

VICTOR STEINBRUECK PARK RENOVATION

PPMHC Design Review Committee - Concept Design Meeting 2



WALKER MACY

PROCESS

Summer: Conceptual Design (options)

Design Meeting 1:	July	<i>Play, Furnishings</i>
Design Meeting 2:	August	<i>Connectivity, Gathering</i>
Design Meeting 3:	September	<i>Native American Culture, Lighting</i>
Public Open House 2: October		

Fall: Schematic Design

Preferred Design:	November
Schematic Design	December

GUIDELINES

In considering applications for a Certificate of Approval for events, uses, or physical design changes within the park, the Commission shall apply the principles of these Guidelines subject to the following:

2.12.6 The Park's character-defining features should be retained and should not be altered, disguised or concealed. Character-defining features stem from the Park's original design and contribute significantly to the Park's physical character. Character-defining features include the berms and their concrete walls, decorative railing, totem poles, **shelter**, children's council circle/pentagon, **benches and seats**, original planting and landscape plan, original lighting fixtures, **plazas and walkways**.

2.12.7 The addition of new features not part of the original design... is strongly discouraged.

CONNECTIVITY



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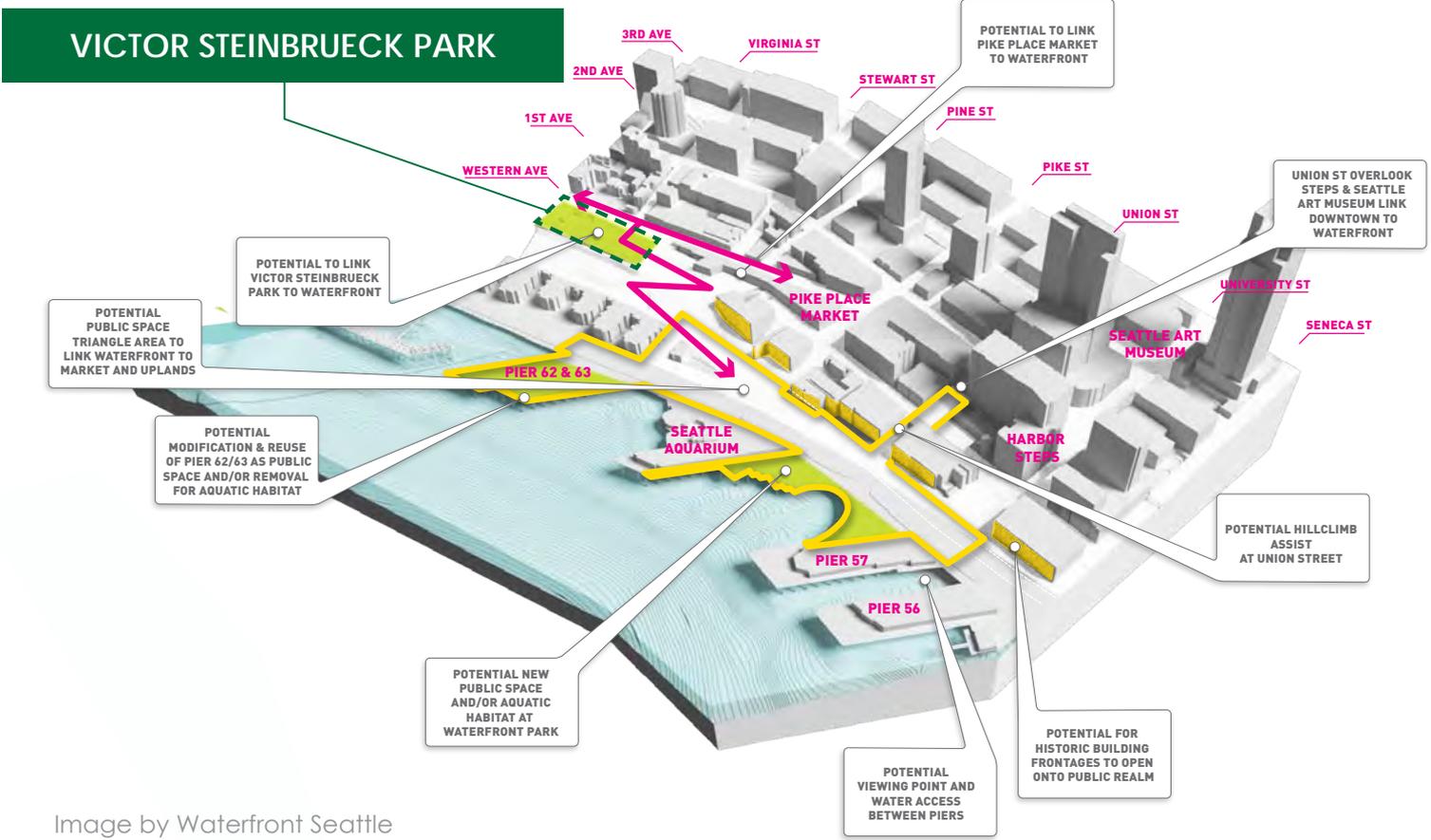


Image by Waterfront Seattle

500 ft.







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SIGNIFICANCE OF MARKETFRONT CONNECTION

How would a connection support the ideals of the park as it was conceived and as it works today?

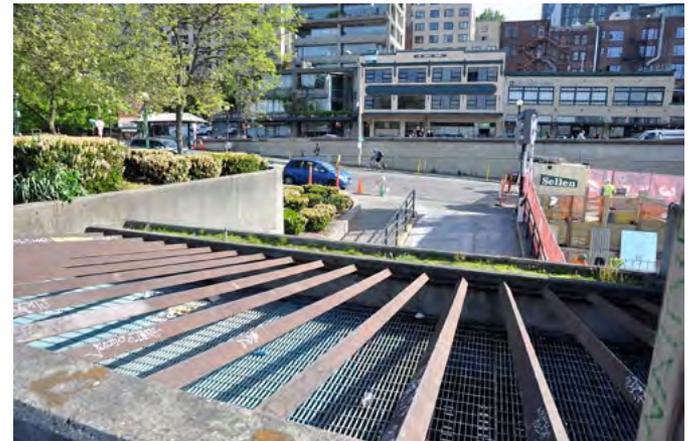
- Idea of a waterfront connection always envisioned
- Peggy Gaynor recalled Victor's concern that the park was "off to the side" ...in relative isolation from the market at the time
- VSP encompasses a vacated city street end at Virginia Street; most other downtown waterfront street ends provide pedestrian connections
- VSP is destination viewpoint and belvedere, but can gently flow into another important public space - the Market Front terrace



SIGNIFICANCE OF MARKETFRONT CONNECTION

Recall 1973 Pike Project Urban Renewal Plan Goals & Objectives

- Preserve and Improve Historic District in accordance with District Guidelines
- Provide a continuum of spaces responding to social habits, functionally with surrounding activities to enhance public enjoyment
- Achieve compatible relationships between new structures and rehabilitated buildings
- Provide transitional areas around the Market



SIGNIFICANCE OF MARKETFRONT CONNECTION

How would a connection support the use of the park for gathering?

