

ARTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting
(virtual)

March 7, 2022, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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(AGENDA to follow)



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ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Monday, March 7, 2022

Microsoft Teams meeting platform 4:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes from Nov. 15, 2021 Page 3
- b. Consider Reports:
 - 1. Aquatics Section Report Page 4
 - 2. Maintenance Section Report Pages 5-6
 - 3. Planning Section Report Pages 7-8
 - 4. Recreation Section Report Pages 9-10
 - 5. Reservations Section Report Page 11
 - 6. Volunteer Section Report Pages 12-13

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today’s agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications.

V. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

VI. STAFF REPORT

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Information/Discussion Items

- 1. Artist of the Year – Profile Performance and Nominations

B. Action Items

- 1. Consider selection panel’s recommendation of public artist for the Live Oak Library Annex Pages 14-16
- 2. Consider selection panel’s recommendation of public artist for the Aptos Library Pages 17-24

VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: May 2, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT



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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES - DRAFT

November 15, 2021, 4:30 p.m. - Microsoft Teams meeting platform

- I. Called to order at 4:33 p.m. Present: Kilian, L Phillips, Gardner, Stabile, Miyakusu, Oslapas, DeWorken, Scott Late: Niven Absent: J Phillips
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Kathy DeWild, Amanda Rotella
- II. Approved Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/L. Phillips
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- III. Approved Consent Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/Gardner
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- IV. Approved selection of Artist of the Year 2022
Motion/Second: Stabile/Miyakusu
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1
- V. Approved 2022 Public Art Plan
Motion/Second: Stabile/Niven
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1
- VI. Next meeting date: Date TBD 2022, 4:30 p.m., Microsoft Teams platform
- VII. Adjournment – 5:42 PM
Motion/Second: Stabile/Niven
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1



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JEFF GAFFNEY
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Date: January 28, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Max Friedmann, Aquatics Supervisor
Subject: Aquatics Section Report

Simpkins Renovation Project and Closure

- Simpkins Family Swim Center is now closed for the 50m pool renovation project.
- The renovation project is scheduled to last for approximately 6 months.
- Renovations include replastering of the 50m pool and resurfacing of the pool deck cement.

Harvey West Pool

- All County Parks aquatics programming is now being offered at Harvey West Pool.
- Programming includes drop-in lap swim, water aerobics, and adult fitness swimming (Masters).



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Date: January 28, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendent
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

South County

- New 5,000 SF sod lawn was completed at Seacliff Village Neighborhood Park
- Two large trees at Pinto Lake fell across the back walking trail; trees were removed
- Contractor selected for resurfacing tennis/ basketball/pickleball courts at Willowbrook Park. Work expected to begin in February weather permitting
- Large domestic water mainline was repaired at Pinto lake.
- Staff is improving and preparing baseball fields at Polo Grounds for upcoming spring season
- There has been increased graffiti at Seacliff, the Farm Park and Pinto Lake and Mesa Village. Staff are diligently removing graffiti.

Mid County / Swim Center

- Swim Center Maintenance staff Replaced the sand – in the playground at Brommer – with Fibar.
- Repaired the roof/HVAC unit at the Veterans Memorial Building.
- Removed trumpet vines off of face of Simpkins main building.
- Addressed water leak at Brommer Park.
- Replace 6” – 3 way valve on 50 meter filtration system, Replaced motor on 50m CO2 pump, replaced mechanical seal on Recreation pool chlorine injector pump.
- Replaced sign at Jose Avenue park – Eddie Lane entrance.

North County

- Turf renovations at AJ, Highlands, Michael Grey. This includes aerating, fertilizing, top dressing, slit seeding, rolling, and gopher abatement.
- New roof at Highlands House, Highlands Park.
- Baseball infield renovations at AJ, Highlands, and Michael Grey.
- New split rail fencing at Quail Hollow Ranch.
- Drainage work at Quail Hollow Ranch.
- Dug out overlook at Scott Creek beach.

- Major clean up at Twin Lakes Park.
- Bathroom maintenance at Moran Lake due to ongoing vandalism.
- Playground equipment upgrades and maintenance at Chanticleer, AJ, Highlands.
- Parking lot and parking lot islands maintenance at Emeline and 701.
- Tree work at Emeline and 701.
- Tree work at Highlands, Felton Covered Bridge, Ben Lomond Dam.



