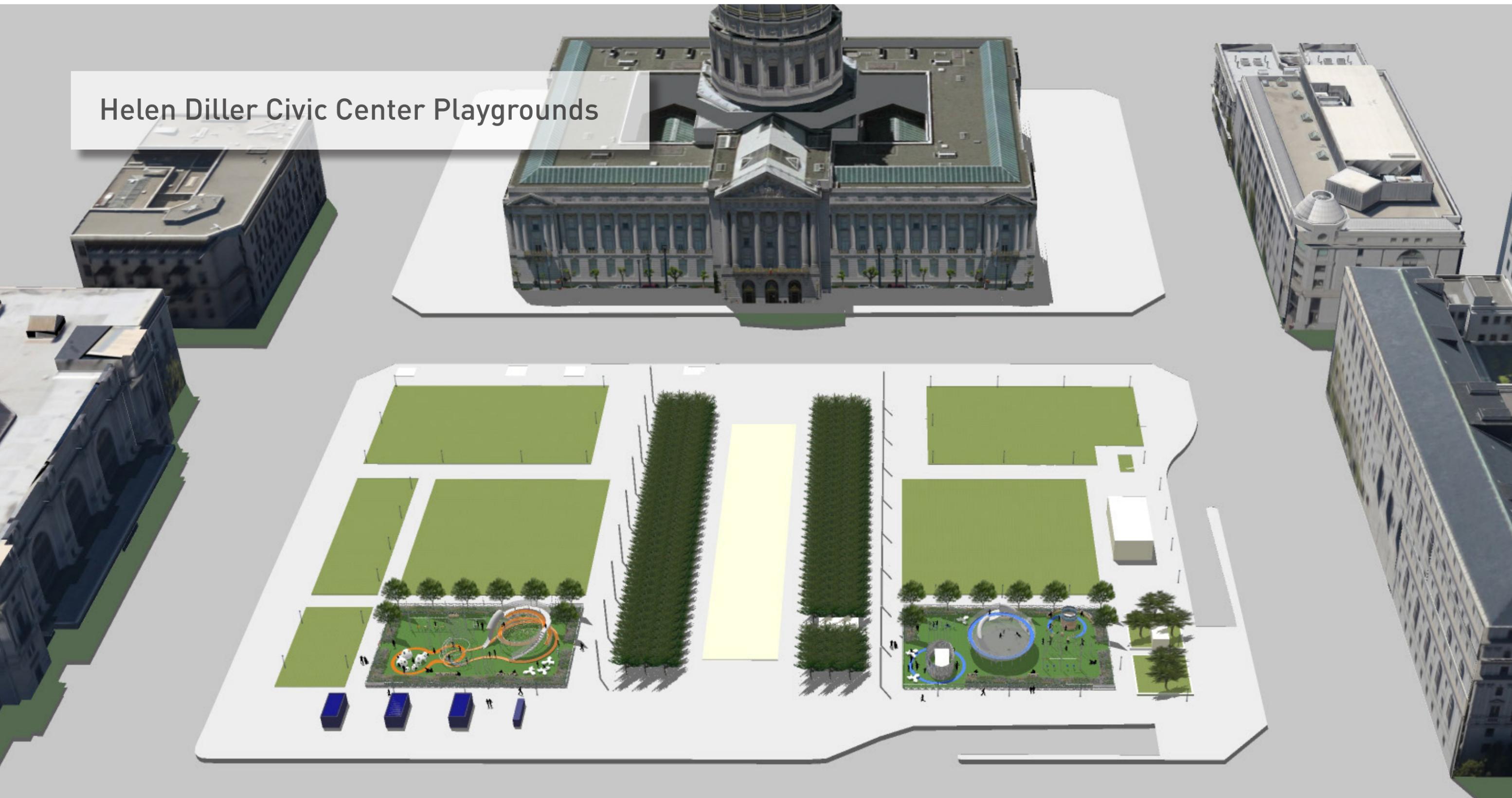




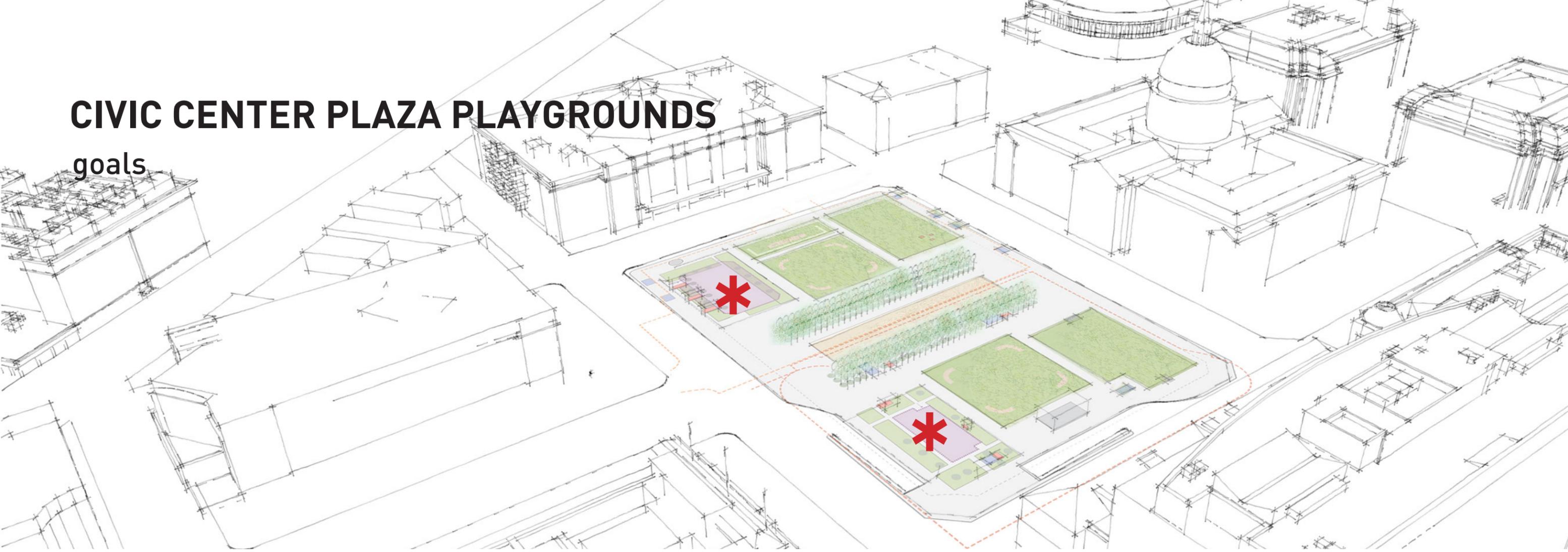
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Helen