

Cristobal Gonzalez, presentation text:

This amazing journey started for me back in 1998 when I was studying architecture in Tijuana, Mexico. My school selected me to be part of what was going to be the second PRP park to be design-and-build by a group of international students lead by James Hubbell, Kyle Bergman among other professional builders, architects, artists, and engineers in 30 days [pictures 01]. And so, the experience was fortunately repeated for me in 2001 in Yantai, China [pictures 02]. And back again in the city where I was born Tijuana, Mexico in 2004. The Pacific Rim projects are more than building parks, they are about building 'trust' and creating 'bridges' among the countries that share the Pacific. Exchanging culture, accepting and learning from each other differences, for a better world of peace and understanding. The Pacific Rim Park Foundation continues building parks in different countries. We have now seven, including one here in this beautiful city of Jeju.

Today I want to bring your attention to the Tijuana park: 'Entre Corazon y Mar'. In 2004 The Pacific Rim Park built its 4th park in Tijuana, Mexico. The site has a great connection to the pacific. The park was designed and built in an intensive one more effort by over 30 students from around the pacific. This summer PRP will offer an opportunity for some new architecture students to continue the work on the park with some of the PRP Alumni and leaders from San Diego and Tijuana [pictures 03].

Our goal is to design and build some additional elements of the park and to use the park as an on-going design/build opportunity for future students. Below is an overview of the event.

Part 1: June 22, 2019 9:00 am – 1:00pm followed by lunch at the park

DESIGN DAY:

Workshop at PRP Tijuana Park 'Entre Corazon y Mar', interested participants shall meet on SATURDAY JUNE 22nd on-site for registration, greeting, introduction to the Pacific Rim Park History and Future. The main part of the day will be a design and brainstorming session with what are some of the things that could be built this summer at the park. There will be time for some onsite design work and an opportunity to complete design ideas and submit them to the PRP committee. The Committee will look at all of the creative input and with that information create some elements that will be built over in 6 days.

Part 2: Last weekend of July and the first weeknd of August:

BUILD DAYS:

The on-site weekend workshop with PRP members and alumni (TJ/SD), school participants (professors and students from TJ/SD), Rotary Club members, CAPUFE workers, and other guests/volunteers. Artists, craftspeople and others will lead the volunteers for 6 days to create the new park elements.

1st Weekend

FRIDAY JULY 26 TH	(Time 'TBD' - All day event)	@ PRP Tijuana Park
SATURDAY JULY 27 TH	(Time 'TBD' - All day event)	@ PRP Tijuana Park
SUNDAY JULY 28 TH	(Time 'TBD' - All day event)	@ PRP Tijuana Park

2nd WEEKEND

FRIDAY AUGUST 2 ND	(Time 'TBD' - All day event)	@ PRP Tijuana Park
SATURDAY AUGUST 3 RD	(Time 'TBD' - All day event)	@ PRP Tijuana Park
SUNDAY AUGUST 4 TH	(Time 'TBD' - All day event)	@ PRP Tijuana Park

CLOSURE DAY: All participants will meet back on SEPTEMBER (day 'TBD') at ILAN LAEL Foundation for a Closing Remarks/Next Steps and Discussion day with James Hubbell and members of PRP/ILAN LAEL Foundation.

We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic architecture, design and any other students who want to learn how we make these parks. This is an opportunity to learn new skills, expanded your existing skills, get involved with a new community of makers and feel the ocean breeze for 6 days. Come put your hands, hearts and bodies to work on a public park that is connected to parks in San Diego, Yanti China, Vladivostok Russia, Jeju Korea, Puerto a Princes Philippines and Kashoung Taiwan.

My experience. Working in the PRP parks really changed my life: after all, I met my wife - the artist Evgeniya Golik- who was another volunteer! The parks create families, and I remain friends with other students from Russia, the US, Mexico, China...my life changed!

Working on the parks is not stressful but very, very hard. You wake early, go to bed vey late- so tired you can only work, eat, and fall asleep. You may not have many construction skills at the start, but working with James I learned that things can be so simple. It's really more about how you feel, how you are 'in touch' with not only what you are building but the people around you. Instead of thinking always of what you know, you let things pass through rather than force them" [\[pictures 04\]](#).