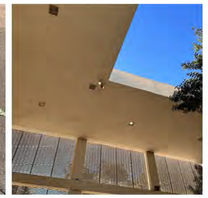
Strip Drain at Planter Wall

Square Strip Drain in Center of Courtyard

Water Valve in Existing Planter

Vestibule Downspout & Electrical Boxes

Electric Box in Planter w/ Strip Drain

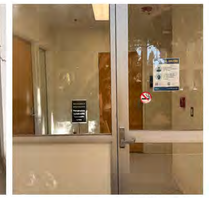

Skylight & Ceiling Lights

Gas Valve

Vestibule with ADA Ramp

Ground Corner High Point

Speaker & WiFi


Restroom

SITE INVENTORY LEGEND: BUILT ELEMENTS

- Door & Door Swing Direction
- Window
- Existing Strip Drain
- +H.P. Topographic High Point
- +L.P. Topographic Low Point
- Water Valve
- Downspout Drain
- E Electric Box
- EO Electric Outlet
- Ceiling Light
- WC Restroom
- Gas Valve
- R ADA Ramp
- WF WiFi
- Speaker

SITE INVENTORY LEGEND: NATURAL ELEMENTS

- Wind
- Sun Path
- Average Monthly Precipitation (in)
- Average Monthly Temperature (F)
- USDA Hardiness Zone 10b
- Sunset Climate Zone 23
- Audible Sounds

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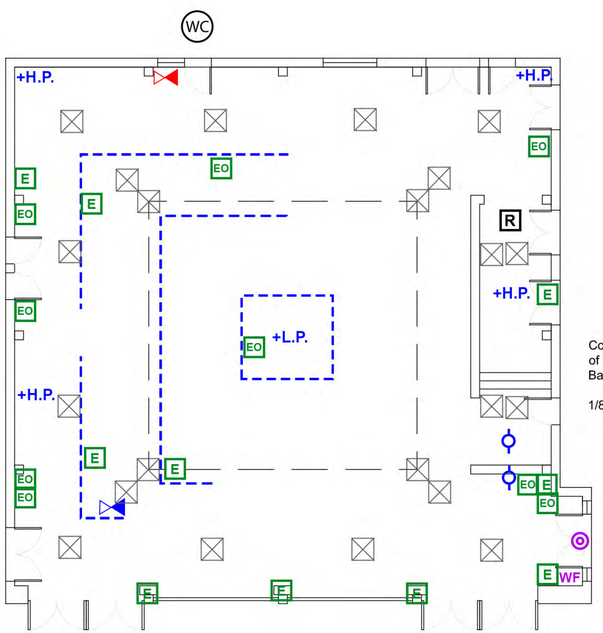

Courtyard of Theaters Base Plan

1/8" = 1'-0"

SITE INVENTORY: NATURAL ELEMENTS

Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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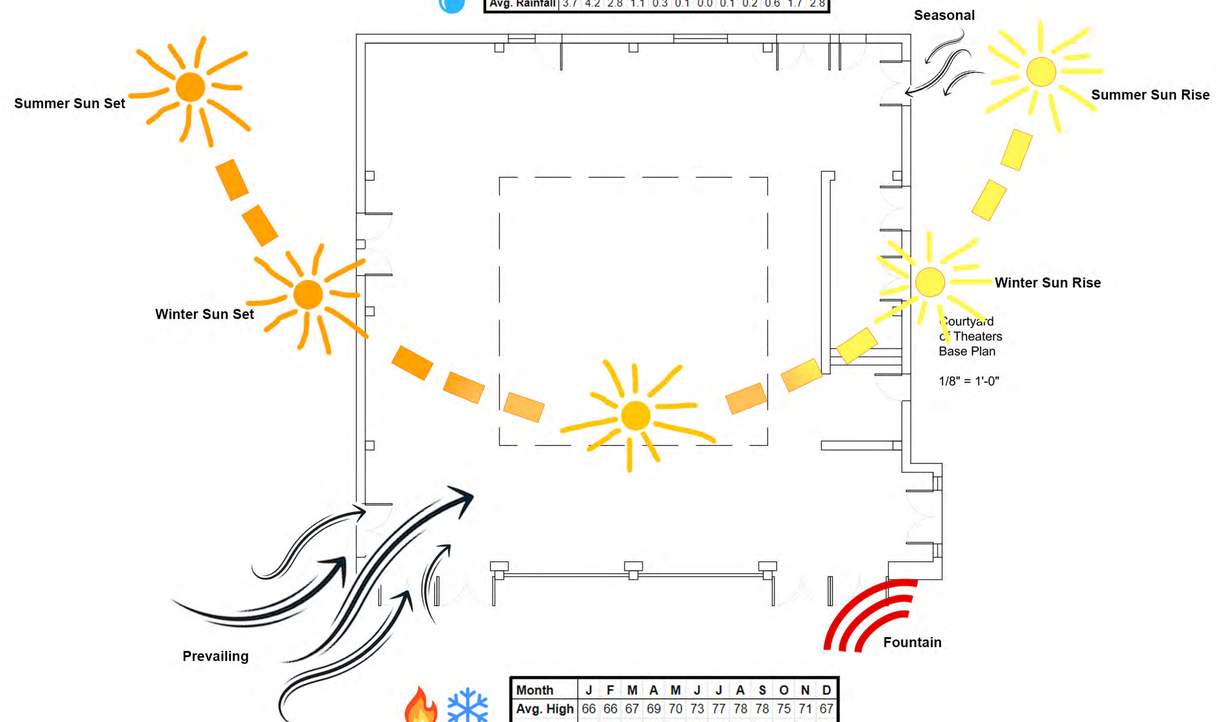

