

**AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**City Hall Council Chambers – 515 Clark Avenue**  
**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:** The Parks and Recreation Commission welcomes comments from the public during discussion. If you wish to speak, please complete a green card and hand it to City staff prior to the meeting. When your name is called, please step to the microphone, state your name and address for the record, and limit the time used to present your remarks to three minutes so others have the opportunity to speak. The normal process on an agenda item is staff may first give a report on the item, Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, public input is received, a motion is placed on the floor, the Commission discusses the issue or responds to the audience concerns, and the vote is taken. In consideration of all, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent.

1. Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2021 and December 2, 2021
3. Public Forum (For items not on the agenda)
4. Staff Report on the 2021 Furman Aquatic Center Season
5. Update regarding the Indoor Aquatic Center
6. Presentation regarding the Downtown Plaza Design
7. Parks and Recreation Department's FY 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan update
8. Project Updates
9. Monthly Report
10. Commission Member Comments
11. Next Meeting:
  - a. Thursday, January 20 at 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)
12. Adjournment

# AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

DATE October 21, 2021

### COMMISSION

PRESENT Jeremy Bristow, Sarah Cady, Nicole Fannin, Sarah Litwiller, Jacob Ludwig, Duane Reeves, Nathan Shimanek

ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Keith Abraham, Joshua Thompson, Courtney Kort  
Dustin Albrecht and Ashley Geesman - Water and Pollution Control

CALL TO ORDER 4:00 PM

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Shimanek, with a second by Bristow, to approve the September 16, 2021, meeting minutes. No discussion. No opposition. Motion Approved

### PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Forum

### MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THE INSTALLATION OF AN AGILITY COURSE IN CARR PARK

Thompson brought the Commission some additional information regarding the demolition of the former bathhouse in Carr Park. The estimated cost is \$12,500. Park and Recreation Staff will complete this task with assistance from other city departments.

Bristow feels that this project has been covered very thoroughly.

Shimanek likes that the demolition of the bathhouse is happening this winter.

Cady feels that staff has addressed the concerns of the neighbors.

Cady asked if there was any public comment, there was none.

It was moved by Shimanek, with a second by Ludwig, to approve Alternative #1. No Discussion. No opposition. Motion Approved.

### PRESENTATION ON THE LAND RETIREMENT OF THE CITY-OWNED AREA WEST OF IOWAY CREEK AND MOORE MEMORIAL PARK

Abraham stated that most people know the developed area east of the creek where the shelters and playgrounds are located. There is also undeveloped land west of the creek

included in the original donation. Iowa State University has been leasing this land for farm ground. The City has decided to end this agreement. This land will be taken out of farming and developed into a natural area.

Staci Williams and Bethany Brittenham from ISG showed a presentation with some of the possible features could be incorporated into this project, including in-stream features for fish habitat, limestone steps to encourage interaction with the creek, and natural plants to attract pollinators.

Ashley Geesman from Water and Pollution Control added that they are thankful for the opportunity to collaborate on this project.

Cady asked about the boardwalk shown in the slide presentation as she has walked out there and feels the land is pretty swampy. The ISG representative answered that this project is still in the conceptual stages. There could be opportunities for boardwalks in small areas.

Cady asked if there would be signage marking the ISU trails and the City of Ames trails. Abraham pointed out some of the paths on the map. He also stated that paving the main trail and installing the bridge are both in the 25/26 CIP. Public Works will work with us on that project. There is no action needed at this time.

MOTION RECOMMENDING TO CITY COUNCIL THE RENAMING OF SQUAW CREEK PARK  
Abraham reminded the Commission that it directed staff to receive public input regarding a proposed name change. The three applications that were received are attached to the meeting packet. Abraham briefly touched on each application. Abraham shared his recommendation that the best and the easiest thing would be to rename this park loway Creek Park. Staff did not want to identify this park as gardens. Parks change and evolve over time and this area may not always include community gardens. Staff recommends Alternative #2 which is to rename the park loway Creek Park.

Bristow asked Abraham if he knew of or about Native Americans from Ames.

Abraham stated that loway is the name of the tribe native to the Ames area.

Cady asked about any discussion at the time the name was changed from Squaw to loway. Abraham informed Cady that the name change was a federal decision, not a local decision.

It was moved by Ludwig, with a second by Reeves, to recommend Alternative #2.  
No discussion. No opposition. Motion Approved.

#### UPDATE REGARDING THE STATE OF IOWA REINVESTMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM

a. Downtown Plaza

City Council has approved using natural ice for this project. Abraham would like to bring an updated design concept to the Commission as there have been some changes to the proposed water feature and food truck spaces.

b. Indoor Aquatic Center

Abraham has met with the Department of Transportation. The appraisal will come back soon. The timing of this project is essential as the pool is scheduled to open while the annex will still be in use by the DOT. The DOT feels this project is great for the community as well as great for their employees.

Reeves asked about pool space from February of 2022 to June of 2024. Abraham stated that he is meeting with Courtney Kort, Recreation Superintendent, and Jill Burt, Aquatics Manager, regarding this matter.

Abraham introduced Courtney Kort, Recreation Superintendent, to the Commission.

c. Final Application Submittal

Abraham informed the Commission that the final application is due at the end of February of 2022. All the City's components are in place. The team has not been able to get additional information from the developer.

## PROJECT UPDATES

Abraham wanted to thank staff for their work on several projects that are just finishing up. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Franklin Park on October 28, and at the fishing pier at Ada Hayden on November 3.

## MONTHLY REPORT

Thompson reminded the Commission that the cooler temperatures mean the water fountains, restrooms, and irrigation systems are shutting down for the season.

Kort highlighted upcoming programs and activities.

## COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Abraham stated that the Ames/ISU Ice Area is going to offer a class on driving the Olympia (ice resurfacers).

## ADJOURNMENT

Ludwig moved to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 4:57 PM.

## NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 4:00 PM.

# **AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

## **Homewood Clubhouse – 401 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street**

**DATE:** December 2, 2021

### **COMMISSION**

**PRESENT:** Jeremy Bristow, Sarah Cady, Sarah Litwiller, Jacob Ludwig, Nathan Shimanek

**ABSENT:** Nicole Fannin, Duane Reeves

**STAFF PRESENT:** Keith Abraham, Joshua Thompson, Courtney Kort  
City Manager, Steve Schainker

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:03 PM

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No Public Forum

### **DISCUSS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN WITH CITY MANAGER STEVE SCHAIKER**

Abraham went over the department's goals and funding for the FY 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Plan.

Schainker explained how the CIP is funded by local option sales tax revenue. This pool of money is shared by service agencies, arts groups, the Ames Public Library, the Main Street Historic District, Hunziker Youth Sports Complex, and the Campus Town Action Association.

Abraham explained that City Council only appropriates funding for the first year of the five-year plan.

Abraham went over the proposed CIP, highlighting many of the projects.

Schainker said he had challenged the Parks & Recreation department to infuse new facilities and amenities into the system, such as the agility course, the splash pad, the downtown plaza, and the new indoor aquatic center.

Schainker feels the parks are good, but the quality and availability of facilities could be improved. He is excited that the department is spreading these facilities throughout the city. He also stated that staff could only do so much, and these things take time.

Schinker is proud of the CIP and a proposed \$1.5 million upgrade to the shared use path systems. It shows the City of Ames is making a significant commitment to parks and facilities.

### **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Cady feels like there is not as much compromise this year. The accessible boat ramp and the upgraded pickleball courts are being checked off the list, and bigger priorities are being discussed.

There was a short discussion about where any new parks would be placed.

Cady stated that she receives questions regarding a path on the west side of Hyde Avenue. Abraham explained that the path is the developer's responsibility, not the city of Ames.

Cady also had questions regarding trail easements and eminent domain; she would like to see an easement north of Inis Grove that would connect to Duff Avenue and then to Grand Avenue.

Cady advocated for paths to go under roads and to form a continuous loop around Ames.

Ludwig asked for clarification about the region for any new parks. Schinker stated that west and then southwest would be the best locations.

Abraham stated that Story County is interested in connecting communities with trails and parks.

Litwiller stated that she managed hotel properties on Dayton Road. Visitors were disappointed that there were no trails to get to Ada Hayden or McFarland Park.

Schinker stated there is a need for more gyms and recreation spaces. He also noted that Heartland was building a new facility. Parks and Recreation may be providing programming at their new facility.