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Date: January 28, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Michael Hettenhausen, Park Planner
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

Anna Jean Cummings Mitigation Plantings

Staff entered into a contract with a landscape architect to develop plans and specifications to be used for bidding purposes. The landscape architect will develop conceptual renderings of the completed project to present to the public at a public meeting tentatively planned for April.

Chanticleer

Staff applied for a Prop 68 Regional Park Program grant for Chanticleer Park Phase 2 Development. The scope of the Regional Park Program application includes converting the historic residence into indoor recreation space, constructing two new reservable picnic pavilions, constructing a walking and bicycling trail in the park, and installing an outdoor fitness station.

Greyhound Rock

Staff continues to work with staff from the state Coastal Conservancy and state Department of Fish and Wildlife on a grant application for planning and development of minimalist overnight accommodations and indoor programming facilities at the park.

Hidden Beach

The discretionary permit for the new restroom is being considered by County Planning. Once approved, staff will work with our consultant to prepare the construction documents for the County Building Permit application.

Live Oak Library Annex

Staff is participating on the Technical Advisory Group with County Department of Public Works and Library staff as well as an architectural firm to produce interior and exterior design plans for the Live Oak Library Annex, proposed for construction along the north wall of the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The County's Department of Public Works project manager is reviewing bids for the project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in February or March.

Moran Lake

The consultants provided a concept plan, which was reviewed by County Park staff as well as Coastal Conservancy grant manager. Comments on the concept plan were provided to the consultant on January 20th. A public meeting to present the concept plan is tentatively planned for April.

North Coast Facilities and Management Plan

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to accept the Coastal Conservancy and State Parks funds at its December 7th hearing and approved the Request-for-Proposal (RFP) for a planning consultant at its January 11, 2022, hearing. The RFP was posted on the County's

General Services Department's Solicitations website and provided directly to several local planning consultant firms. Proposals are due February 3rd and will be evaluated by a committee consisting of County and State representatives.

North Coast Rail Trail

Staff worked in partnership with the Regional Transportation Commission to submit Prop 68 Rural Recreation and Tourism Program and Regional Park Program grant applications for partial funding of construction of the North Coast Rail Trail segment from Yellowbank to Davenport.

Park Dedication In-Lieu Fees and Park Impact Fees Update

The updates to the Park Impact Fee program including ordinance updates and Unified Fee Schedule amendments took effect on October 1, 2021. Parks staff is working with Planning staff to transition to the new program as it applies to collecting fees during permit applications. Parks staff launched a new web page with information about the program.

Rockview

Staff is working with construction and geology consultants to design new stairs from Rockview County Park to the beach.

Simpkins Family Swim Center Indoor Youth Activity Center and Outdoor Learning Center

Staff submitted a Prop 68 Regional Park Program grant application to design and construct an indoor Youth Activity Center and an outdoor Learning Center. The indoor Youth Activity Center would be in the south plaza area and offer free play as well as programmed activities for youth while their parents/guardians use the aquatic center. The outdoor Learning Center would be located adjacent to the indoor Youth Activity Center and offer a dedicated space for outdoor trainings for Junior Guards and others.

Willowbrook

Parks design consultant developed a concept plan to redesign the Baseline Drive park entrance and improve a nearby seating area. The concept plan was presented to the public at a January 20th fundraising kickoff event held at the park. Staff is reviewing proposals from playground vendors to replace the existing 5–12-year-old play structures and sand with a new 5–12-year-old play structures and rubber surface material.



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Date: January 28, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Jaime Jimenez, Recreation Supervisor
Subject: Recreation Section Report

Recreation

- Our After School Care Enrichment (ACE) Programs at Mar Vista Elementary school and at La Selva Beach Clubhouse are in full swing this Winter.
- Field Trips to Ready, Set Glow and the SC Roller Palladium hosted our programs this winter as our destination trips.
- Staff focused on new arts activities ranging from Picasso snowman to melting puffy paint snowmen were created by youth between the ages of 6-13.
- We increase health and wellness awareness in our programs this month. We visited a local park and had Yoga at the park to empower the body and mind.
- The holidays season focused on gingerbread legend literature with story of the making of the gingerbread cookie and on how fast he would have to run. Programming ended with a pajama days, cookies, dance, and arts & craft.
- Fall is a time for football. This fun activity was introduced into our rotation and staff took advantage of the time to foster human development, motor skills and support positive sportsmanship. Youth were taught to Honor the ROOTS of the game by honoring the rules, officials, opponents, teammates, and your own self.
- The Winter Camp was held at Aptos Village Park between Dec. 27-30 between 7:30am-6pm. The camp experienced 26 registered participants.