- Since 1982 downtown residential community and market neighborhood has grown by thousands-- placing greater demand and intensity of use on public open space
- Public communities between VSP and Market Front should not be segregated
- VSP as a gathering place is strengthened with better access, connectivity



OPEN HOUSE 1 - "PRIORITIES"

1 Which are most important to the park's legacy and future success?

Connectivity

441

Gathering

203

Native American Culture

237

Play

198

Socializing & Eating

253

Public Open House, Pop Up and Online Survey Results
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OPEN HOUSE 1 - “CONNECTIVITY”

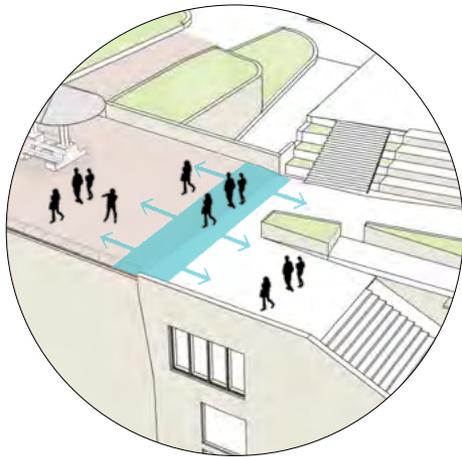
1 Should the renovation include a direct connection to MarketFront?

yes	no
179	9

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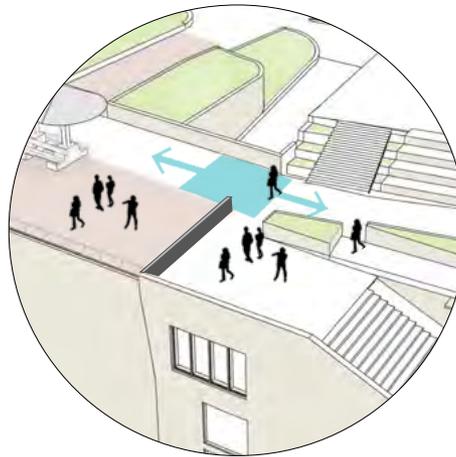
OPEN HOUSE 1 - "CONNECTIVITY"

2 Which option is best for the south end of the park?



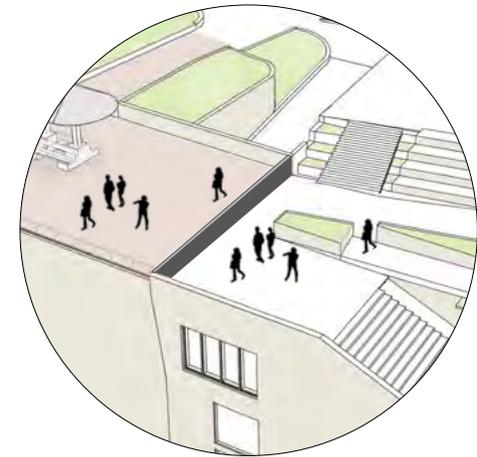
full connection

112



partial connection

24



no connection

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OUR GOALS

Respect PPMHC guidelines

Reinforce Park/ Market relationship:

- provide an accessible and intuitive connection to the Market

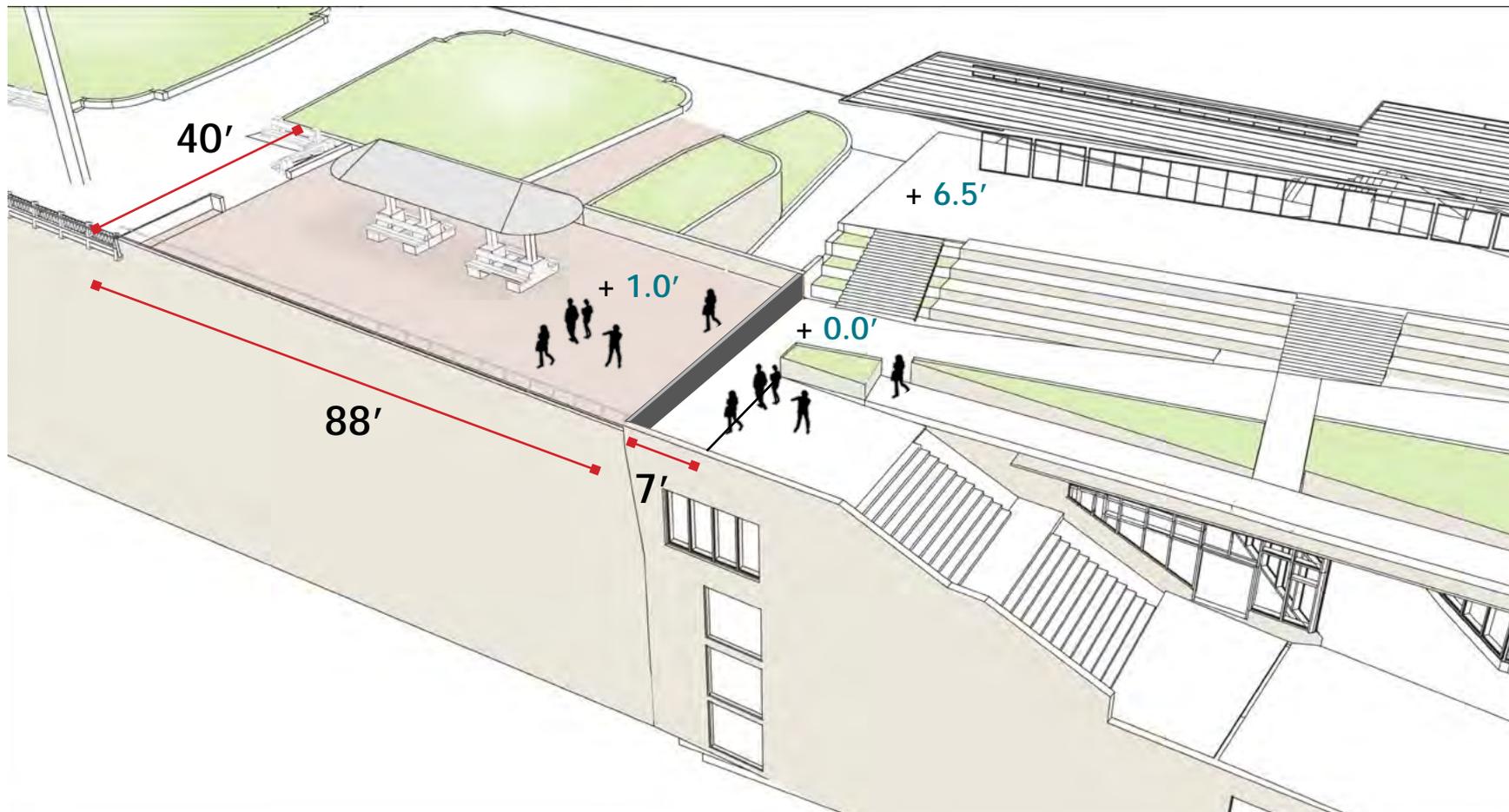
Help the park remain vital and well-used into the future:

- connect the park to the evolving City context

Social justice:

- create easy access for park users to MarketFront amenities & services, and to the waterfront

MARKETFRONT ADJACENCY (no change to park)



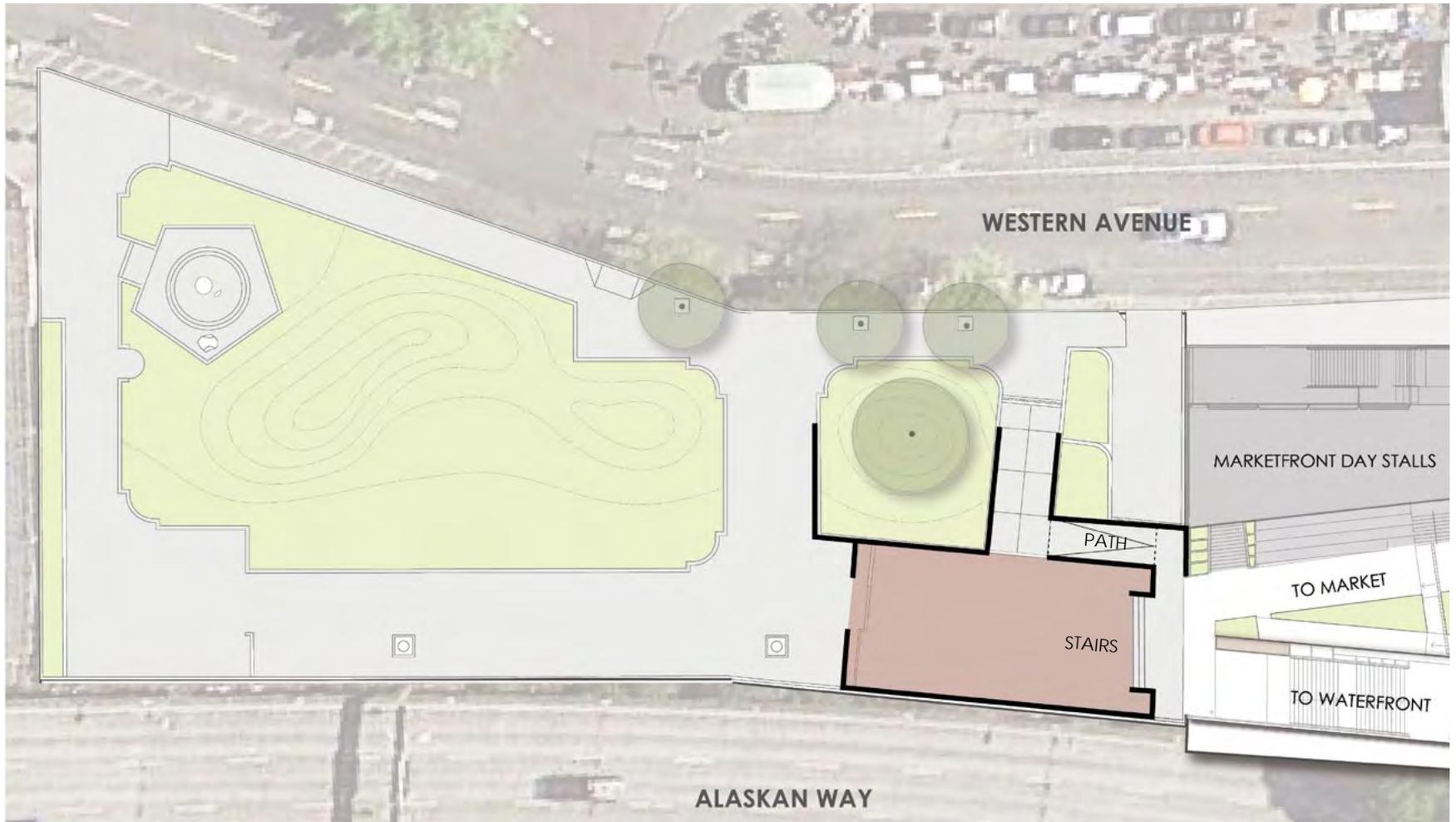
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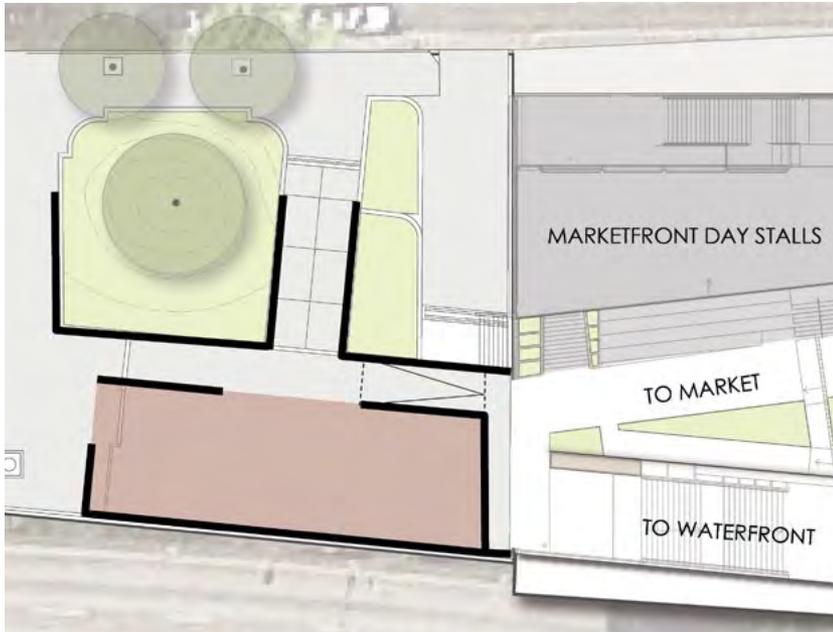
STRAIGHT PATH CONNECTION



CENTRAL CONNECTION



OPTION 1



OPTION 2



GATHERING



The park has always been an important meeting and gathering place—both a civic forum and a refuge where people can congregate in relative peace.