Cady is advocating for safe and connected paths and facilities that are connected.

Cady is also advocating for more interpretative natural areas.

Litwiller asked if there were any renovations at the Bandshell beside the restrooms in the plan. Abraham stated there are upgrades to the sound system in the operational budget. He also said that the basement could be renovated in the future for programming space.

Ludwig moved to adjourn at 5:13 PM.

# AMES PLAZA

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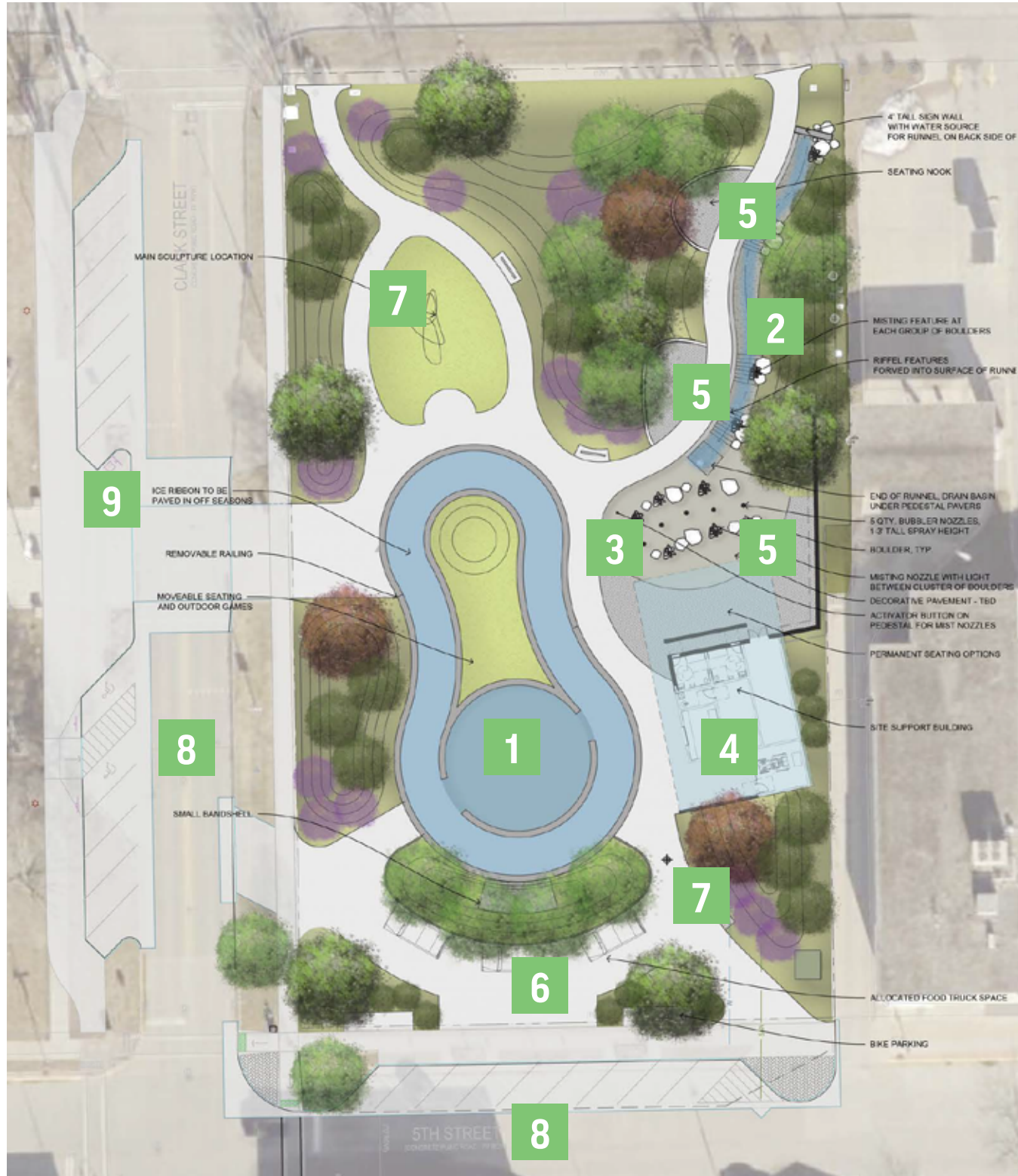
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# OVERVIEW

