welcome to walk around

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Busses!  
a fountain?  
People playing!

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Lots of impersonal govern-  
mental buildings.  
Maybe a colorful sculpture.

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

SCHOOL  
KIDS  
from  
SLAUSON

hang around w friends

a friend - this area doe-  
sn't allow for many  
eyes-on-the-street.

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

MUSIC  
water  
BIRDS

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

People, Plants, Birds,  
Play Structures

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Kids/Teens

o Have something to play with.

Climb

Spin

Play w/ water

Small

group

Gathering  
place

Wifi + seating area

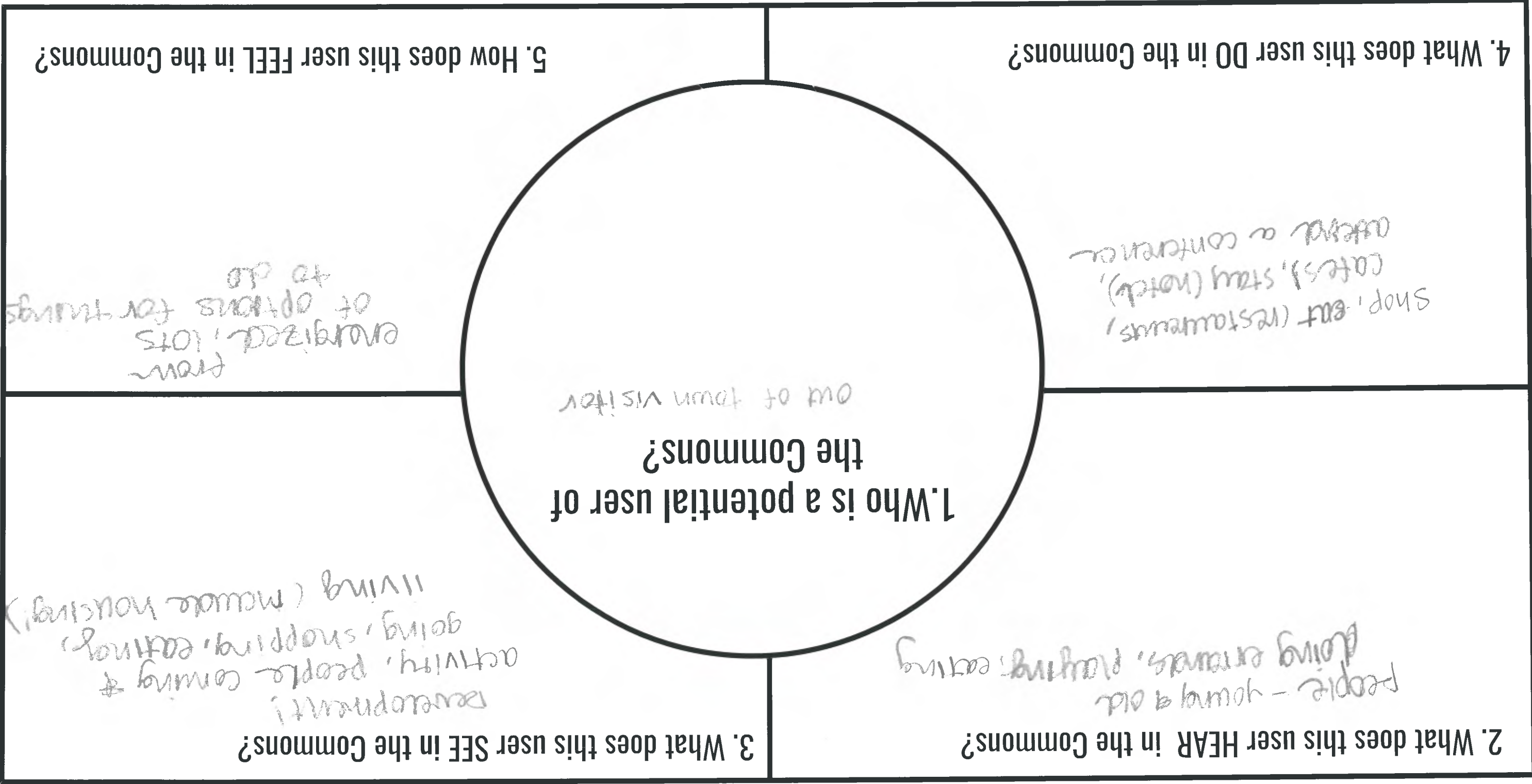
Happy relaxed  
Playful

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

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## 2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Children playing in water feature; sounds of splashing water (except in winter when it might be happy sounds of ice skaters. People greeting each other as they meet up. Spontaneous and/or scheduled performances; political talks