GATHERING

planned

- political & social rallies
- concerts & presentations
- markets & fairs
- activities (e.g. painting)*
- storytelling*
- buskers
- markets & fairs
- organized picnics
- cultural gatherings & celebrations
- memorials



spontaneous

- groups of friends
- community meeting point



OPEN HOUSE 1 - “GATHERING”

1

Should a part of the park be redesigned to better accommodate small group gatherings?

yes

96

no

66

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OUR GOALS - GATHERING

Respect PPMHC Guidelines

Reinforce design intent:

- Restore and improve quality in the three “outdoor rooms”
- Maintain informality of gathering space in the park

Support impromptu small group gatherings:

- Accommodate different types and sizes of groups

Support planned gatherings & events:

- Improve flexibility
- Create logical areas for small planned events to occur

ORIGINAL PLAN



GATHERING IN THE PARK TODAY

Removed, quiet, focused

- small events
- homeless remembrance



GATHERING IN THE PARK TODAY

Visible, social

- meeting & hanging out
- carving

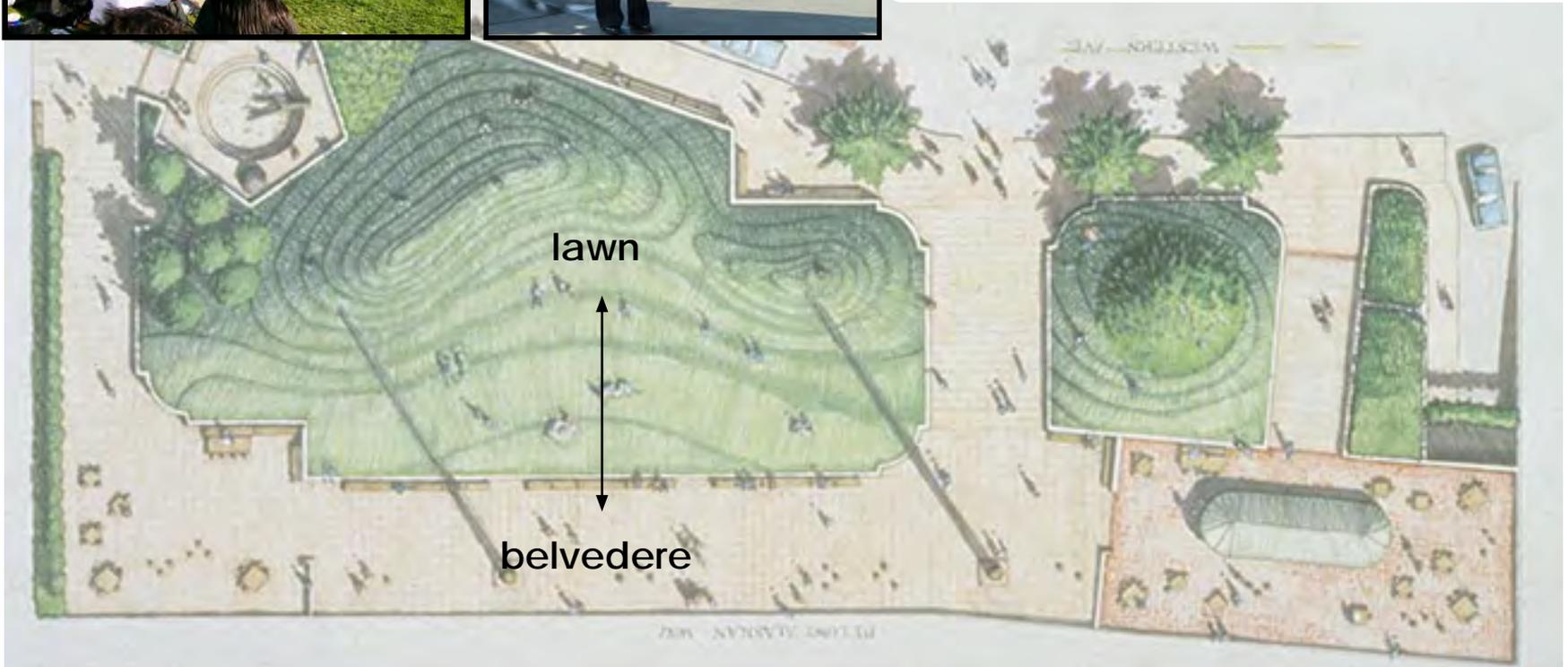


GATHERING IN THE PARK TODAY



Grand, iconic, large & open, stage-audience

- hanging out, people-watching
- performances & events



GATHERING IN THE PARK TODAY



Removed from activity

- small events/activities
- not well used



GATHERING IN THE PARK TODAY



Social & lively, contained & sheltered, diverse, view to MarketFront & Waterfront

- eating
- meeting & hanging out
- small events/activities



POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

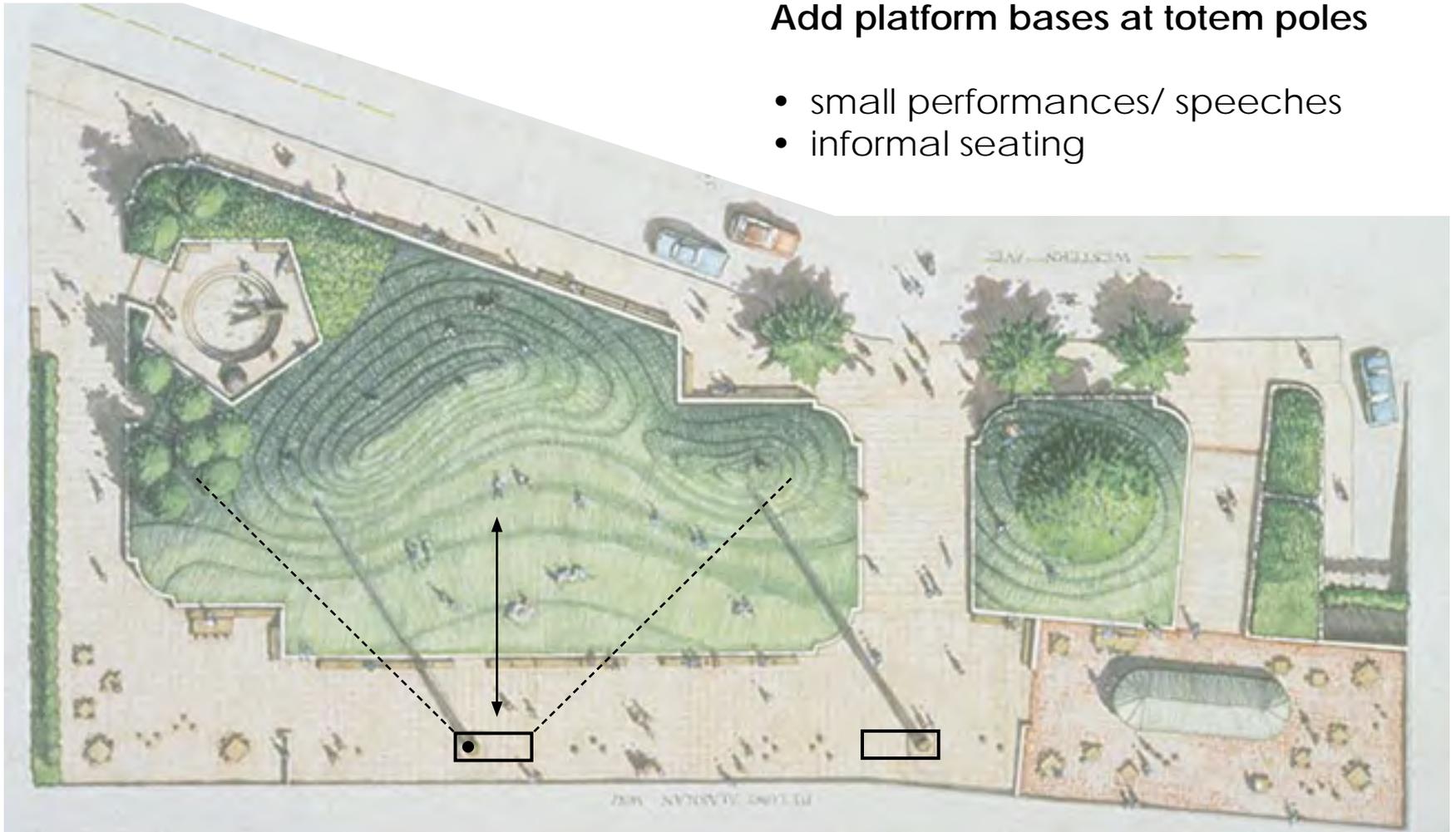
Improve access to lawns



POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Add platform bases at totem poles