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# DESIGN EVOLUTION

## STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS:

5TH STREET BACK IN PARKING

CLARK STREET ANGLED PARKING

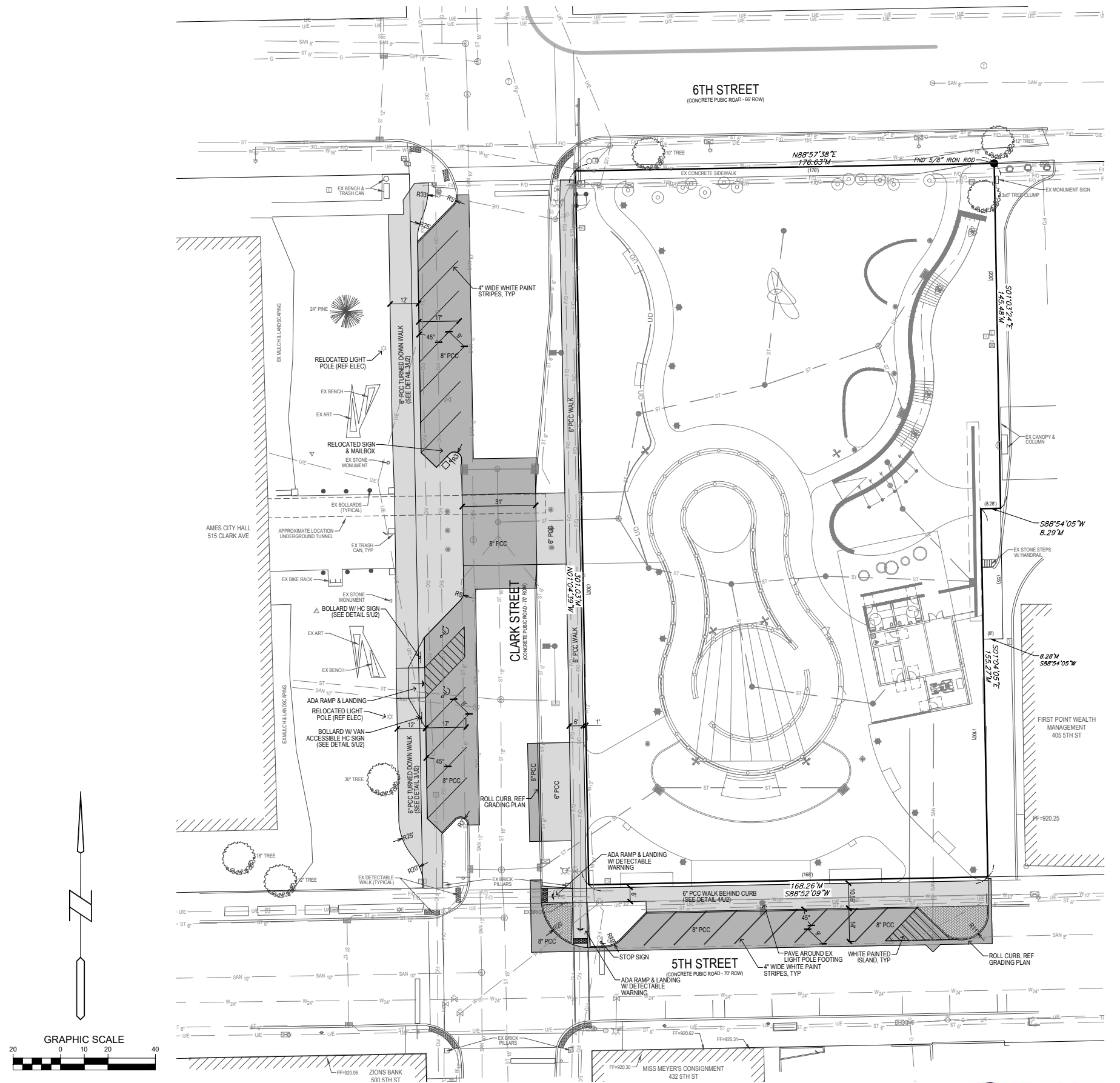
DROP BOX RELOCATION

ROLLED CURBS FOR FOOD TRUCKS

SAFER PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

MATCH 5TH STREET AESTHETICS

CONTINUATION OF COLUMN MONUMENTS



# DESIGN EVOLUTION

## ICE LOOP

NATURAL ICE

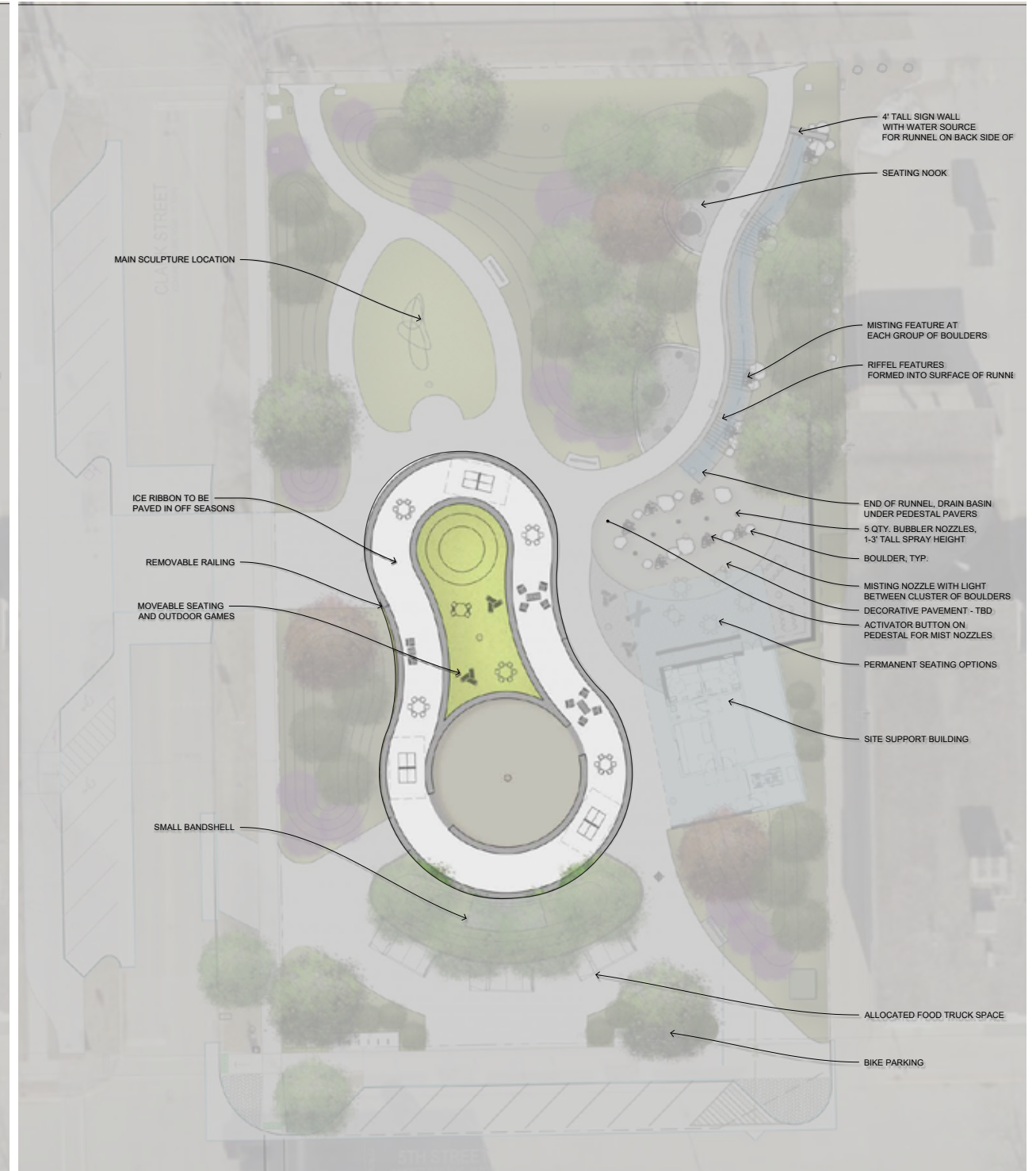
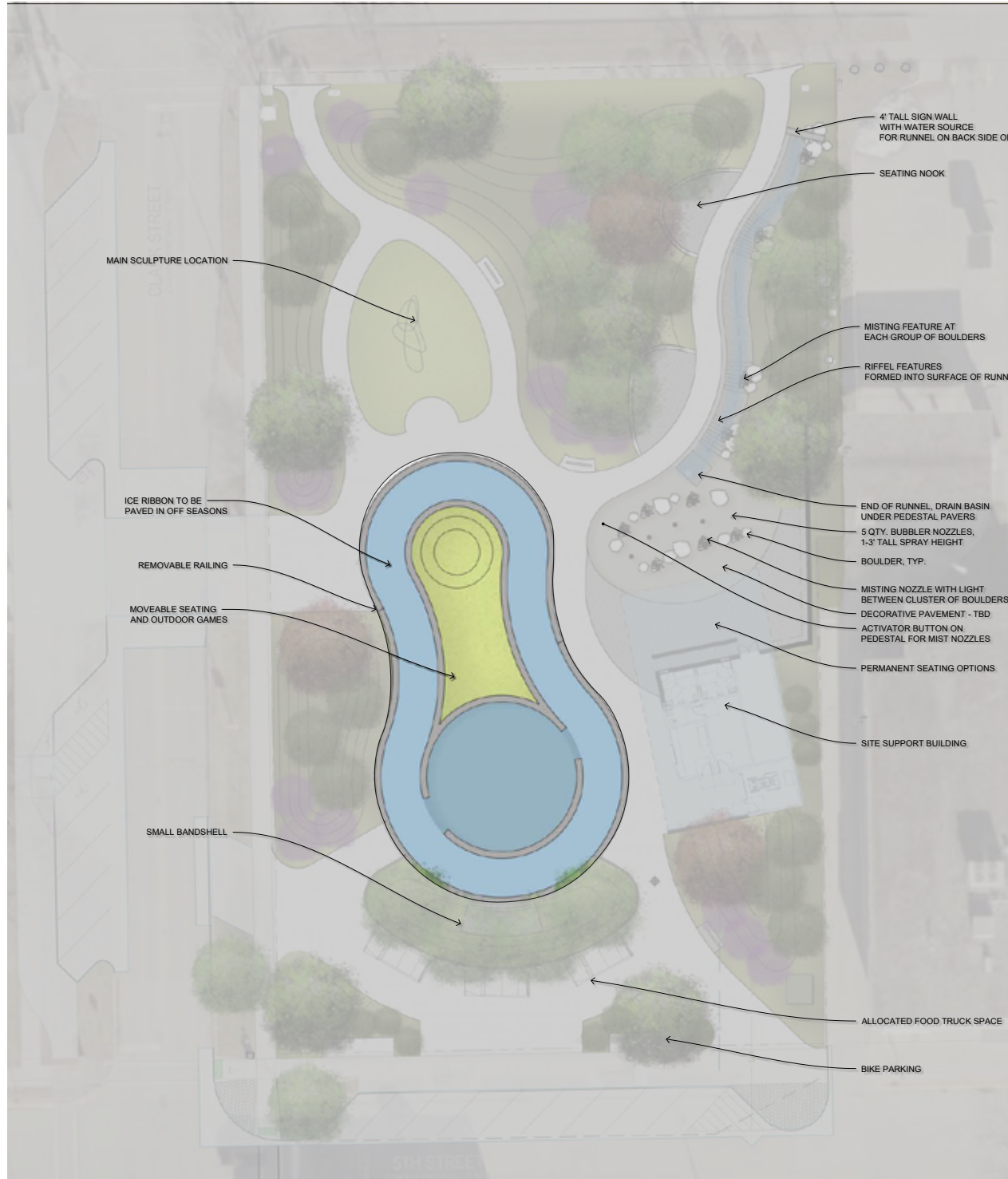
DASHER BOARD SYSTEM

