



Watsonville
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

City Plaza Revitalization Project Update

Parks & Community Services Department

August 27, 2024

Provide Direction On:

Restoration
Gazebo

Cannon Relocation or
Removal



Historic Background

Historic Overview

- 1860 – Don Sebastian Rodriguez donates City Plaza land
- 1880 – Fountain was installed
- 1893 – Drinking fountain installed
- 1899 – Field artillery cannon was added
- 1906 – Bandstand was constructed
- 1924 – Second field artillery cannon was added
- 1916 – Canopy was added to the bandstand
- 1965 – Canopy on the bandstand was replaced
- 1983 – Added to the National Registry of Historic Places (Gazebo, cannons, drinking fountain, water fountain, pathway layout)

Revitalization Efforts

- 2019 – Administrative Use Permit w/ Environmental Review Completed
- 2020 – Parks Master Plan finalized
- 2023 – State of California (Prop 68) Awards \$3.3M Grant
- 2023 – SSA Landscape Architects Contract Executed for Designs
- 2024 – 60% Design Drawings Presented to Parks & Rec Commission
90% Design Drawings Completed



2019 Public Outreach Overview

INTERDEPARTMENTAL
STAFF WORKSHOP

TWO STAKEHOLDER
MEETINGS

THREE INTERACTIVE
COMMUNITY
WORKSHOPS

TWO CITY PLAZA
WORKSHOPS

COMMUNITY SURVEY

MULTIPLE PARKS AND
REC COMMISSION &
CITY COUNCIL
PRESENTATIONS



2019 Master Plan Discussion: Gazebo is Relocated

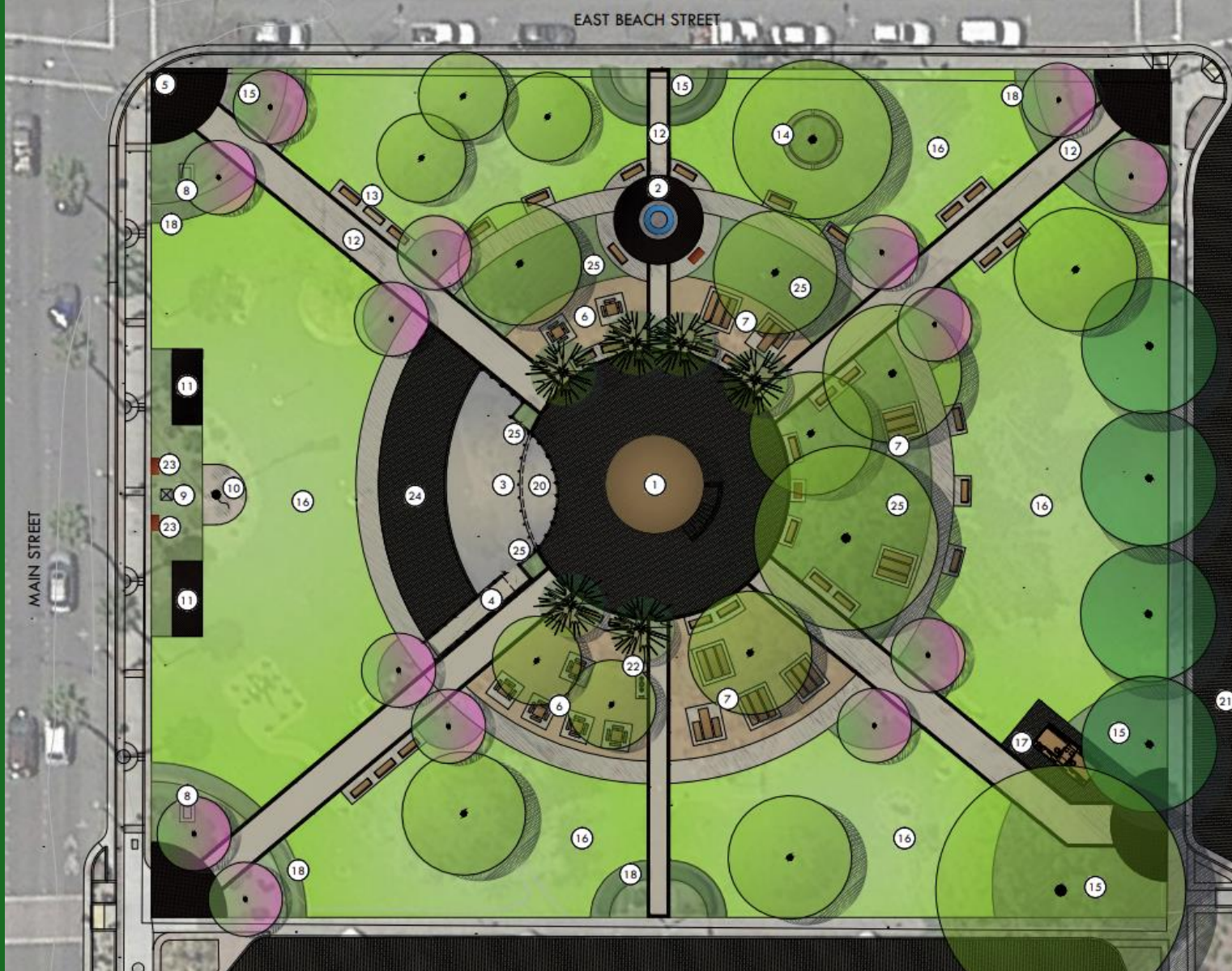




2019 Master Plan Final Decision: Gazebo Remains in Existing Location