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Avg. High	66	66	67	69	70	73	77	78	78	75	71	67
Avg. Low	50	50	50	52	55	58	61	62	61	58	54	51

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DRAWING TITLE:
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Site Inventory:
Built & Natural Elements

AERIAL IMAGE:

DRAWING NOTES:

Positioning of Elements is approximate. There were countless electrical outlets and boxes placed throughout the site on the ground plane and vertically on the walls and front columns.

Roof drains and downspouts were not visible at the site, and are likely built inside the cast-in-place cement walls, draining water into the Murphy Sculpture Garden.

Courtyard is surrounded on 3 sides by 30' walls. South side is a bris-soleil metal wall.

References:

Weather data provided by the *Western Regional Climate Center of the Desert Research Institute* (wrcc.dri.edu)
Seasonal Sun Path data provided by *Griffith Park Observatory* (griffithobservatory.org)
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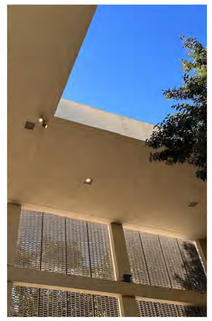
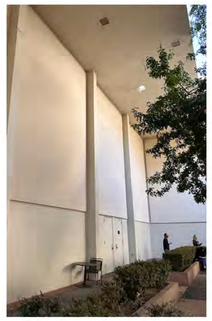
Existing Vestibule