- small performances/ speeches
- informal seating



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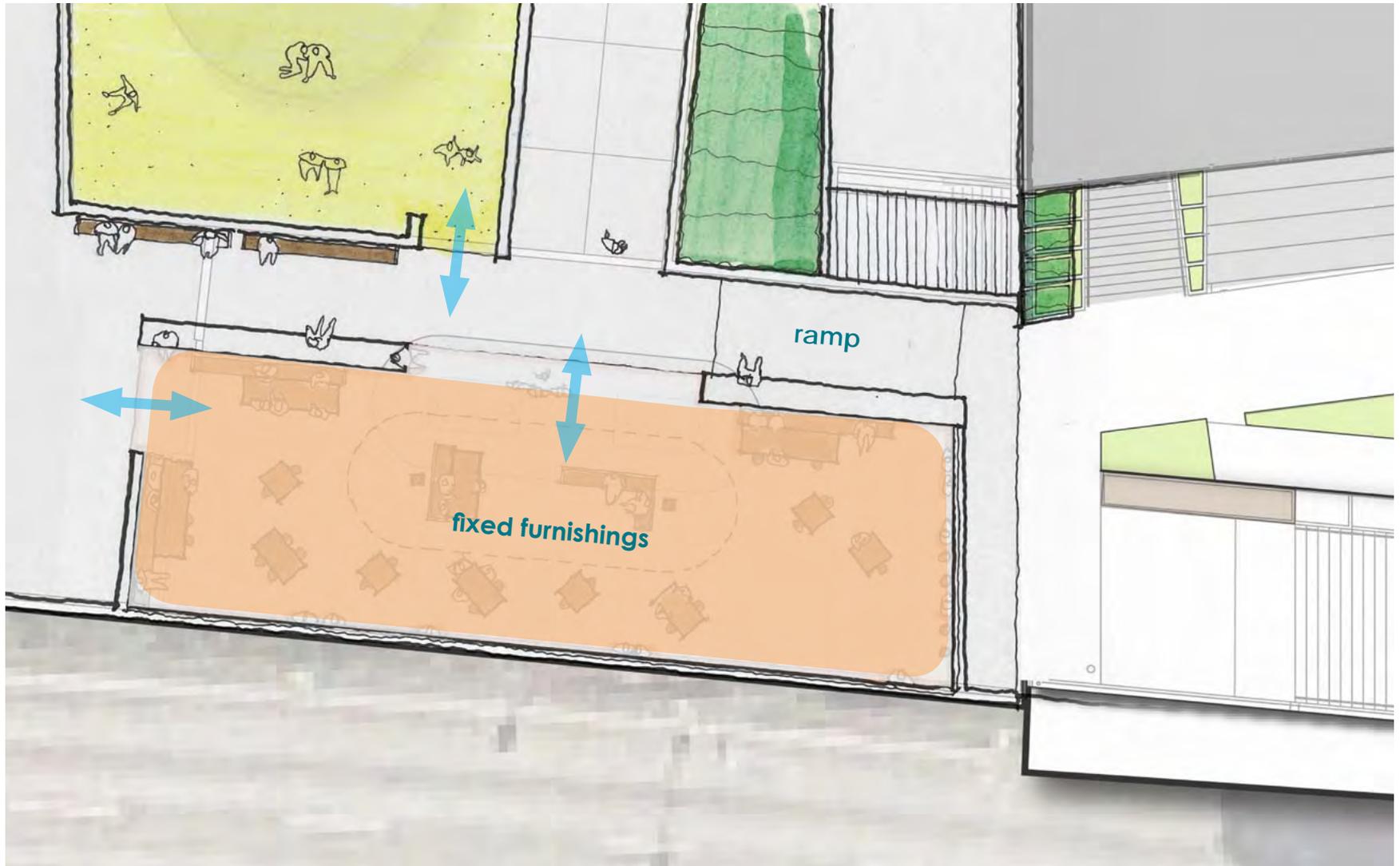


Restore and improve original picnic areas for gathering

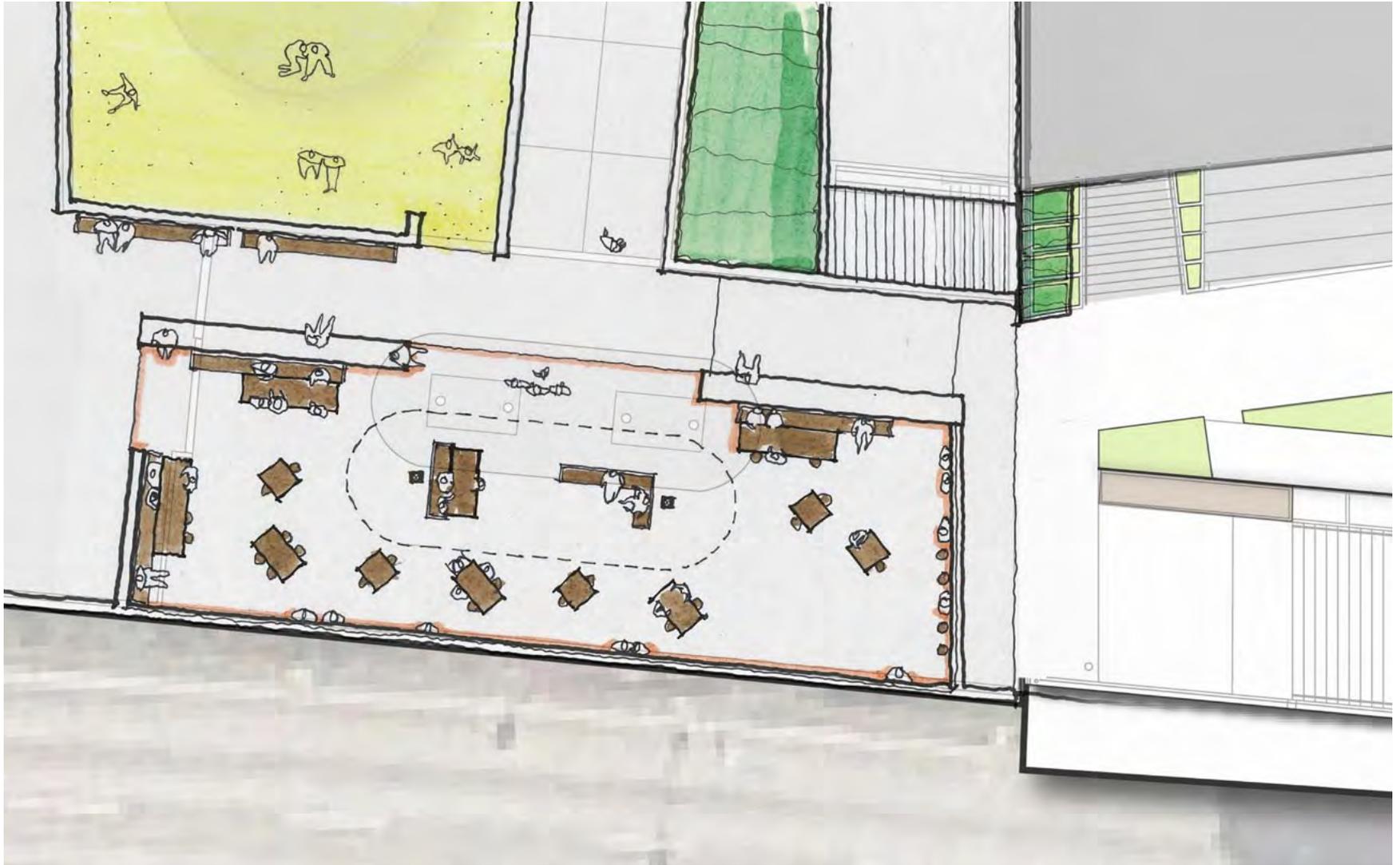
- more flexible
- comfortable for different groups
- connection to south lawn