Diller Civic Center Playgrounds



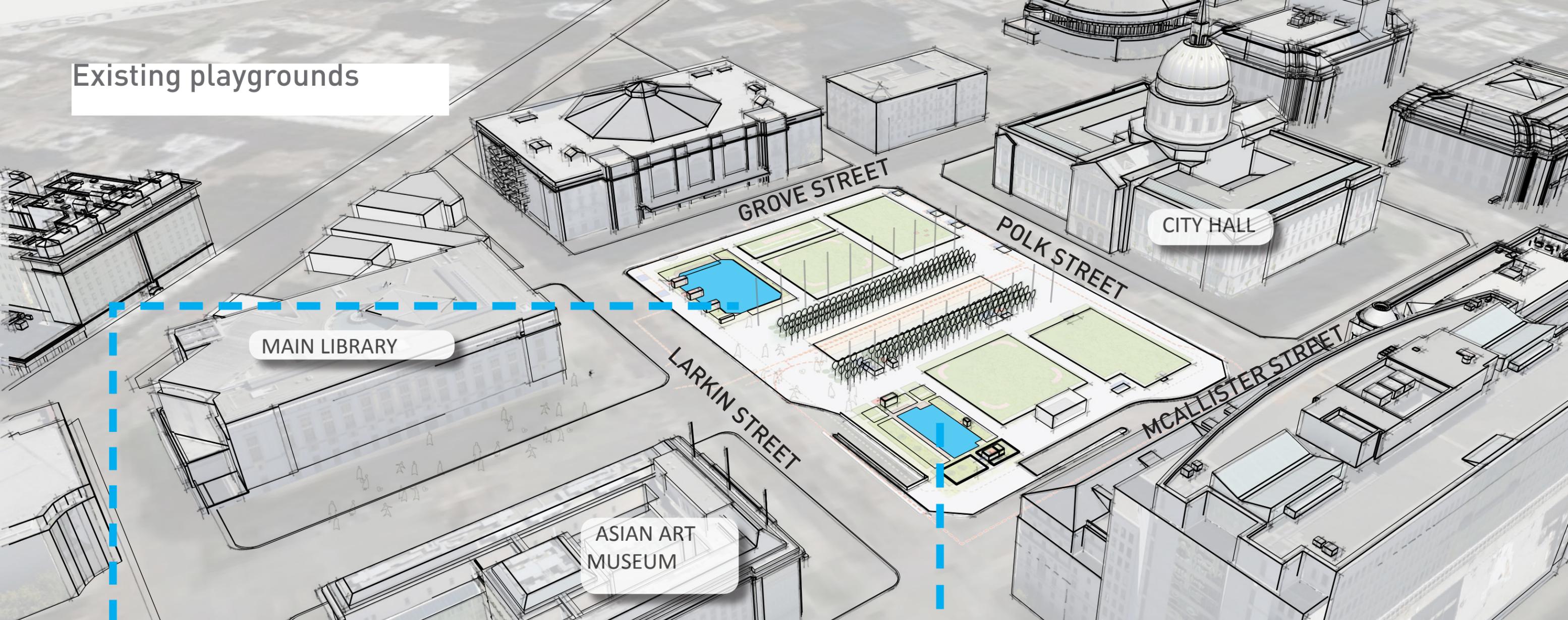
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA PLAYGROUNDS