Skylight &
Brise Soleil

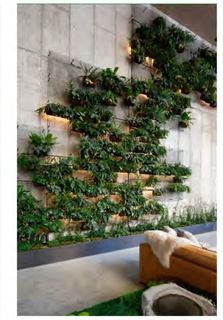


Echo Chamber
Tall Concrete Walls

Existing Design
Language

Second Floor in
Atrium Courtyard

Water Collection
Rain Garden



Living Wall
Plantings

Fire Feature

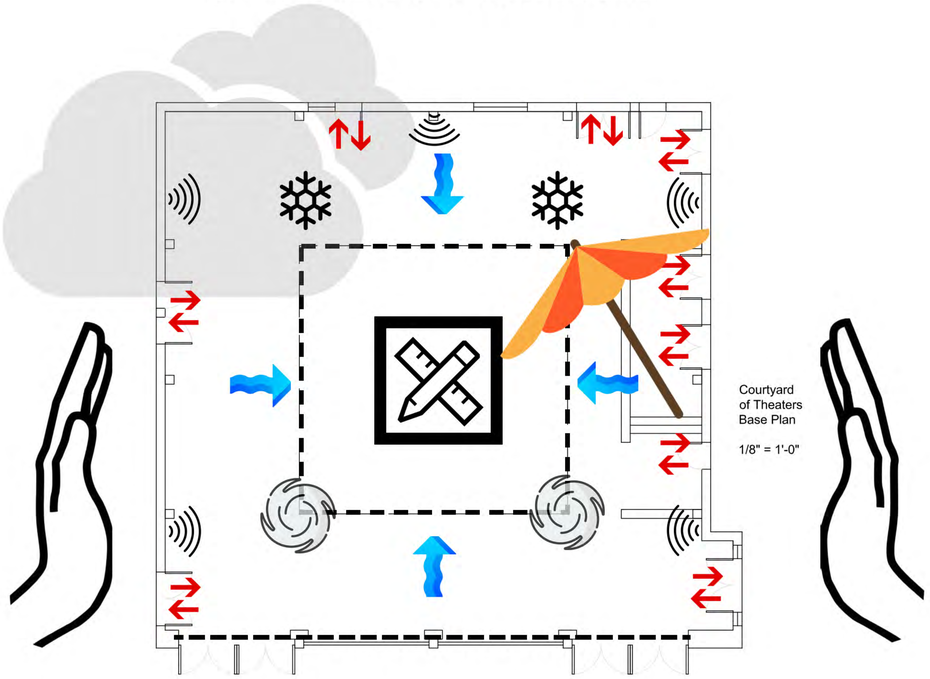
SITE ANALYSIS LEGEND: CHALLENGES

- Limited Sunlight - Skylight & Brise Soleil
- Vestibule Required
- Wind Tunnel Effect
- Constrained Site Footprint
- Strong Existing Minimalist Brutalist Design Language
- Cold Temperature
- Limited Perimeter with Doors Opening Out
- Inverted Central Drain
- Echo Chamber

SITE ANALYSIS LEGEND: OPPORTUNITIES

- Redesigned Open Roof & Fuller Sunlight
- Redesigned Vestibule
- Wind Break
- Removed Brise Soleil
- Expanded Design Language
- Fire Feature
- Added Second Floor
- Central Water Collection System or Rain Garden
- Wall Plantings or New Absorbing Materials

SITE ANALYSIS: CHALLENGES



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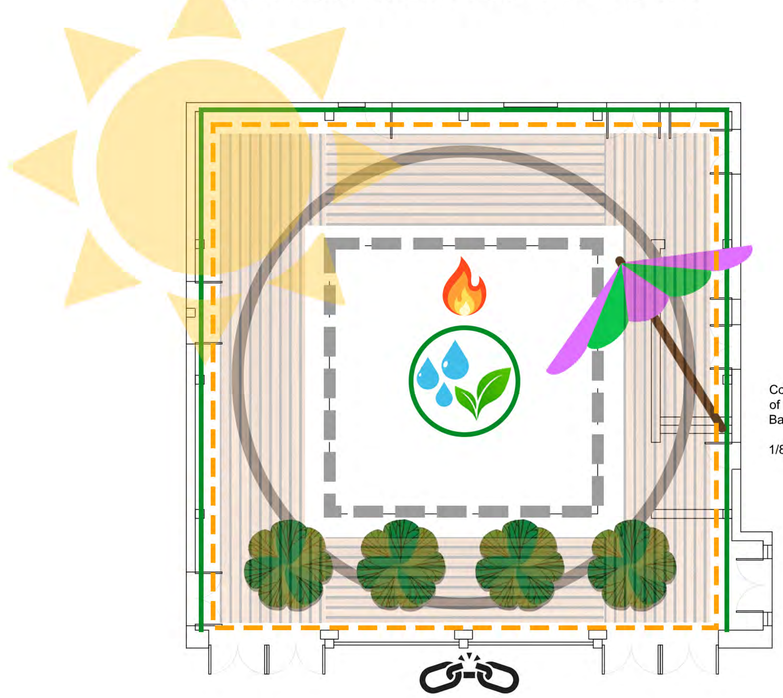

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DRAWING TITLE:
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Site Analysis:
Challenges & Opportunities

AERIAL IMAGE:

DRAWING NOTES:
Challenges presented are the most obvious and impactful constraints, but not exhaustive. Addressing these constraints will have the largest impact on the final site & enjoyment of it.

Opportunities presented are examples of opportunities and not exhaustive. They represent an approximation, and are one option for improvement.

All Challenge and Opportunity icons are representative and therefore not to scale.

References:
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SECRET GARDEN

CONCEPT 1 - LOW BUDGET

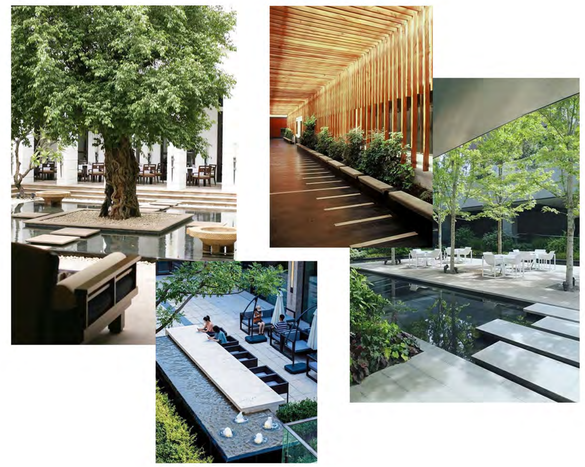
PROGRAM CONCEPT: Transform an underutilized cold space into a vibrant, lively communal gathering space with the addition of a Snack Bar. The Courtyard of Theaters becomes an extension of Murphy Sculpture Garden, a built refuge, employing the curves and softness of M.S.G. to create a feeling of safety and sanctuary within the enveloping tall walls.