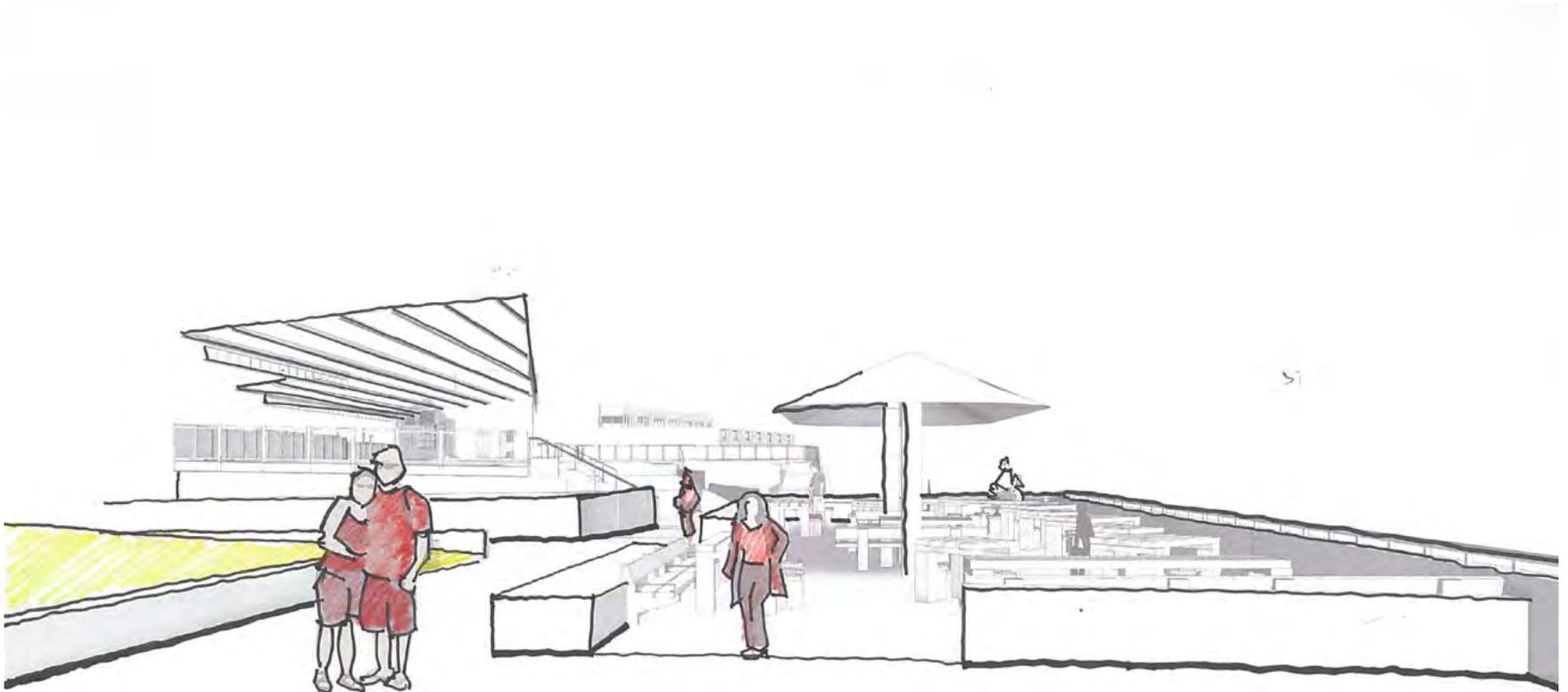
OUTDOOR ROOM WITH STRAIGHT PATH



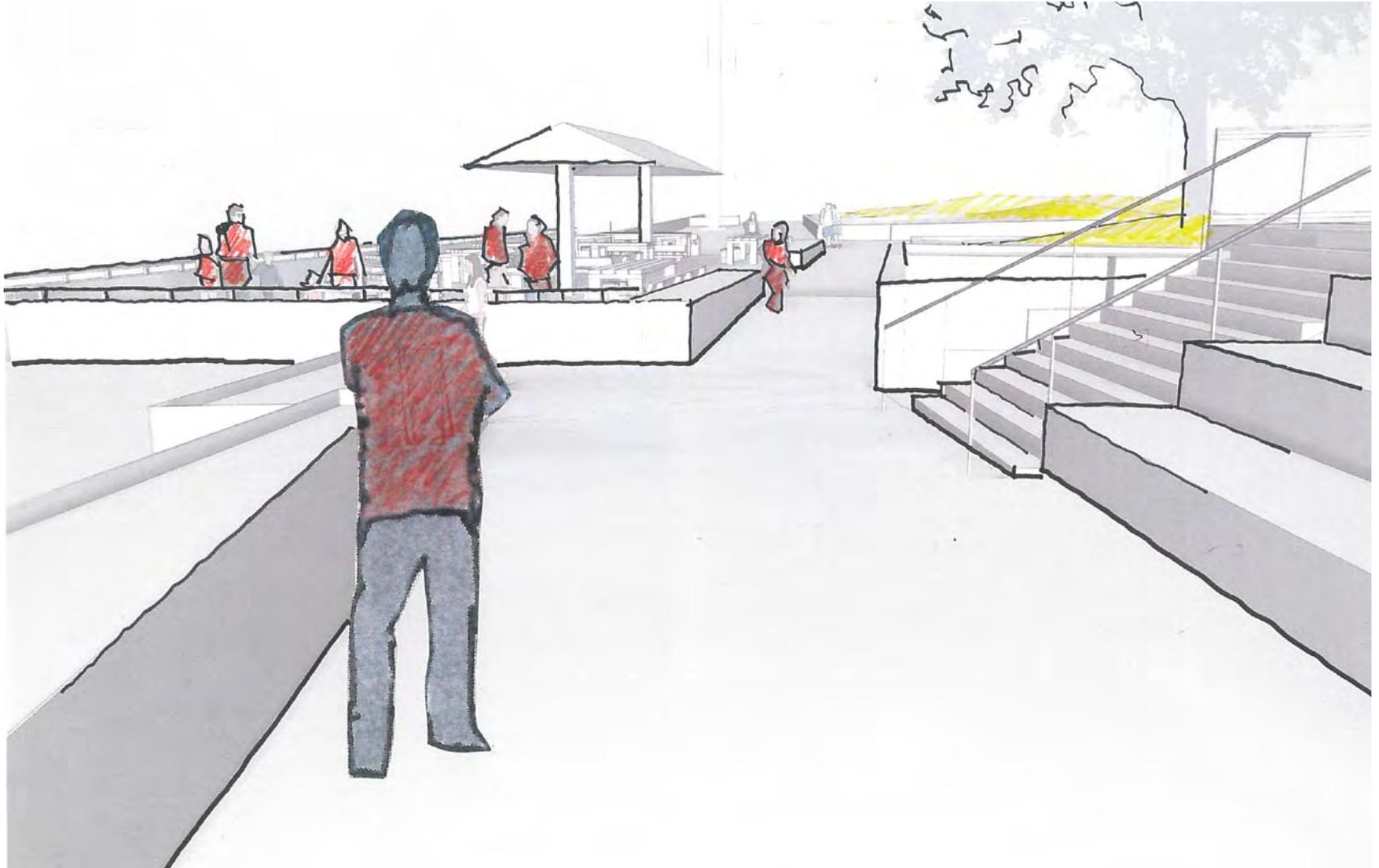
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