goals



- Create an inviting, inspiring, fun and safe place for families
- Create unique and artful play spaces that fit with the scale of Civic Center
- Increase programming opportunities with cultural institutions
- Engage and activate children's sense of play

Existing playgrounds



South Playground, opened in 1998

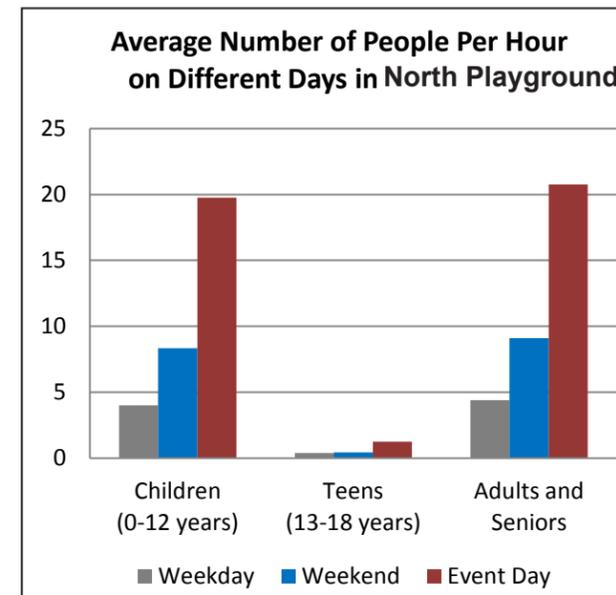
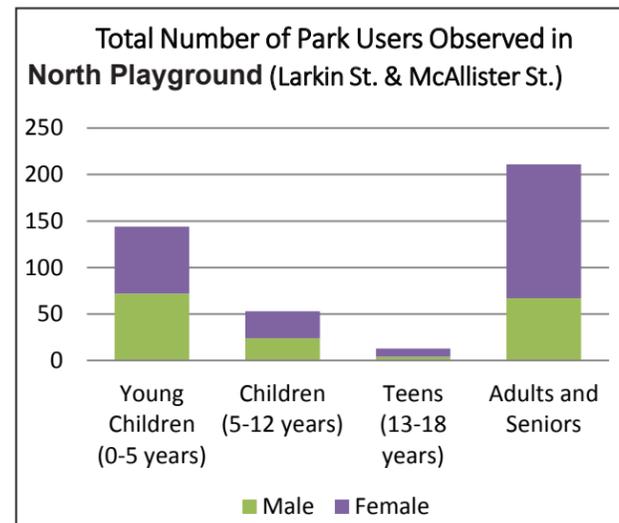