REMOVABLE RAILING SYSTEM

CONTINUOUS LOOP

SPIN ZONE PULL-OFF

PAVING FILL FOR SUMMER USE





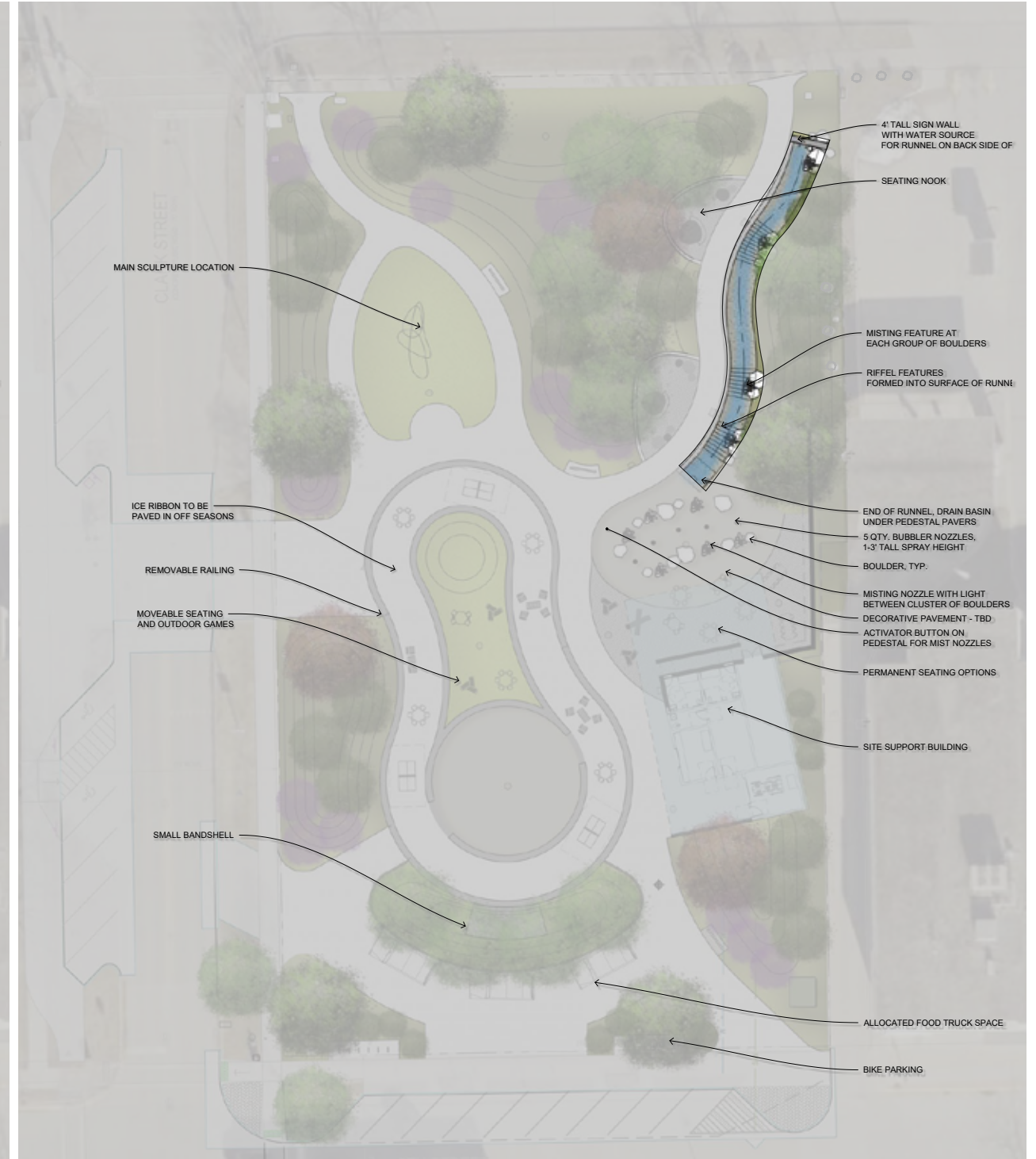
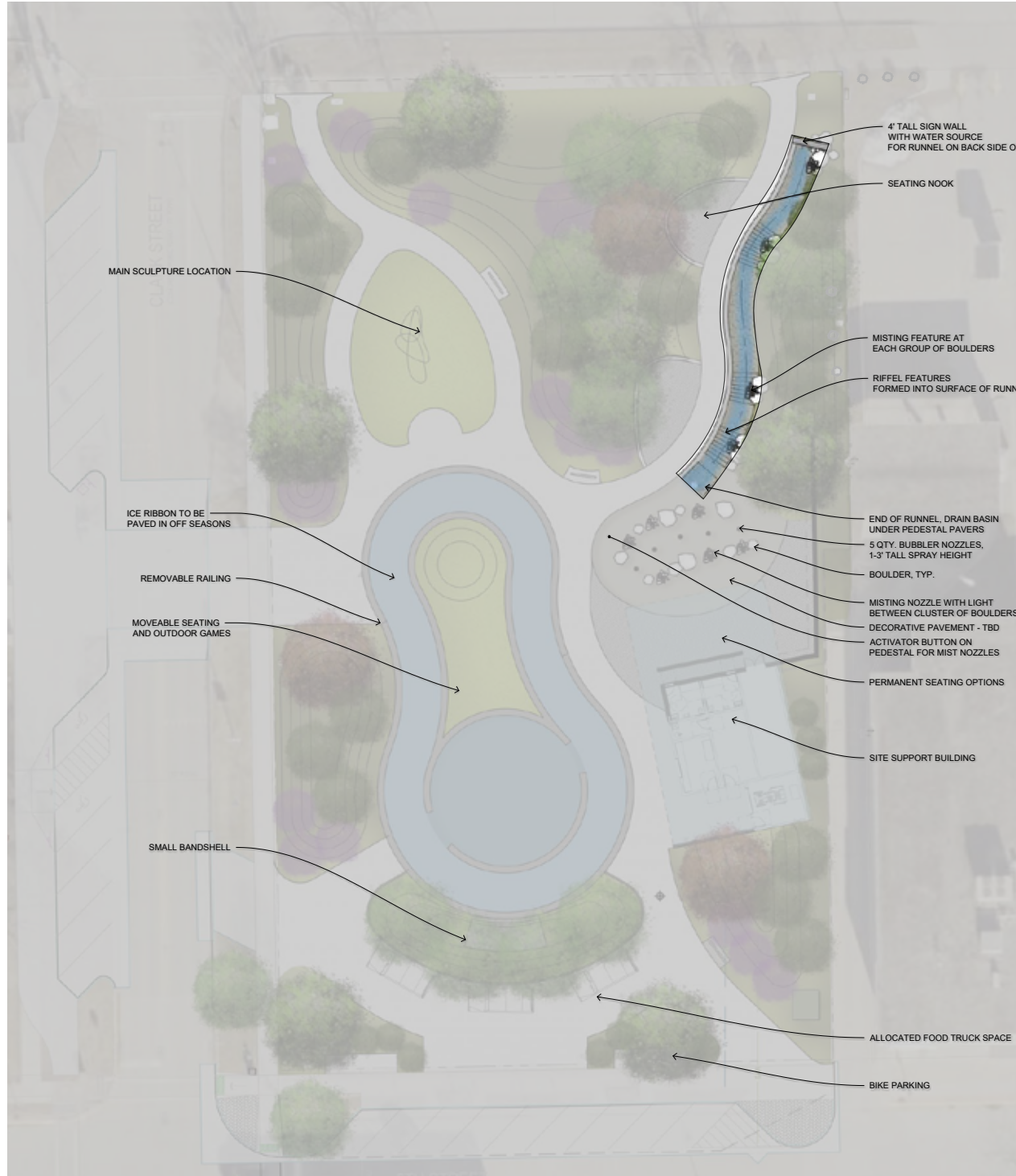
# DESIGN EVOLUTION