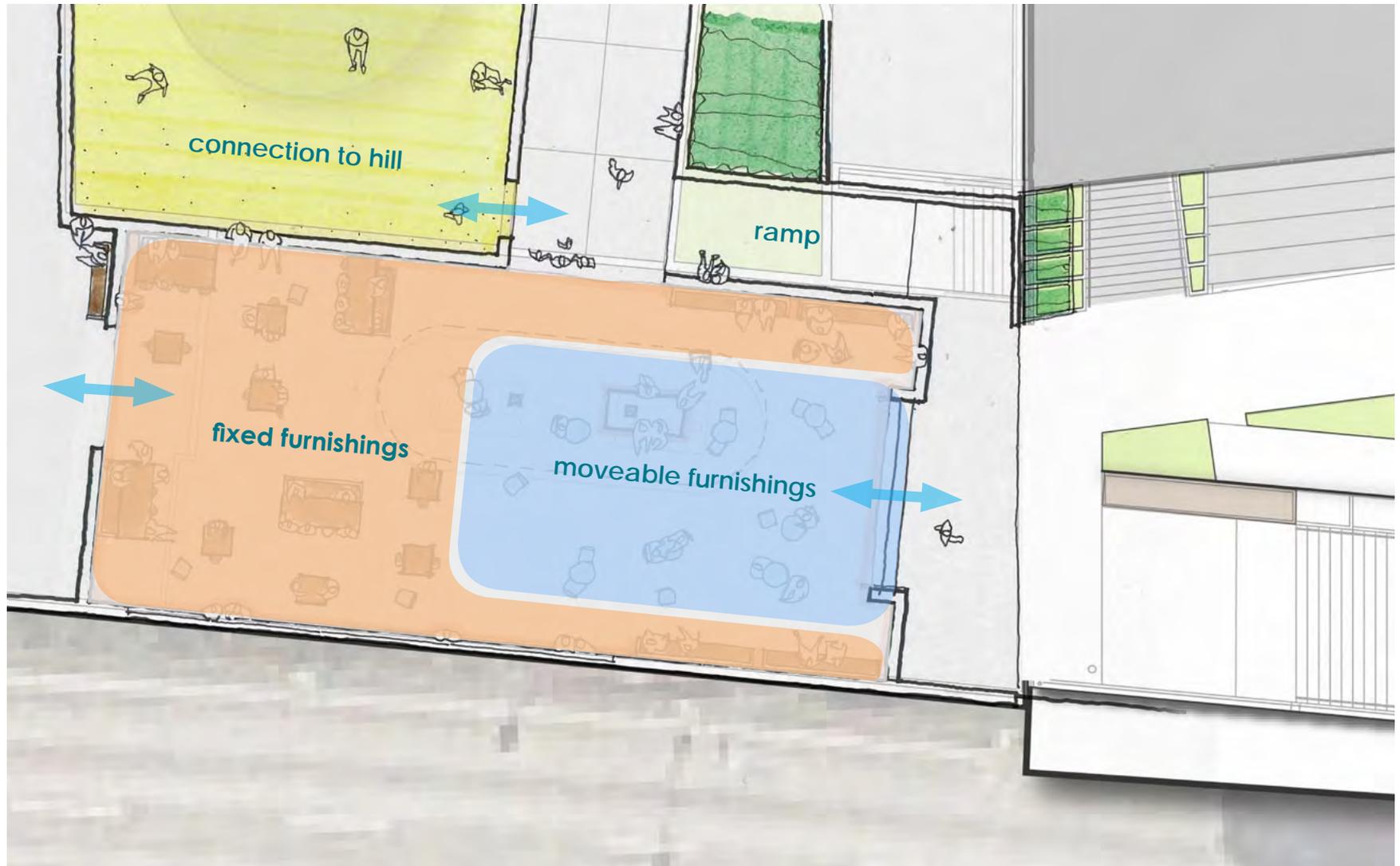
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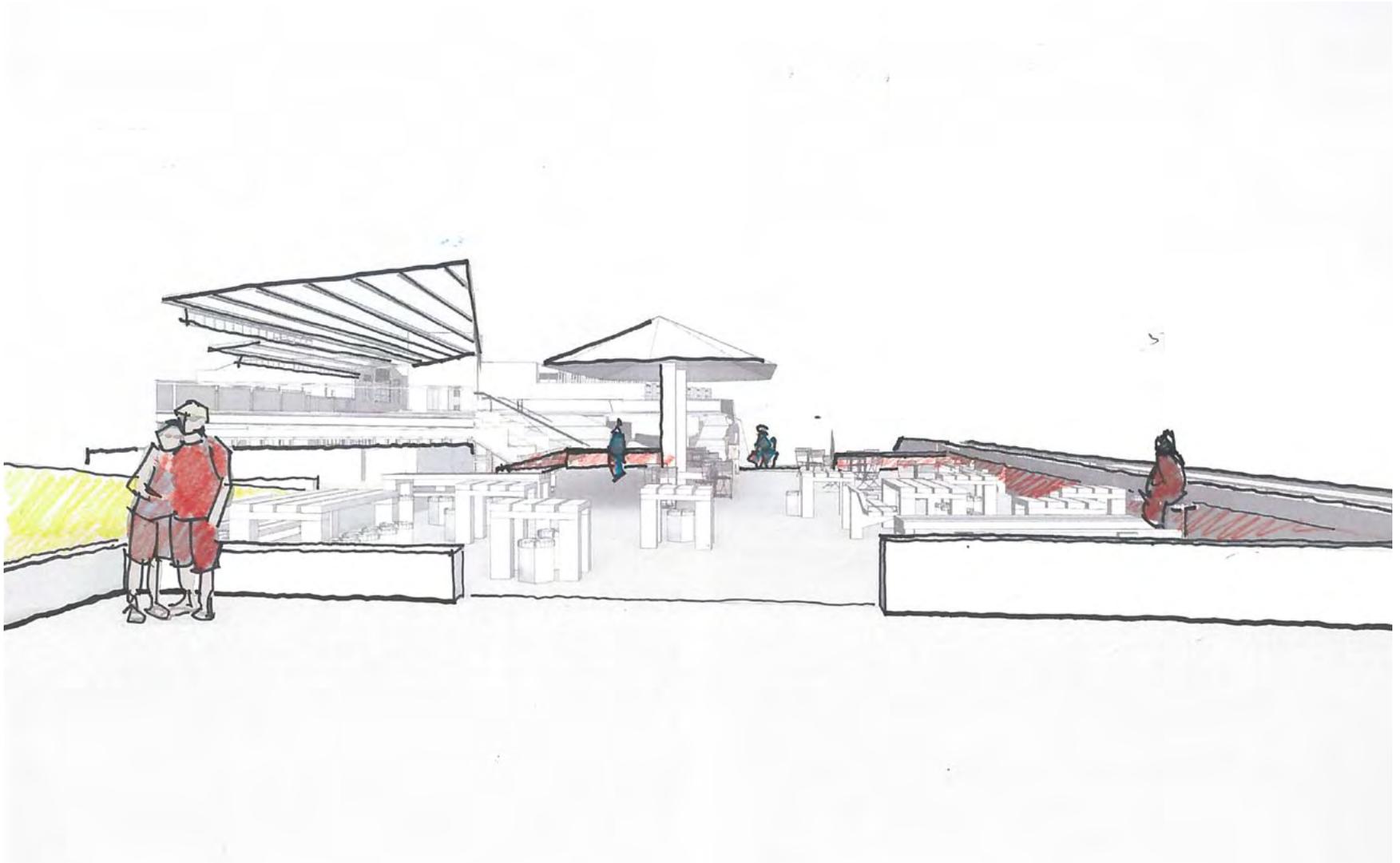
OUTDOOR ROOM WITH CENTRAL CONNECTION