Partnerships with Local Recreation Departments

- We are collaborating with the La Selva Beach Library branch where participants get to use up to 17 laptops to play Mine Craft every Thursday.
- We are scheduled to host the Cruz Gambit Chess Club at the La Selva Public Library.
- We continue in communication with the City of Watsonville – Public Works Department exploring a possible Agents of Discovery site at their Nature Center. We have a meeting scheduled for February 14th and hope to launch this site soon.

Recreation Programs & Contractual Agreements

- The recreation team continues seeking out potential contractual agreements with groups and individuals in the community to offer positive recreational programs in our county for the summer months. A “Teach with Us” link is in our scparks.com webpage to increase exposure and create more interest opportunities by skilled professionals in our community to teach classes with our department.

Marketing Efforts

- The Department has created bilingual flyer and continues to post updates in our website and continues to conduct social media postings to inform the community of upcoming recreational opportunities.
- The Department is gearing up to obtain program information in preparation for the Summer Activity Guide scheduled to be sent to the printers on March 17th.
- Staff are working on creating summer programming banners and yard signs to promote the upcoming Spring and Summer offerings.



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Date: January 28, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Sarah Shea, Recreation Supervisor
Subject: Reservations Section Report

The reservation and facilities team continues to build knowledge and understanding of the multiple facets of the department. The team is working on creating efficient procedures while maximising the usage of our park facilities.

Picnic Reservations continued into the winter despite the weather conditions. Reservations to our outside areas continue to be a popular and safe choice for our community members.

Athletic Field Permits This spring the new reservation team is working proactively to collect league requests in January and February. Delays from continuous users exist due to changes in leadership, ongoing covid related hesitations, and unconfirmed schedules. The reservation team is working with leagues to navigate these challenges while streamlining the reservation/request process. Conversations have started to reopen the Concession program at Polo Grounds.

Horse Boarding: A project to upgrade our existing horse stalls and improve feed and tack rooms is underway in partnership with the Maintenance team.

Venue Rentals Overview:

- December and January saw a continued usage of venue rentals primarily for birthday parties, memorial services, and fundraisers for a total of 13 rentals.
- Open house dates published for the year at all four venue rentals and included in local marketing strategies. The beginning phase to add virtual open house tours is underway.
- Reservations staff attended a wedding festival to promote our venue rental options
- A call to vendors has been made to recruit local companies to attend a small, local Santa Cruz Community Wedding Fair hosted by County Parks at Highlands in early March.

Special Events:

- Parks sponsored the annual Holiday Market at Felton Covered Bridge organized by the San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- The department is starting to see a return to previously held special events at the County Parks with an increase in requests for the 2022 year.

Commemorative Program: Seventy-two renewal request letters were sent out to donors whose commemorative feature dedication had come to an end. At the time of this report fourteen have renewed, nine have opted to sunset the dedication, and the remaining are pending.

Staffing: Current initiatives for recruiting new Park Service Officers for facility staffing and administrative needs are underway.



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Date: January 28, 2022
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

Anna Jean Cummings Park

The Workability group continue to help maintenance staff with projects at AJC and Willowbrook park and since September they have logged 266 hours.

Felton Discovery Park

We started back in January with volunteer days the first Saturday of every month from 9-11. 8 volunteers showed up on a frosty, cold morning in January to do weeding in the newly planted areas of the park.

The next 3 volunteer days are scheduled for:

February 5th

March 5th

April 2

Chris Soriano, Field Programs Coordinator for the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History continues to work with his group from the of Earth Stewards Program at FDP. The group works in the park 2 days a month.

(The Earth Stewards Program aims to empower the next generation of environmental stewards by providing STEM education to alternative education high school students through outdoor experiences).