## WATER RUNNEL

SIGN WALL WITH JETS AT HEAD OF RUNNEL

RUNNEL AT A 1% SLOPE WITH RIFFLE STRIPS, MIST NOZZLES AND BOULDERS

UNDERGROUND TERMINUS





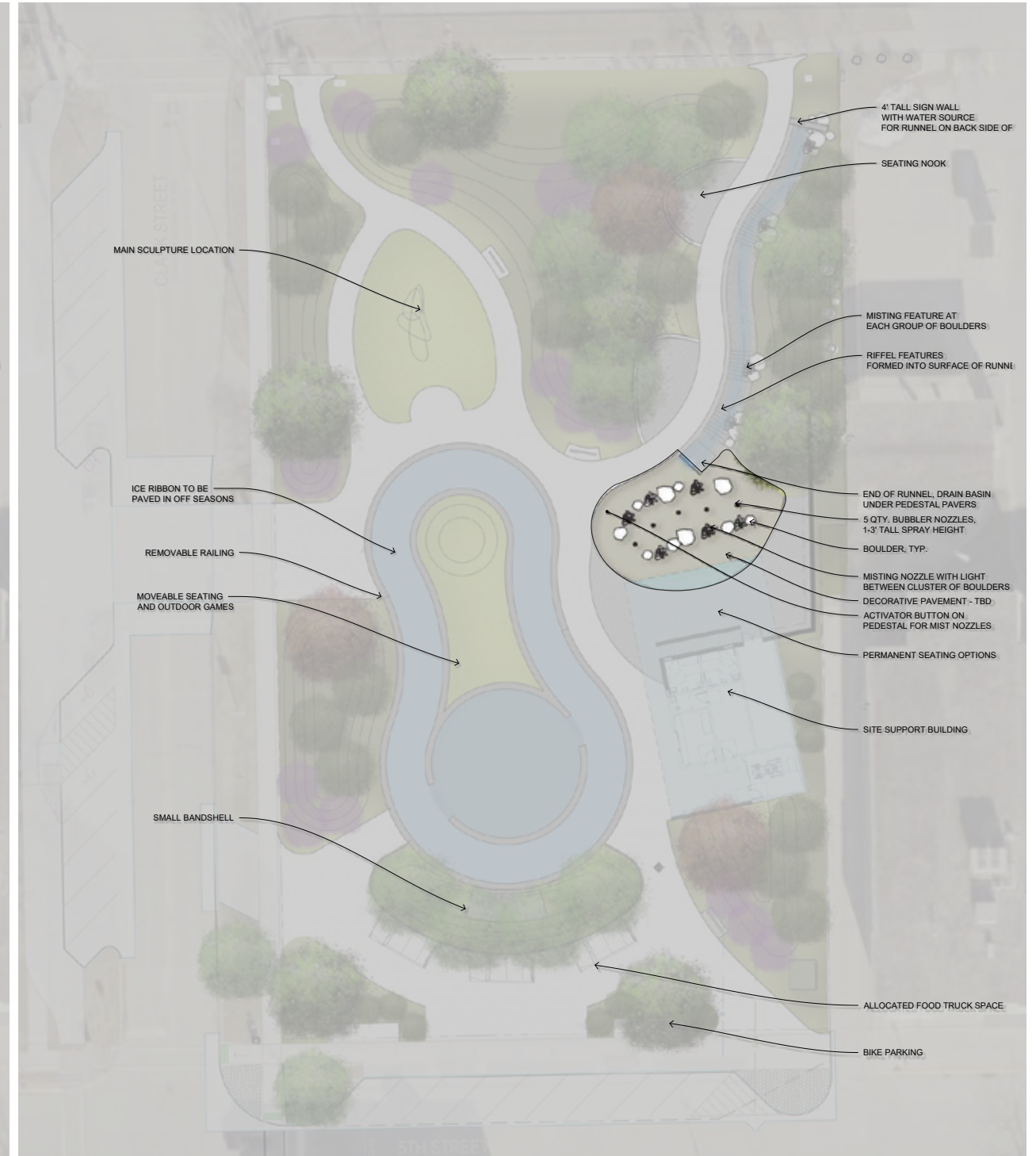
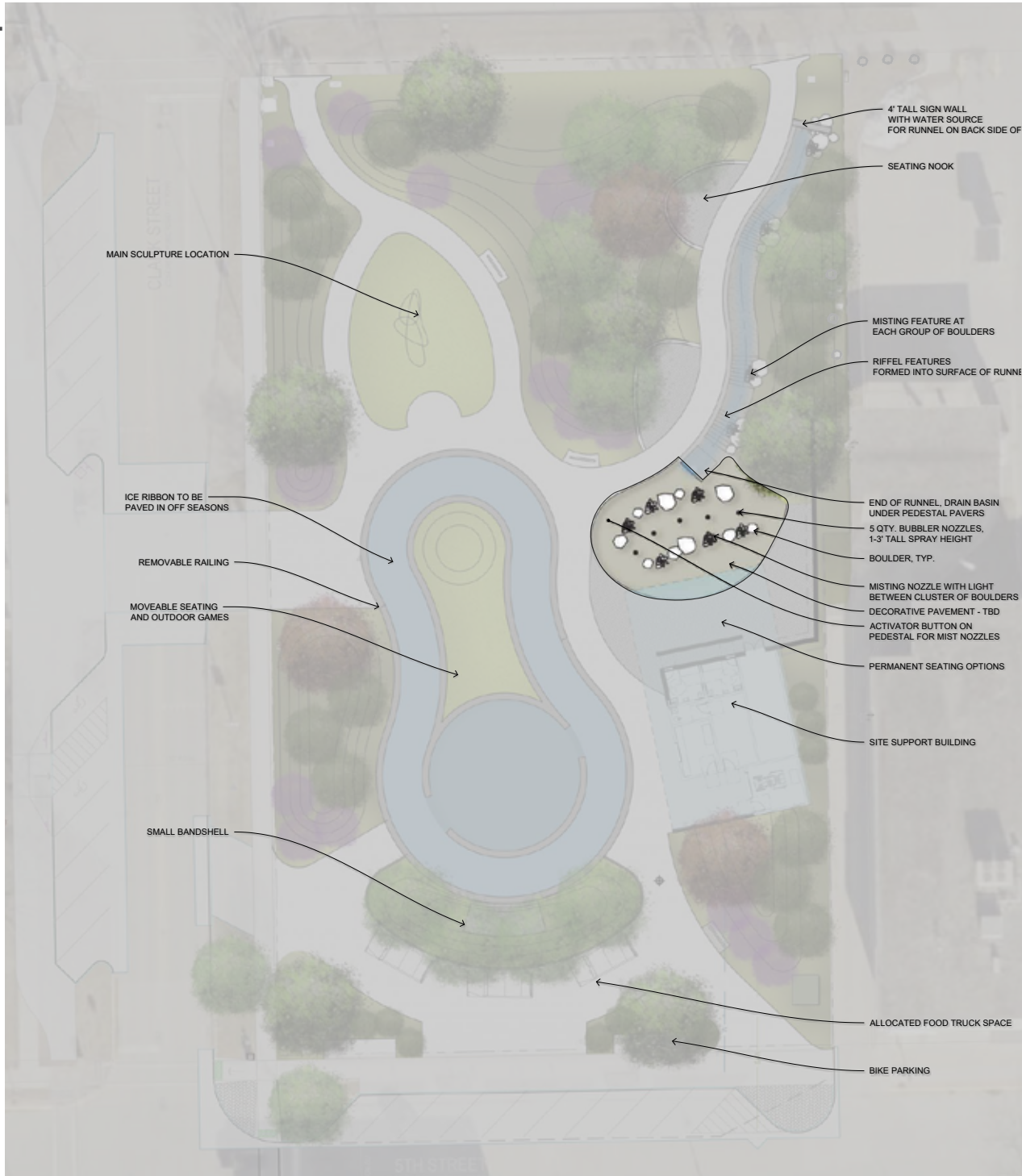
# DESIGN EVOLUTION