## 3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Color, trees and shrubs, water features, people on laptops and playing games, performances, sculpture

## 1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

OUT OF TOWN VISITOR

Look around  
Meet friends and relatives  
Read  
Meditate  
Exercise  
Have a coffee or soda

Welcome!  
Energized!  
Happy to be there!  
Oriented to other downtown attractions

## 4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

## 5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Buses Children and families  
leaving the ~~neighborhood~~ library.  
Diners eating outside  
Carollers at Christmas  
time.

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

A building with retail  
and apartments. A  
lovely small plaza  
that the building's  
owners watch and  
plan events for.

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

I am a grandparent  
who lives in an  
apartment in the  
Building.

I shop and live  
here. I travel  
to other places  
down town.

I feel safe and  
pleased that I can  
access activities  
downtown and also  
have access to public  
transportation.

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

AAAs + OOs!  
People are visually  
excited! + are  
expressing themselves

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

A WORLD-CLASS  
LIBRARY, A PLACE FOR  
HOMELESS, AN ARCHITECTURAL  
DESIGN THAT RISES OUT  
OF THE CITY THAT PEOPLE  
CAN ACCESS + ENJOY.

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

EVERYONE

ENJOY THE VIEW OF OUR  
CITY, CLIMB, HAVE A  
COFFEE, BE AWED AT  
THE ARCHITECTURE + SCULPTURE  
A OTHER ART + READ A  
BOOK AT OUR NEW LIBRARY

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

INSPIRED  
excited  
welcome

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

CONVERSATION WITH FRIENDS  
SPIRITED CONVERSATION  
MUSIC

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

PEOPLE THEY KNOW  
PEOPLE THEY HAVE NEVER MET

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

SOMEONE EXPERIENCING  
HOUSING INSECURITY.

HANGS OUT WITH FRIENDS  
HAS A PLACE TO  
GET COOL, GET WARM  
STAY OVERNIGHT IF NEEDED.  
SOME HAVE A PLACE TO  
LIVE - MUST BY TRANSIT

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

SAFE AND  
SHELTERED.  
THIS PERSON NOW HAS  
A PLACE TO LIVE

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?



Public musician  
People shopping

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Housing they can afford  
Retail enhancing downtown experience  
Public plaza, trees, grass

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Barista at Roos Roast  
who wants to live closer  
to work

Live, laugh, love  
Shop  
Relax

"Everything I need is  
one block away"

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Quiet in some corners,  
occasionally, children in the  
afternoon, rallies on  
Saturdays

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Children playing, readers on  
the benches, skaters in  
winter, crowds when  
called for

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

A resident near another park,  
about a mile from Central Park,  
who uses the Library frequently,  
and the Post Office frequently,  
and the Credit Union frequently.  
And who often eats at  
Jerusalem Garden and  
Earthen Jar.

Enjoy the scene,  
read, have lunch,  
talk with friends.

Exhilarated.  
Satisfied that our  
efforts succeeded.  
Young again.

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

MUSIC, LAUGHTER, TALKING

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

INTERACTIVE SCULPTURE, WATER,  
SEATING, TABLES, CAFE, WHIMSY

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS, TRANSIT  
RIDERS, LIBRARY PATRONS,  
OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS

INSIDE  
OUTSIDE

SAFE

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

MEET PEOPLE  
PEOPLE-WATCH  
ENJOY SUN & SHADE  
HOLD MEETINGS  
WATCH PRESENTATIONS  
PLAY

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Soapbox speeches

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

Shared ideas

1. Who is a potential user of the Commons?

Political protester

Protests without worry about being banned (like the Qued nowadays)

A sense of community

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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2. What does this user HEAR in the Commons?

Music, lots of people talking,  
children

3. What does this user SEE in the Commons?

People who live + work there,  
people who are there  
to go to restaurants or  
are stopping through  
on the way to transit.