We have another great project in the planning phase for FDP. Jay Ryan is completing a term of service for California Conservation Corps Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) in partnership with AmeriCorps. He is placed at the Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Santa Cruz. Jay has a bachelors degree with a focus on ecological restoration. He has proposed a project for FDP which we are very excited about. It will be a restoration project with the main objective being to remove invasive plant species (Mostly Blackberries) from the watershed.

We are looking forward to working with Jay on the project and the park will greatly benefit from his efforts, the volunteer day is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th,

Quail Hollow Ranch

We have 2 new docents being trained for the park, once they are ready to go that will give us 11 total! Our docents play an essential role in welcoming and educating the public to the park as well as opening the Visitor Center. Currently the docents have gone back hosting at the park by sitting outside the Visitor Center instead of opening the house because of the latest resurgence of Covid related cases. Soon, we all hope we will go back to opening the Visitor Center again. In the meantime, the docents make the best of it and greet visitors outside and on the trails.

In December the **Santa Cruz Astronomy Club** brought 3 of their volunteer members to set up telescopes and answer question at the stargazing event; 7 community members showed up but unfortunately the stars did not. It was a cloudy and foggy evening so all had to come home early.

The dates for the **next FREE star gazing** outings are:

Feb 25 - sunset about 6pm, darkish about 7pm

Mar 25 - sunset about 7pm, darkish about 8pm

Apr 22 - sunset about 7:50pm, darkish about 9pm

May 6 - Sunset at 8pm, darkish about 9pm (32% Waxing Crescent moon sets 1:36am)

Jun 3 - Sunset at 8:25pm, darkness about 9:30pm (19% crescent moon sets at midnight)

Jul 8 - Sunset about 8:30pm, darkness about 9:30

Come and enjoy the evening with this group of knowledgeable Astronomers!

Hidden Beach/East Cliff Parkway/Davenport Landing

Starting in February a group of from the Nature Lodge will be volunteering with County Parks doing litter pick up and light landscaping. We are excited they have chosen County Parks as a way to give back to their community. Below are the dates and Parks they will be helping with.

2/12- Hidden Beach

5/21- East Cliff Parkway

August TBD- Davenport Landing

Public Art Project Proposal For

Live Oak Library Annex

Addendum

Submitted By

Marilyn Kuksht
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February 2022

Flying Tetrapod - Height 8-9 feet

This is a slightly modified version of the design that was originally submitted. It has been set at a much steeper angle which is not only more dynamic, but easier to relate to the harbor tetrapods. It is intended as a dramatic artistic landmark for the Library Annex, and an homage to the harbor and those who built it. It has been tilted from the earlier design to make it more dynamic and identifiable as relating to the harbor tetrapods. Although quite stylized, it is intended to be accompanied with photo image signage comparing and relating it to the



Although quite stylized, it is intended to be accompanied with photo image signage comparing and relating it to the 'harbor jacks' including educational text addressing "What is a Tetrapod?" This type of signage would accompany any of the proposed sculptures, including a QR code linking to additional images and information about the harbor and its history.



Possible Sculpture Location

I can envision many possible locations for the proposed sculpture, though I cannot recommend a specific placement without discussions with the landscape architect, contractor, and other key stakeholders. A few potential sitings are indicated with green stars on the plan view below.

Another placement concept is outside the plaza area, perhaps at the main driveway entrance or along the driveway path.