LEGEND

- ① REBUILT GAZEBO WITH PERMEABLE PAVER PLAZA
- ② REFURBISHED FOUNTAIN WITH BRICK PLAZA, PARK BENCHES AND INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
- ③ 18" HIGH PERMANENT STAGE WITH GAURDRAILS
- ④ RAMP WITH HANDRAILS TO STAGE
- ⑤ PRIMARY ENTRANCE SPECIALTY PAVING
- ⑥ GAME TABLE AREA
- ⑦ GROUP PICNIC AREA
- ⑧ HISTORIC/ART ELEMENT PEDESTAL
- ⑨ EXISTING HISTORIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- ⑩ EXISTING FLAG POLE
- ⑪ CANNON AREA
- ⑫ PATHWAY PAVING WITH BRICK ACCENT
- ⑬ PARK BENCHES
- ⑭ CIRCULAR BENCH AROUND EXISTING TREE
- ⑮ SECONDARY ENTRY ACCENT PLANTING
- ⑯ OPEN TURF AREAS
- ⑰ RESTROOM BUILDING WITH BRICK PERMEABLE PAVER PLAZA
- ⑱ LOW HEDGE PLANTING
- ⑲ RAISED CROSSWALK WITH REMOVABLE BOLLARDS
- ⑳ REMOVABLE STAGE PORTION WITH PAVER PATTERN, GUARDRAIL AND PERMEABLE PAVERS BELOW
- ㉑ RESURFACED PECK STREET AND UNION STREET AS SHOWN WITH PERMEABLE PAVERS
- ㉒ DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- ㉓ INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
- ㉔ ADA ACCESSIBLE SPECTATOR AREA WITH PERMEABLE PAVERS
- ㉕ PLANTING AREA
- EXISTING TREES TO BE PROTECTED
- PROPOSED ACCENT TREES
- PROPOSED STREET TREES
- PROPOSED PALM TREES



2020 Adopted City Plaza Master Plan Design

Estimated Budget

Description	2019	2024
Estimated Gazebo Construction Costs	\$150k	\$350k + ?
Total Project Costs	\$3 million	\$6.3 million + ?
Prop 68 Grant Award		\$3.3 million
Balance		\$3 million + ?

Gazebo Structural Testing

Investigation Overview:

Steel Beam
Investigation

Masonry Wall
Survey

Concrete
Slab Scan

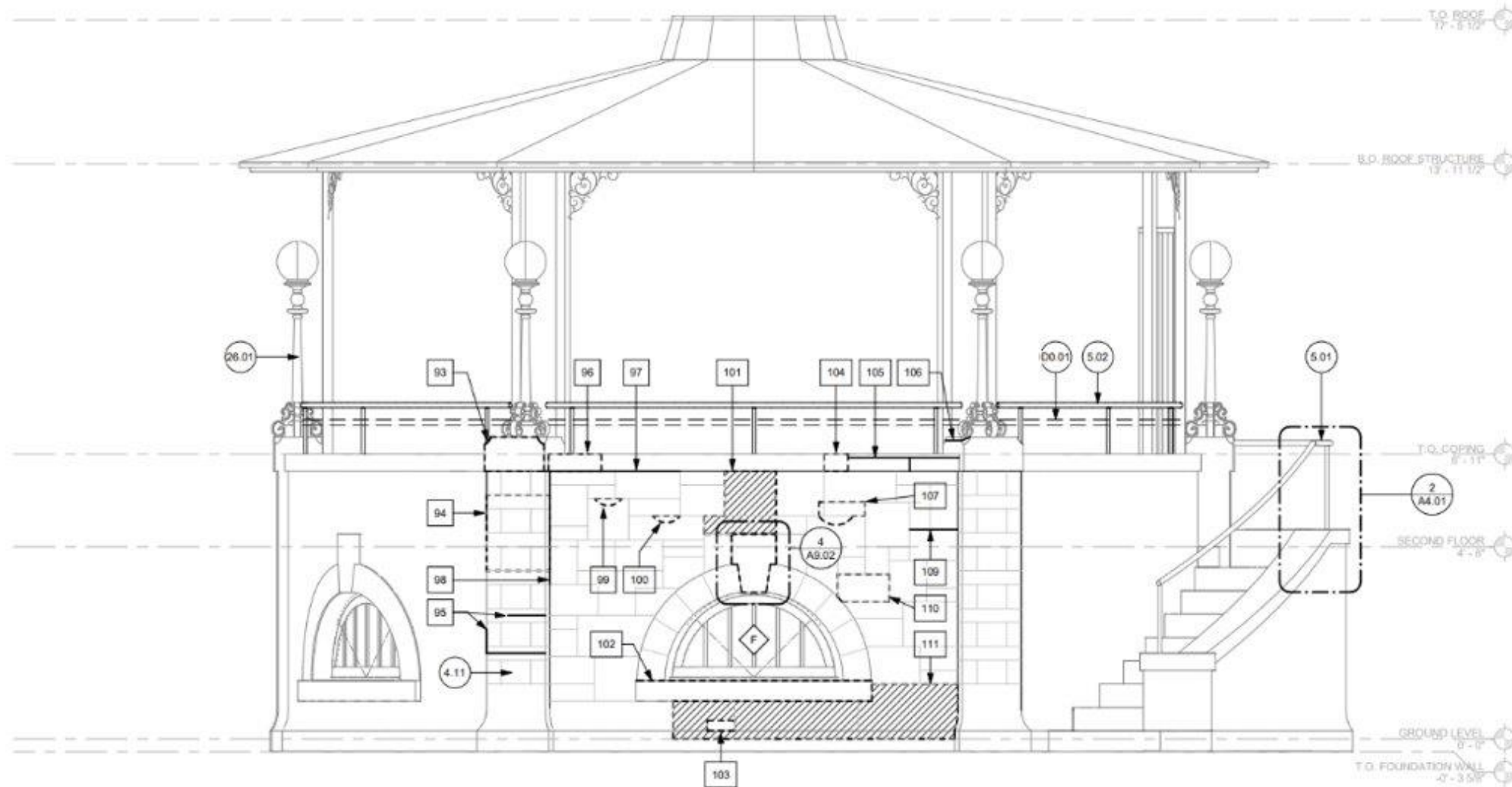
Stone
Anchors Scan



Option 1: Cosmetic Upgrades

Scope of Work:	Projected Cost:	Projected Repair Lifespan:	Pros:	Cons:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cosmetic Repairs OnlyRelocate electrical room	\$350,000	15 – 20 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Iconic historic Gazebo remains in placeWithin budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No public accessNo staff use of basementExpenses to relocate electrical roomPermanent fencing inside/around the roof

Cosmetic Design Overview



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GAZEBO SOUTH ELEVATION - SECTOR F

1/2" = 1'-0"