1. Who is a potential user of  
the Commons?

A young parent

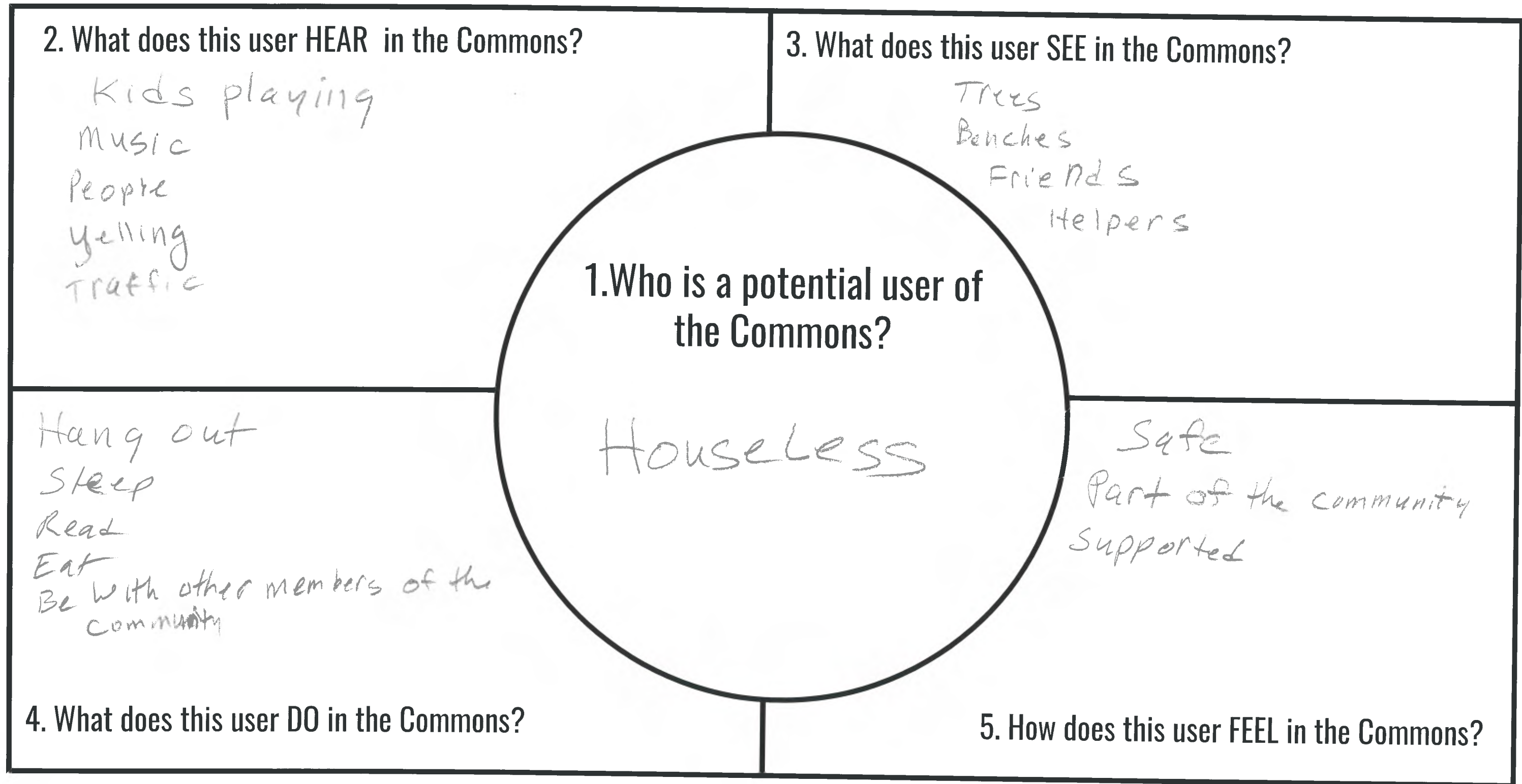
Shop, eat, walk through,  
talk to other residents,  
drop kids off for classes  
or preschool

Safe, active, like  
part of the  
building

4. What does this user DO in the Commons?

5. How does this user FEEL in the Commons?

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