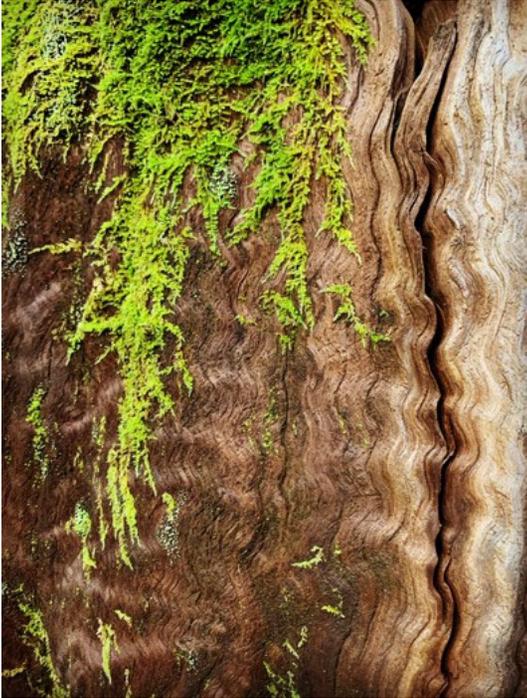


Aptos Library Proposal

by Lea de Wit

Revised 3/2/22

Redwood, Bay, & Coast Theme Inspiration Images



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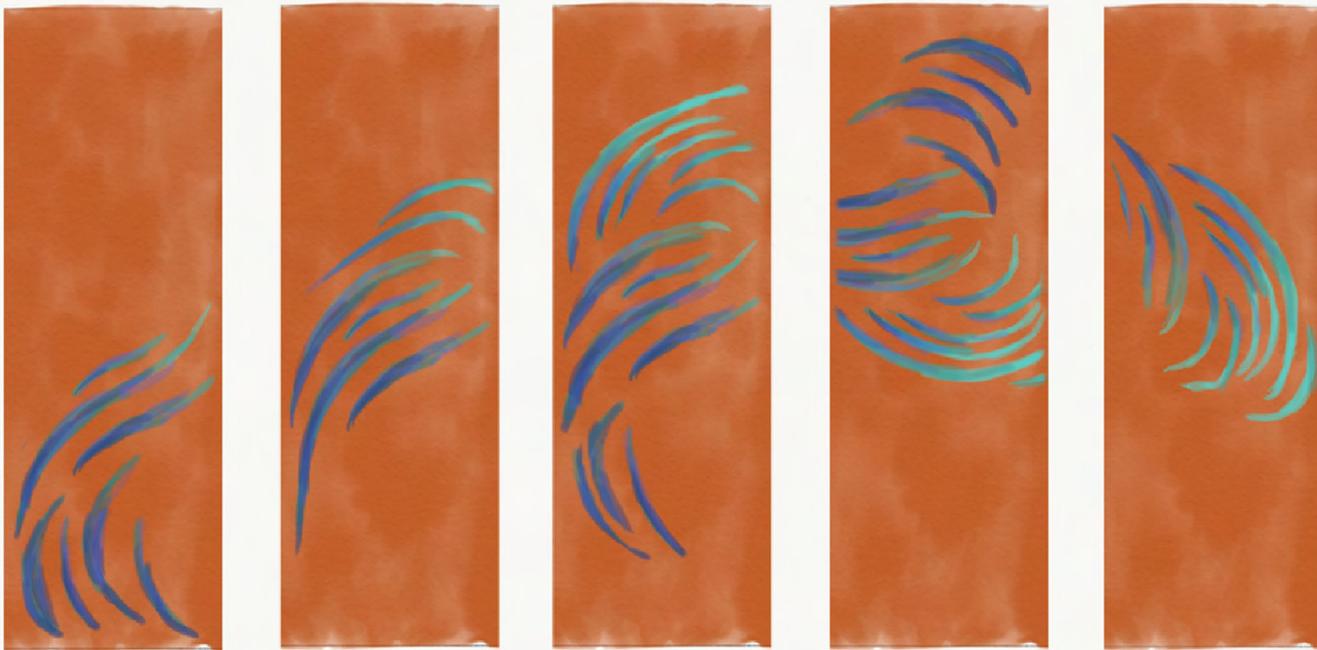
Children's Garden - Northwest Panel Design