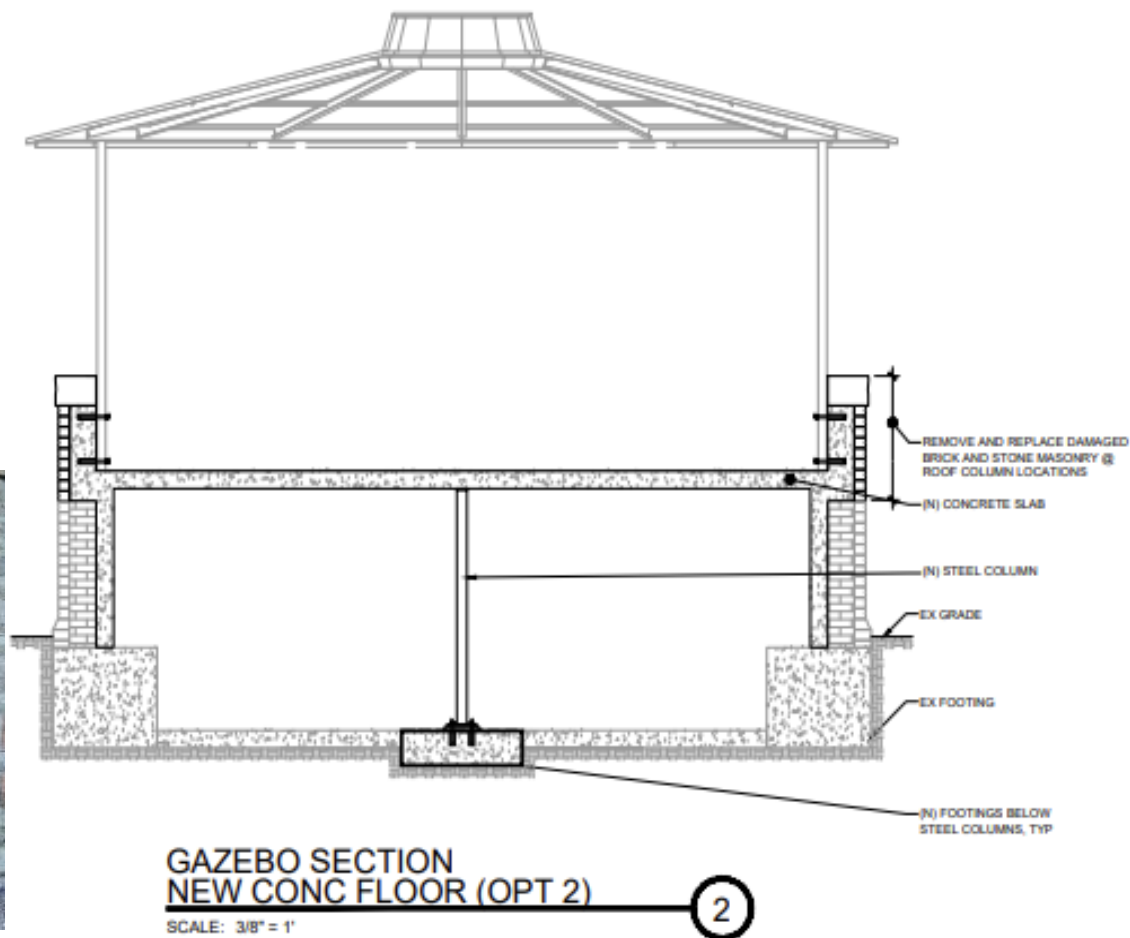


Pajaro Valley Historical Assn.
1971.19.6 (c) 1971



Option 2: Cosmetic & Minor Structural Retrofitting

Scope of Work:	Projected Cost:	Projected Repair Lifespan:	Pros:	Cons:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cosmetic repairs• Decommission basementRemove roof	<table><tr><td>Cosmetic Repair</td><td>\$350k</td></tr><tr><td>Minor Structural Retrofit</td><td>\$200k</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$550k</td></tr></table>	Cosmetic Repair	\$350k	Minor Structural Retrofit	\$200k	Total	\$550k	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15-20 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Iconic historic Gazebo remains in place• Occasional public use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roof removal• No staff access to basement• Expenses to relocate electrical room
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Minor Structural Retrofit	\$200k									
Total	\$550k									



Option 3: Complete Restoration

Scope of Work:	Projected Cost:	Projected Repair Lifespan:	Pros:	Cons:
Full renovation includes cosmetic & major structural repairs	Cosmetic Repair \$350k Major Structural Retrofit \$530k Total \$880k	50 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional gazebo for public use & special events Upgraded electrical & data in basement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost -\$500k over budget Remains non-ADA compliant



Option 4: Remove Gazebo to Expand Stage

Scope of Work:	Projected Cost:	Projected Repair Lifespan	Pros:	Cons:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remove gazeboConstruct & redesign new stageredesign new stagestage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design \$70kConstruction \$360kCEQA Amendment \$120k	50 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Opportunity to design a new performance venue for performance venue for public useADA compliantNew utilities, sounds system, lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CostTimeline extended: 14 monthsHistorical value of plaza

Summary of Restoration Options

Options	Projected Cost	Projected Repair Lifespan
1. Cosmetic Upgrades	\$350K	15 - 20 years
2. Cosmetic & Minor Structural Retrofitting	\$550k	15 - 20 years
3. Complete Renovation	\$880K	50 years
4. Remove Gazebo to Expand Stage	\$550k - \$650k+	50 years

Background - Historic Cannons



Location: Main St. & Peck St. Intersection

Time Period: Cast in 1899, just after the Spanish-American War

Characteristics: 3.2-inch M1897 field artillery gun cannon mounted to a wheeled cannon mounted to a wheeled carriage used by the United States Army.
United States Army.

Significance: Gift to the City



Location: Main St. & E Beach St. Intersection

Time Period: Remounted in the Plaza on March 22, 1922.

Characteristics: Compact six-pounder type used by the United States Navy.