Fire Feature | Large Tree | Repurposed Scree Awning | Swing Bench

REFLECTION POOL

CONCEPT 2 - MID BUDGET

PROGRAM CONCEPT: The Courtyard is a quiet refuge for inspiration and introspection. It represents a contrast to theatrics, while still being dramatic in design and experience. It is quiet, calm, zen; a refuge to step into, physically between the theaters with their grandiose emotions, and the rest of campus associated with the stressors of school. It is elemental in form and materials, grounding, but effervescent with light, reflection, and movement.

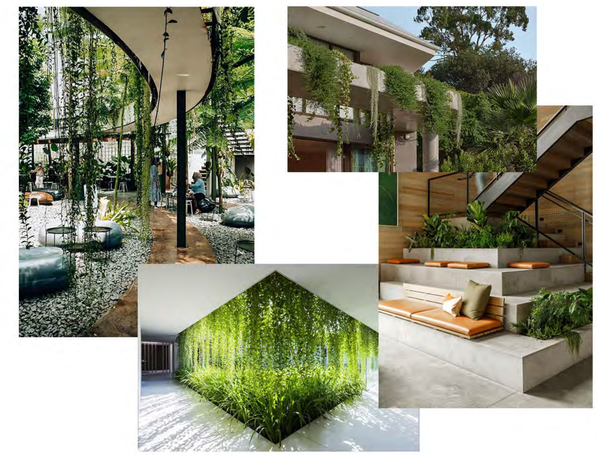


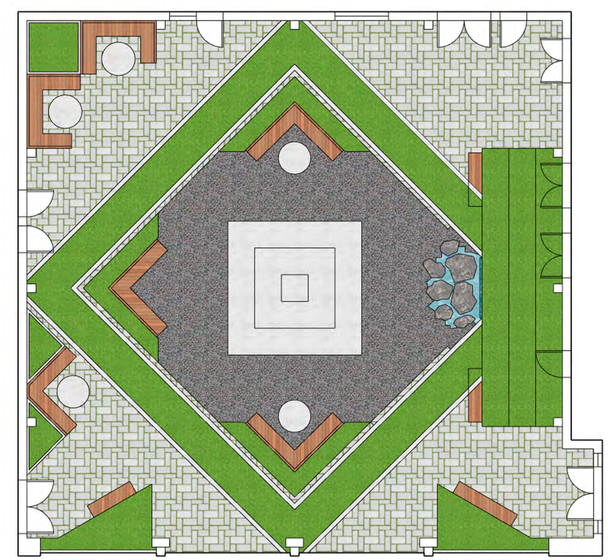
Fire Feature | Large Tree | Counter Height Fountain | Vestibule Colonade

FLOATING JUNGLE

CONCEPT 3 - HIGH BUDGET

PROGRAM CONCEPT: The Courtyard is a destination people seek for relaxation, inspiration, and escape. Continue the theme of theater with a dramatic, multi-level visual experience. Feel an immediate transformation between inside and outside of the courtyard, akin to the transformation of actor to character. The Courtyard is a stage, and incorporates elements of ancient Greek theater in a modern,earthly style. Entertainment is people watching & visual architectural interest.





Pyramid Step Seats | Rock Fountain Catch Basin | Overhead Planter

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3 Design Alternatives

AERIAL IMAGE:

DRAWING NOTES:

The big idea - motif - for these designs is exploring Duality. Theater acting inherently embodies duality - sad vs happy, life vs death,actor vs character, audience vs stage.

These Courtyard designs reflect aspects of Duality:
- in Form - orthogonal squares vs. round circles
- in Materials - hardscape vs softscape
- in Elements - water & fire vs earth
- in Feeling - grounded vs floating
- in Brightness - light vs dark

The Courtyard is transformed into a desireable destination, one that catches your eye when walking past, but also provides enough purpose & entertainment independently to be a well-known location on campus that people specifically seek out.

Separately, all materials are provisional and may change.

