CUMHURİYET AVENUE SEGMENT with NEW PUBLIC SPACES

The main commercial axis of the urban center, the Cumhuriyet avenue, is a characteristic pedestrian space with its narrow section and by opening to the sea with perpendicular narrow streets, giving surprise vistas. The segment along Cumhuriyet Avenue started with the demolition of the Hotel Baraz in 2010. The land was owned by the municipality; after a fire, the building was demolished, opening space for a new public square. Baraz Square was open to public in the summer of 2011. The Church square was re-interpreted as an opening to the old harbour area near the sea, to be realized on later stages. Azmak Square was formed by regenerating the land where a stream joins the sea. The three squares in this segment open up the main commercial axis to the sea.

KUMBAHÇE SEGMENT

This segment along the same Cumhuriyet Avenue, ending with Kumbahçe Square was completed in the summer of 2012. In this segment, main pedestrian axis is now on the shore line. After the intervention, the beach was widened, the public access was re-instated as one continuous promenade, linking to the inland commercial axis. All the joining narrow streets were decluttered to establish visual connection and pedestrian access between shore and inland, as well as letting the breezes reach inland. The ending of the promenade is the Kumbahçe Square, refurbished within existing boundaries. The space was interpreted as an open air event space, envisioned to live day and night, with public activities, across the wide vista of the Bodrum Castle on the opposite end of the bay.