Significance: "Old Betsy" was used to fire the first salute, October 18, 1850, on the arrival of the news in California proclaiming its admission to the Union.

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Current Location

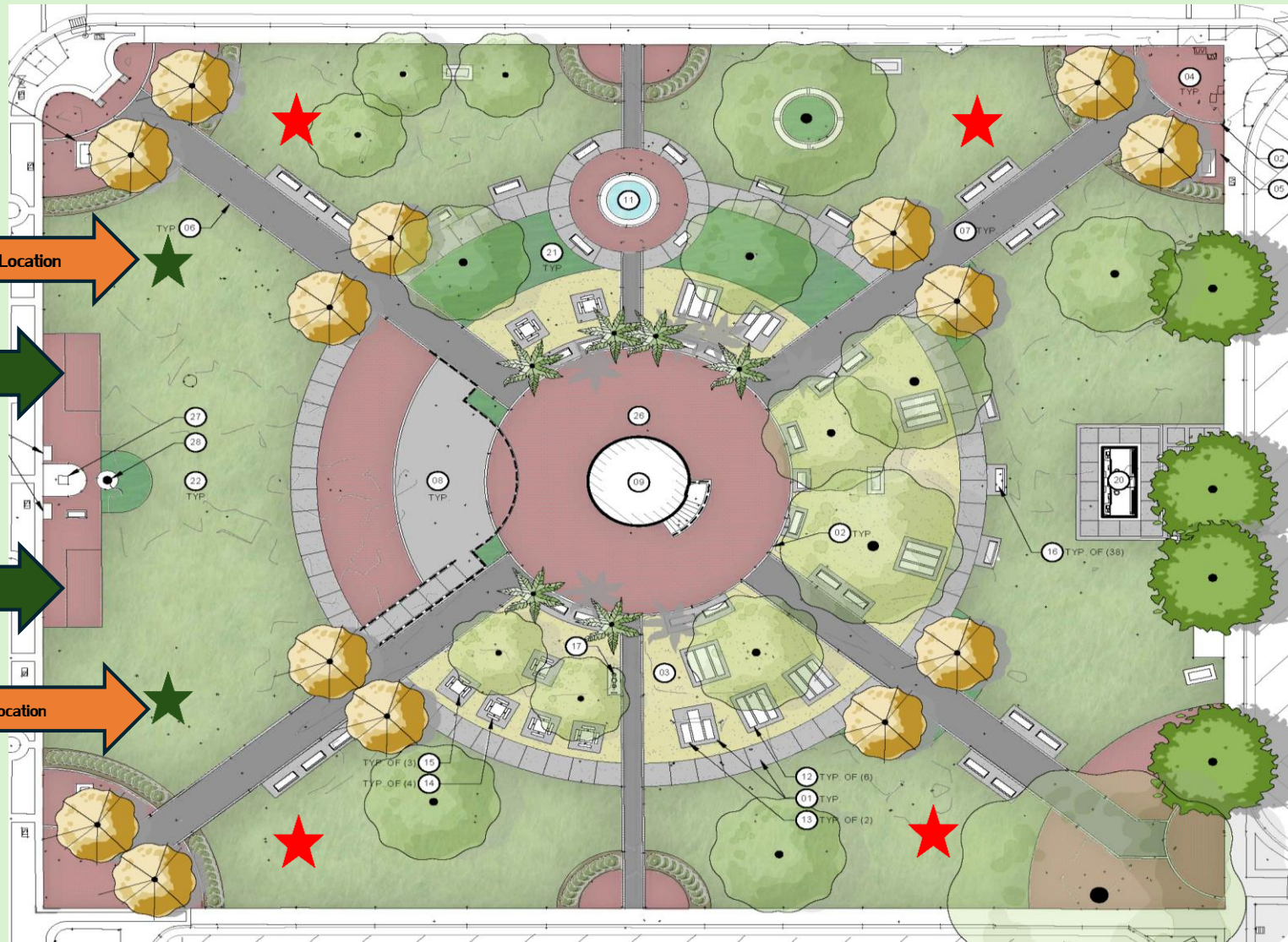
New Location

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New Location

Current Location



Cannon Relocation or Removal

Artillery Cannon Relocation

Item	Relocate	Remove
Summary	Create new platforms and relocate near sidewalk on Main St.	Remove cannons from City Plaza and relocate for preservation
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannons remain in Plaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More space for seating during events• Addresses concern of some community members• Cost savings• Space conflict w/ new art sculptures
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costs to build new platforms• Costs to refurbish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal of historical features• Need to remove from historical registry
Costs	\$30,000	Minimal

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Questions & Comments