Children's Garden - Southeast Panel Design

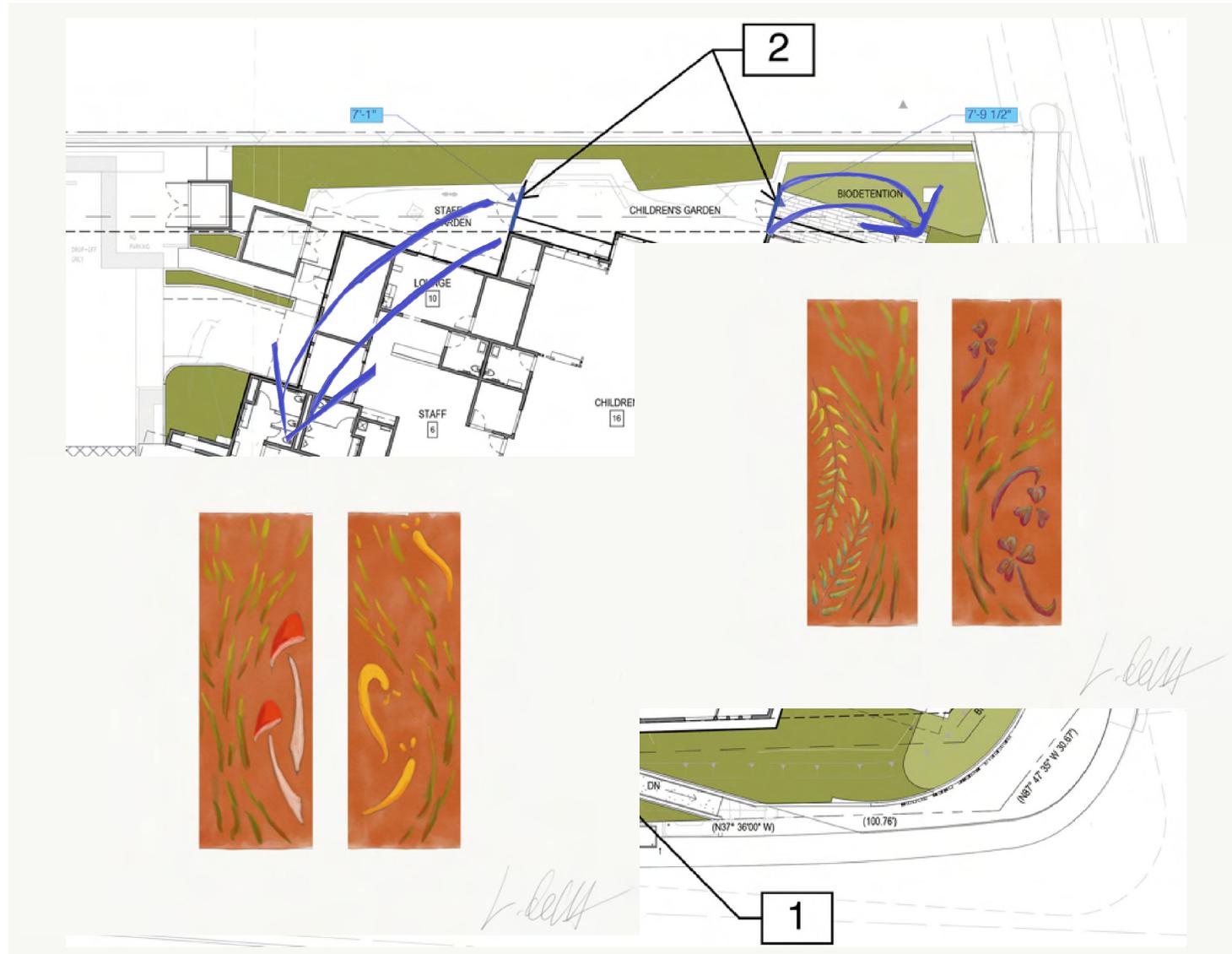


Teen Area Design



L. Bell

Proposed Location - Children's Garden Area



The Children's Garden pieces consist of two pairs (72"x24") of weathering steel panels with glass inserts. The inserts will have a base pattern to represent the bark of redwood trees with various elements from the redwood forest (sorrel, ferns, mushrooms, and of course, banana slugs). The more whimsical pair are to be placed at the northwest aspect. The southeast aspect that abuts the adult reading area would incorporate more sophisticated imagery. Note: panel dimensions are flexible, and one of each pair can be made to operate as a functioning gate.



The proposed artwork will consist of a weathering steel & kilnformed glass sculptural panel composition to be incorporated into the fence line adjacent the teen area of the library (see above). Panels will be approx. 72”H x 24”W to be integrated into fencing that is approx. 18’2”L. The base design will be an abstracted wave element running through all of the panels. Artist intends to reach out to the Advisory Council of Teens to present this portion of the design & solicit ideas for engaging the Aptos High School art students for inspiration about additional imagery to include (ie. kelp, shells, anenomes, starfish, etc. - to be explained in presentation 3/3/22).