## SPRAY ZONE

DEDICATED PAD AT END OF RUNNEL

INCLUDES BUBBLER AND MIST NOZZELS AND BOULDERS

DRAINS TO TREATED RUNNEL VAULT FOR RECIRCULATION







# DESIGN EVOLUTION

## SITE SUPPORT BUILDING

APPROXIMATELY 1,500 SF

SKATE RENTAL SPACE

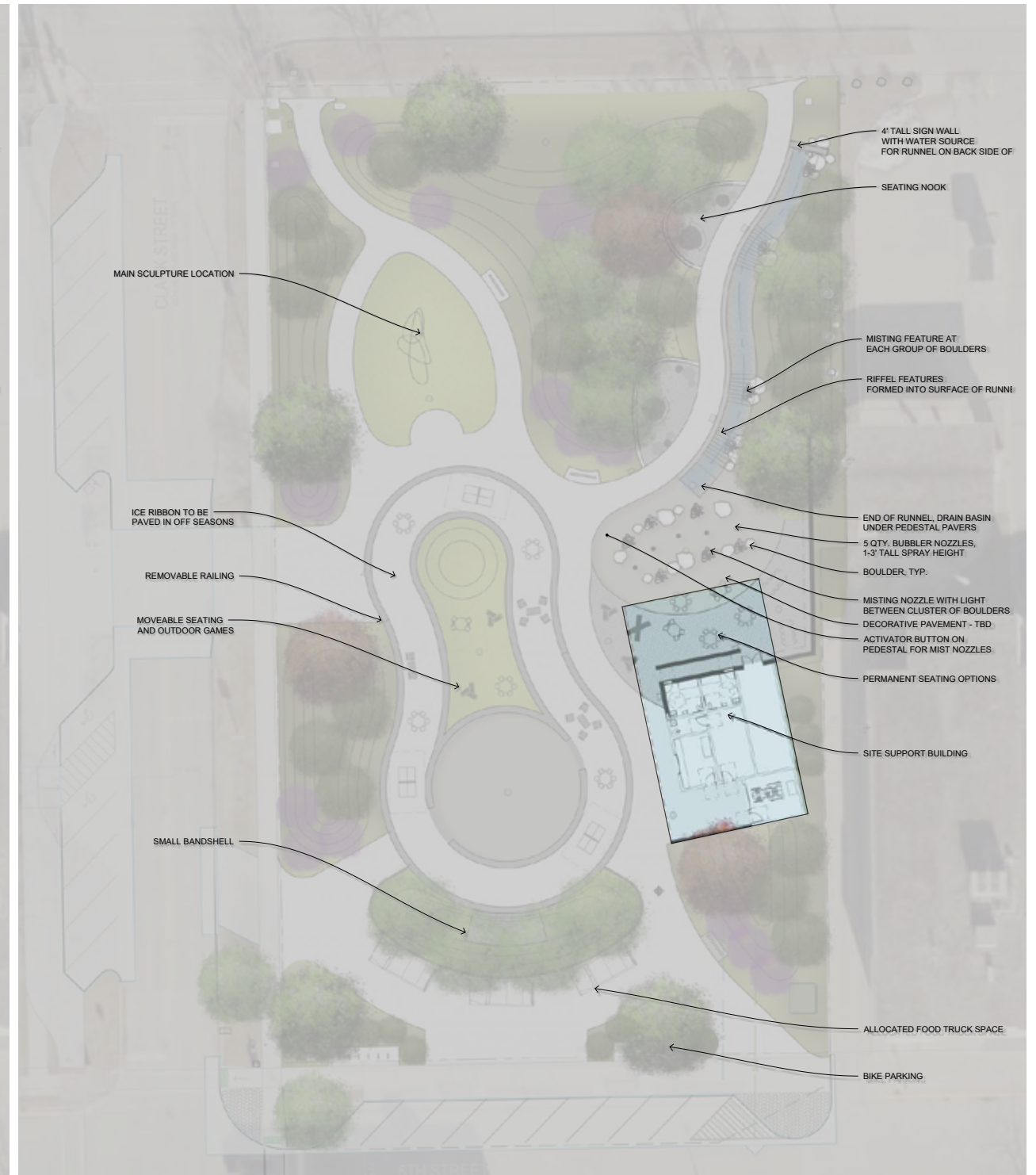
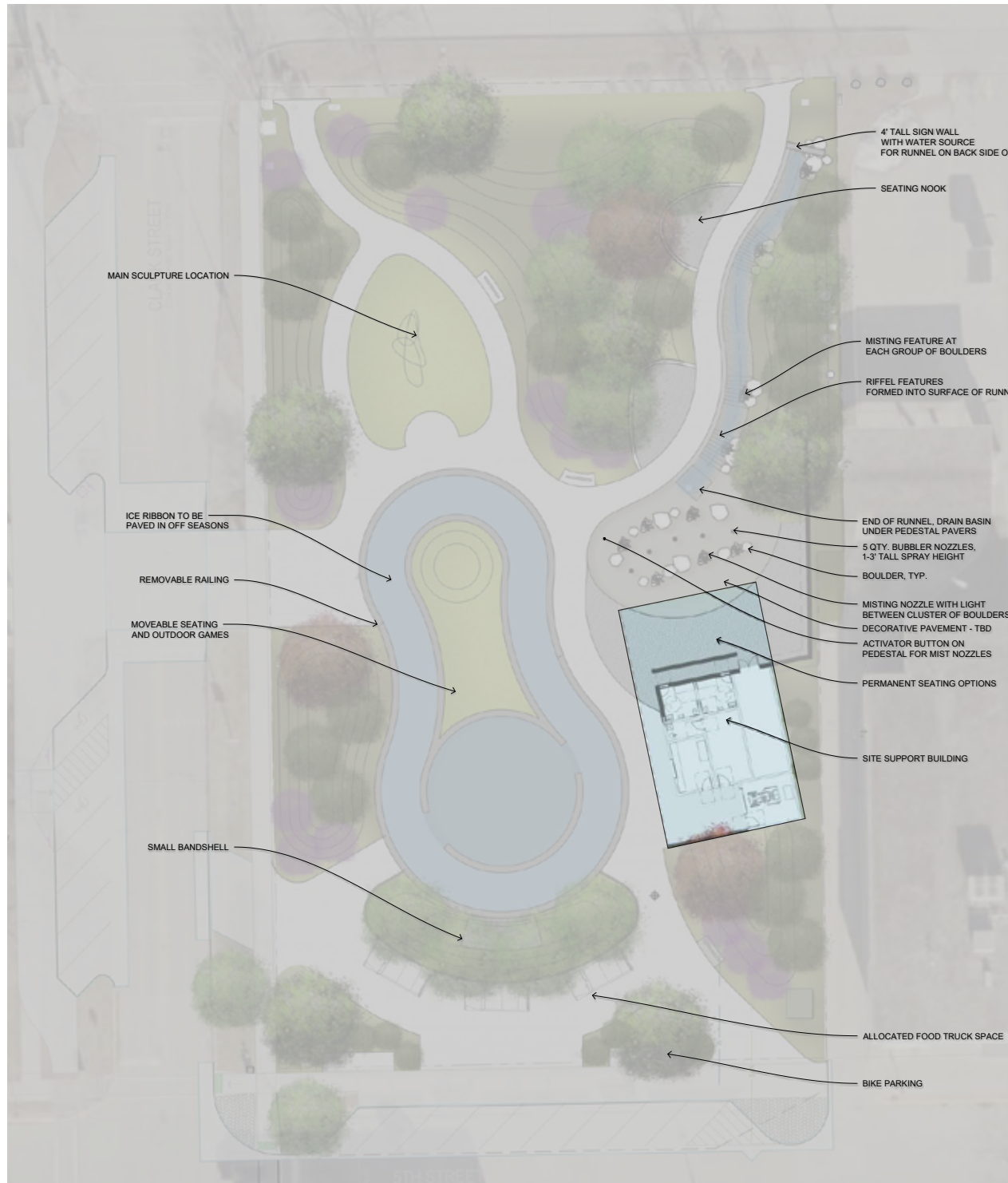
ICE AND WATER MECHANICAL ROOMS