Image References:
- Pinterest
- Same Energy

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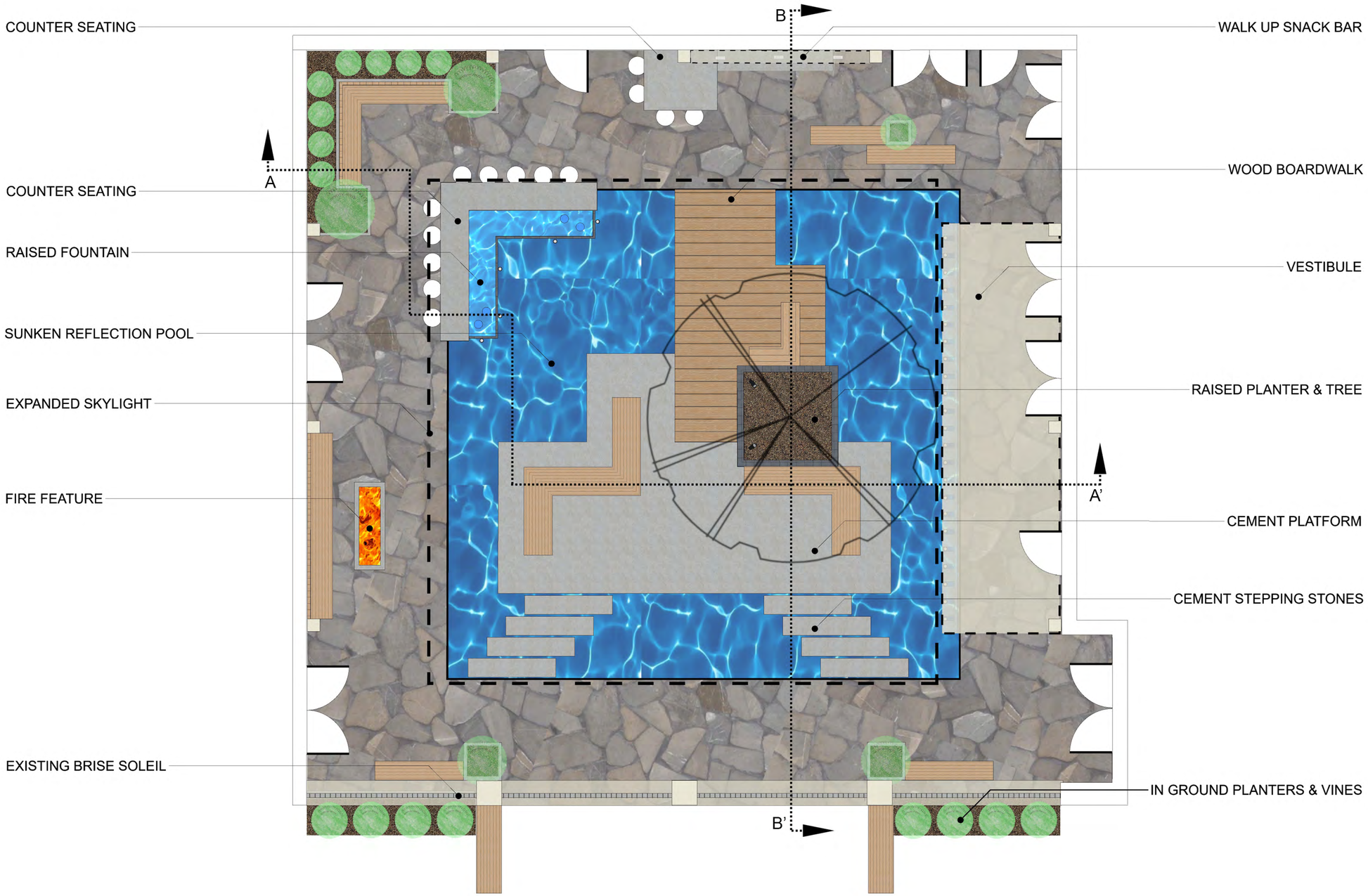

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Final Site Plan

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DRAWING NOTES:

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The central courtyard becomes a shallow pool, creating a peaceful environment that reflects light back into the space for natural illumination.The skylight is expanded to allow more natural light to enter the space.The platform is accessed via stepping stones in front and a wood boardwalk in the back. A planter box houses a deciduous tree.

The ticket window is transformed into a walk up snack bar. Countertop seating is available at the bar and around a raised bubbling fountain overlooking the reflection pool.