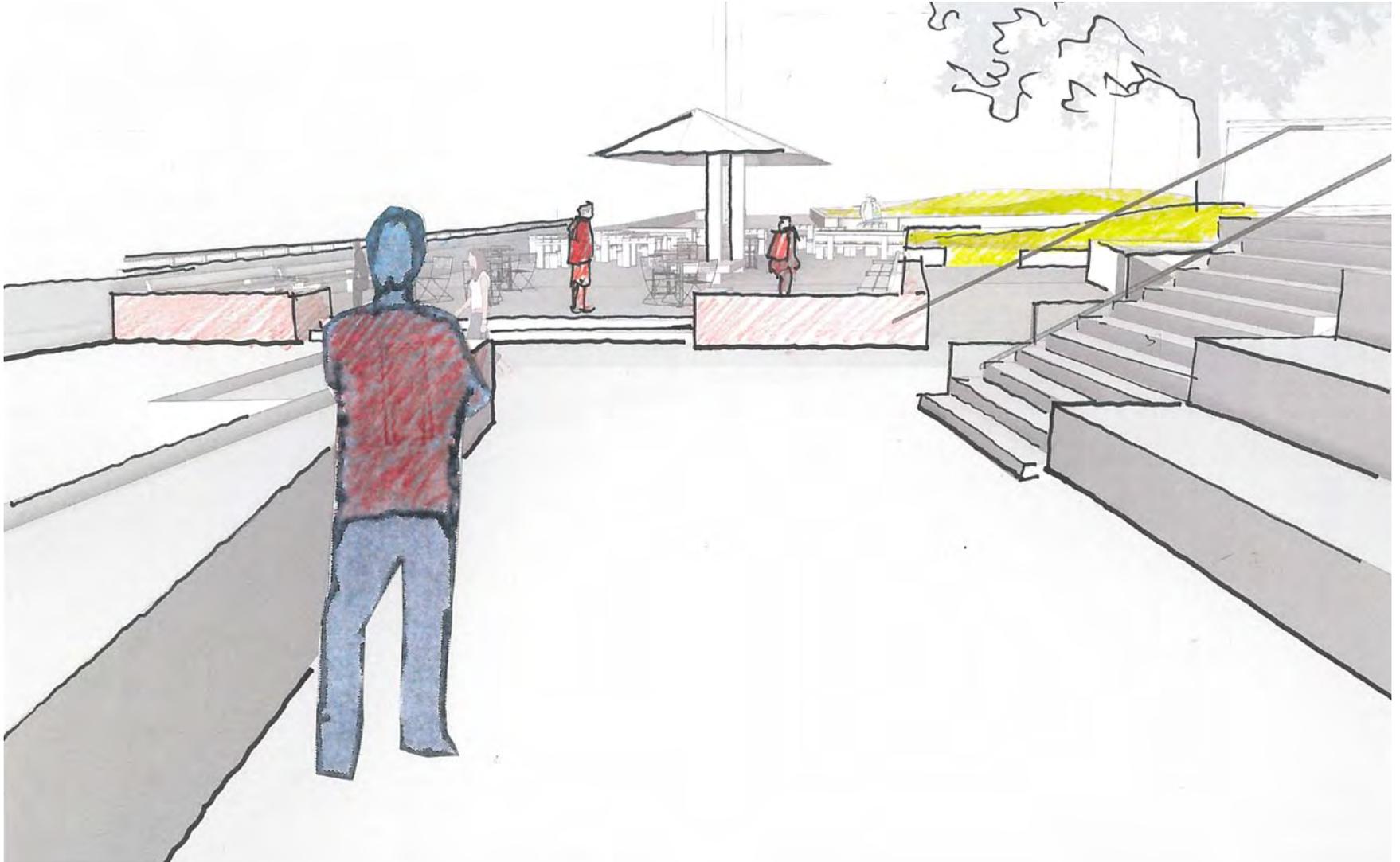
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OPTION 1



OPTION 2