ZAMBONI GARAGE WITH DRAINAGE

2 RESTROOMS WITH SECURITY CONTROLS

CANOPY OVERHANG FOR SEATING AREA

ART WALL CONNECTION









# SITE FURNISHINGS

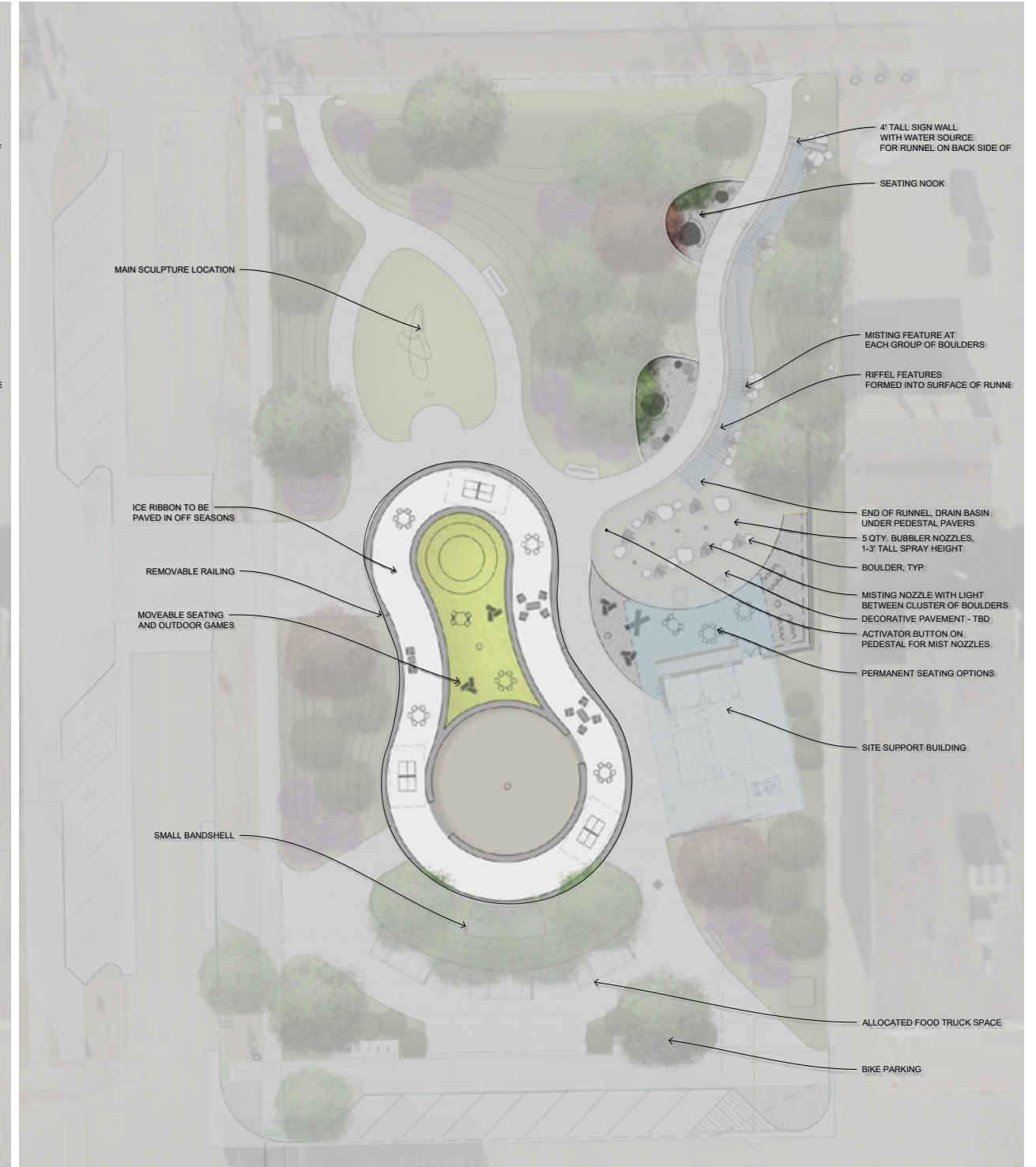
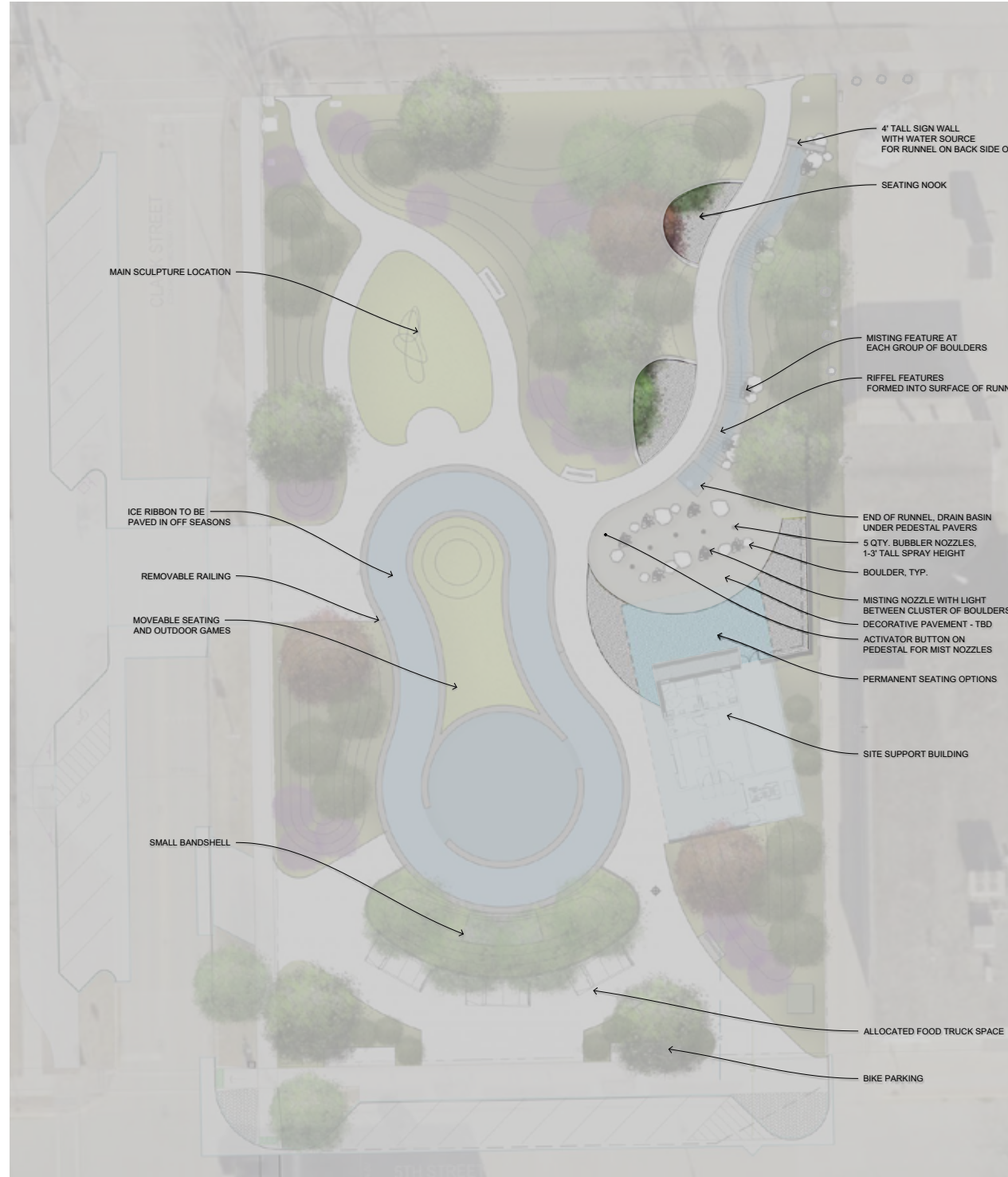
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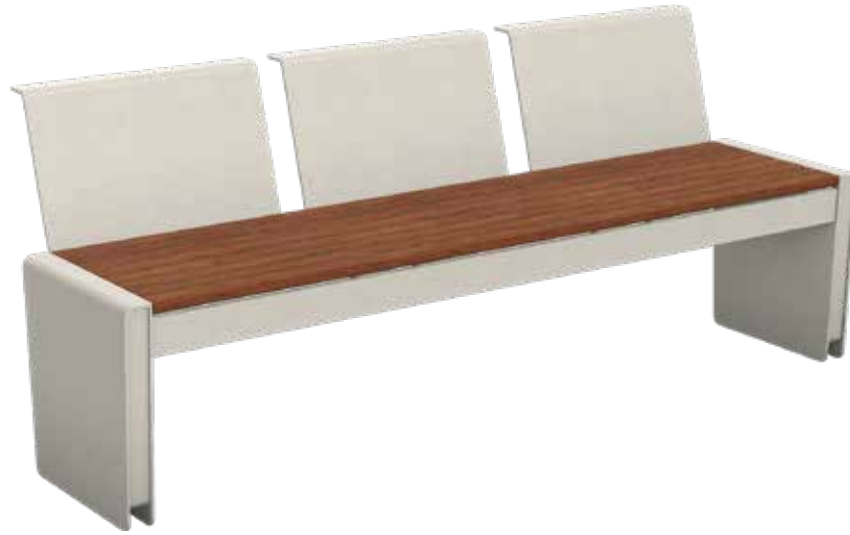
2 PASSIVE NOOKS ALONG RUNNEL PATH