Bench seating throughout the space along existing walls and within the floating platform offer spots for conversation and views.

The vestibule has a colonnade facade terminating in the reflection pool, with uplights illuminating the exterior recesses between columns, creating a delightful visual at night that casts a glowing reflection in the still water.

A fire feature with bench seating looking out at the water offers a warm retreat at night.

The Courtyard's main access points are now centered, with the sides now home to in-ground planters with vines growing up the existing brise soleil, and bench seating beckoning passerbys to enter.

Materials include slate flagstone, concrete, dark gray masonry blocks, and light wood.

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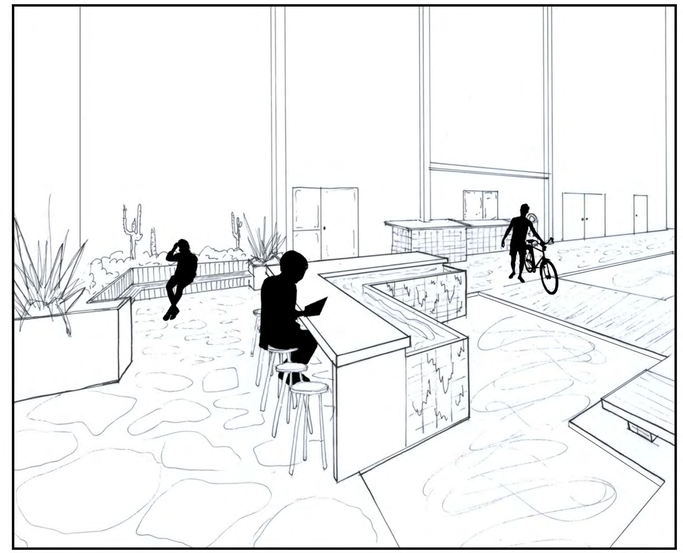
REFLECTION POOL

SECTION ELEVATION A-A’



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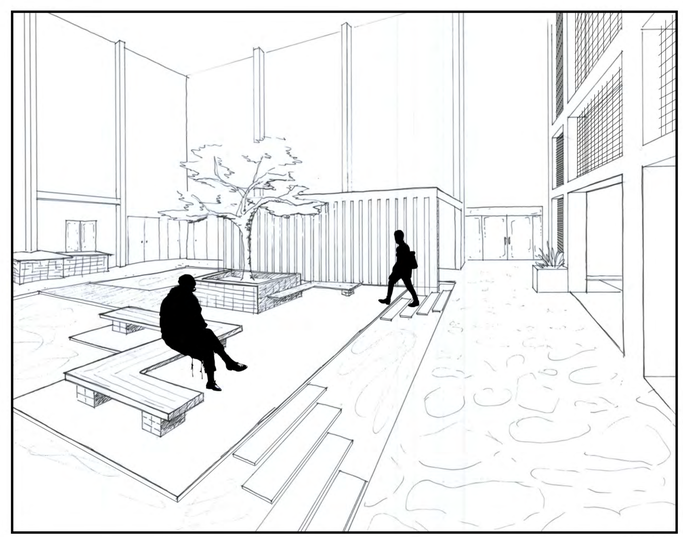

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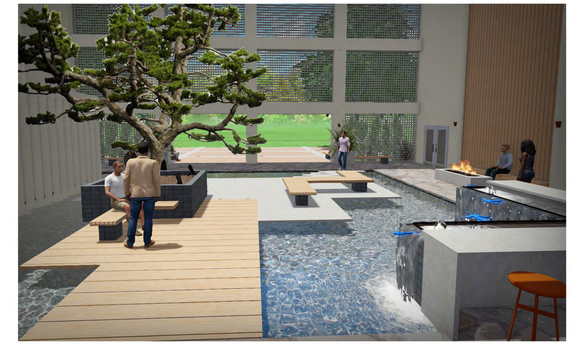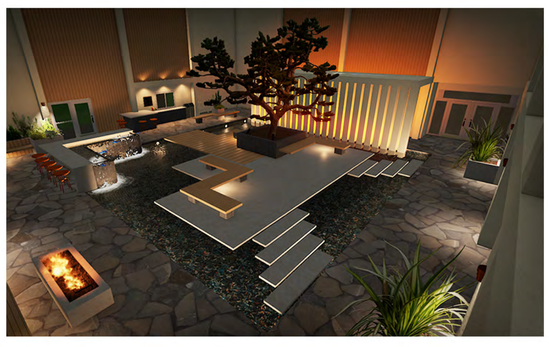
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