TABLES AND CHAIRS UNDER BUILDING CANOPY

MOVEABLE SUMMER SEATING WITHIN ICE RIBBON PAVING

OPTIONAL SWINGING BENCHES OR STANDARD BENCHES ALONG WALKWAYS





# SITE FURNISHINGS

## AMENITIES

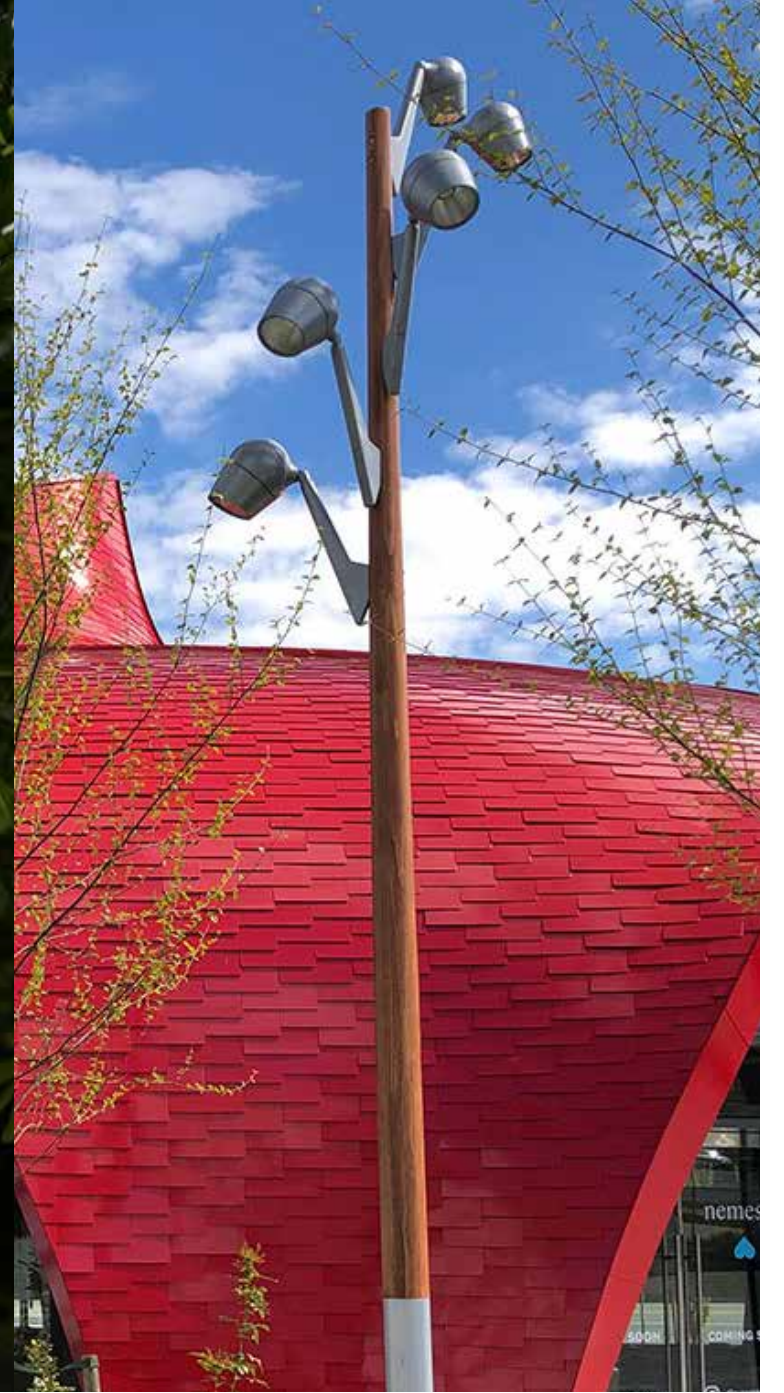
CONTINUATION OF DOWNTOWN COLUMNS THROUGH MODERN LIGHTING

MULTI-HEAD DIRECTIONAL LIGHT POSTS

BIKE PARKING AT SOUTH END OF SITE

TRASH RECEPTACLES APPROPRIATELY LOCATED THROUGHOUT SITE







**Probable Construction Cost Opinion**

The amounts stated herein are our best estimate of probable construction costs based on current information. Because costs are influenced by market conditions, changes in project scope, and other factors beyond our control, we cannot ensure that actual construction costs will equal this cost opinion.

**Downtown Ames Plaza**

Ames, Iowa

11/4/2021

Amenities	Qty	Unit	Unit Cost	Item Total	
Water Feature	1	LS	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	
Ice Ribbon	1	LS	\$ 780,000.00	\$ 780,000.00	
Concession Building	1	LS	\$ 805,347.38	\$ 805,347.38	
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE)	1	LS	\$ 206,000.00	\$ 206,000.00	
Art Features	1	LS	\$ 227,200.00	\$ 227,200.00	Includes Sculpture and Art Wall
Associated Design Elements	1	LS	\$ 1,173,177.00	\$ 1,173,177.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>\$3,591,724.38</b>
Contingency (10%)				\$	359,172.44
Survey and Geotechnical Reporting				\$	11,500.00
Permits and Submittals				\$	10,850.00
A & E				\$	377,250.00
<b>Estimated Total</b>					<b>\$4,350,496.82</b>

# MODEL RENDERINGS AND PLAN

PERSPECTIVE : SUMMER





# MODEL RENDERINGS AND PLAN

PERSPECTIVE : WINTER







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**TO: Keith Abraham, Director of Parks and Recreation**  
**FROM: Staff**  
**RE: Monthly Report December 2021**

### **PARKS AND FACILITIES:**

1. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources stocked the Ada Hayden Heritage Park north lake with 2000 Rainbow trout in early November. The Iowa DNR and the City did not publicize the stocking due to COVID-19 concerns. This is the ninth year Ames Parks and Recreation has been involved with the Urban Trout Stocking Program.
2. Staff erected two outdoor ice rinks in South River Valley Park for the winter season. Like last year, one rink is set for hockey and the larger rink is only for free skating. Staff will fill the rinks when temperatures are low enough for ice making. Staff will provide updates of when the rinks are open on the Parks and Recreation website and Facebook.
3. Staff completed winterizing all park bathrooms, water fountains, and irrigation systems in preparation for freezing temperatures in early November. Staff also removed the dock from the lake at Ada Hayden Heritage Park for the season.
4. Staff hosted volunteers from Renewable Energy Group (REG) to plant trees in Northridge Heights Park and the surrounding neighborhood. The volunteers also cleaned up the flower beds around the park signs in multiple parks.

### **RECREATION PROGRAMS:**

1. In November, 18 public skating sessions were held at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena with a total attendance of 692 skaters. Also, 101 skaters attended 19 figure freestyle sessions and 109 skaters attended nine stick and helmet sessions within the month.
2. A six-week session of Fitness classes began Monday, November 15 with 445 registrations. Classes continue to be held in-person (356 registrations), virtual (67 registrations), and outdoors (22 registrations.)
3. Two deep water aqua classes were offered at Municipal Pool during November, with a total of 17 participants.
4. Municipal Pool had a total attendance of 832 lap swimmers in November.

5. Three private swim lesson mini sessions were run with a total of 50 private lessons taught.
6. Homewood Golf Course began a mid-morning Cribbage League on December 8, with nine registered participants. This is in addition to the new Cribbage and Euchre Leagues that each occur one night per week at the Clubhouse. Euchre has a total of twelve participants (six teams), and Cribbage has 13 participants.
7. Youth Basketball Leagues for boys and girls in grades 3-6 started the week of October 26. Teams participate in the Central Iowa Recreation League (CIRL) and Ames has a total of 79 participants (9 teams). This league consists of teams from Colo, Gilbert, Huxley, Nevada, South Hamilton, and Story City.
8. In November, Parks and Recreation received two grants from the Iowa Arts Council and Arts Midwest for a total of \$6,000. Funds will be used to host a concert at the Auditorium and several workshops throughout the Ames Community in March of 2022 featuring the hip-hop duo The Reminders from Denver, Colorado.
9. November Auditorium Events
  - a. Hope Lutheran Church held ten worship services
  - b. Central Iowa Symphony held five rehearsals for its December concert.
  - c. The Ames Patriotic Council held an its annual Veteran's Day event at the Auditorium. The event was open to the public and livestreamed.

## **PROJECT UPDATE:**

1. Fischer Bros, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, has been hired to refurbish the play structure and beaver slide from the Splash Pool at the Furman Aquatic Center. Work includes dismantling the play structure, inspecting each piece for defects, repairing pieces as necessary, and restoring to a like new condition. The stand-alone beaver slide will be dismantled, inspected for defects, fiberglass repaired if needed, and repainted to match the original color scheme. The structure and slide has been removed and will be reinstalled in late April of 2022.