North Playground, opened in 1993

Data Collection, November 2013: Park Observation and User Survey



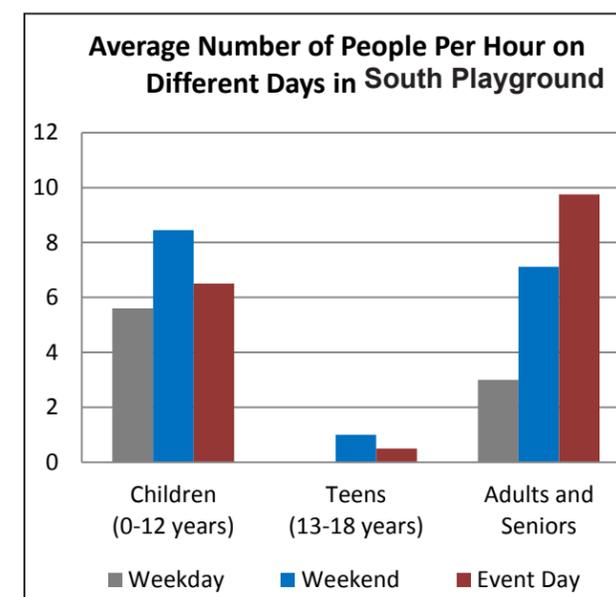
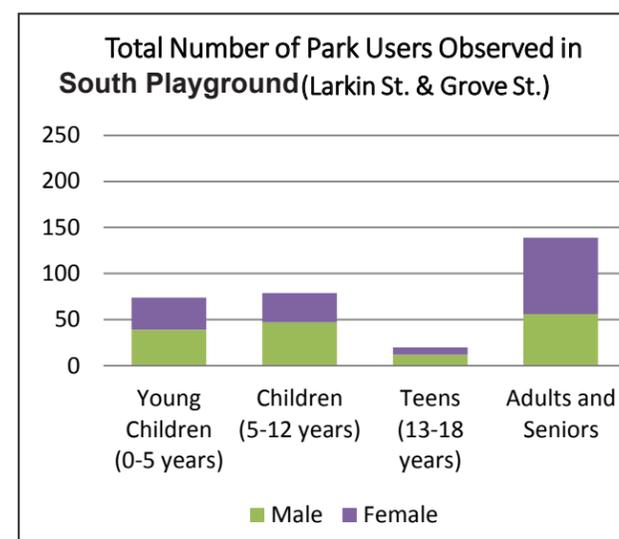
North Playground



- Surge of playground users on event days
- Some large school groups at lunchtime on a field trip
- Most (50%) visit playgrounds 1x per week
- 30% visit several times per week
- 10% visit daily
- 20% were first time visitors



South Playground



CIVIC CENTER PLAZA PLAYGROUNDS: today

What we heard



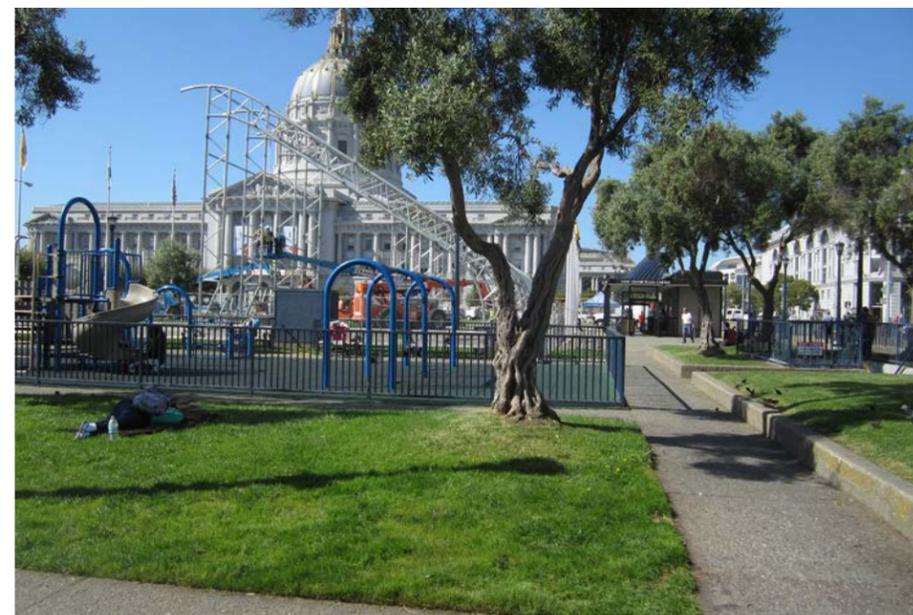
Vent structures impact the playground



Aging equipment and fencing



Worn and tired surfaces



No clear entry

What is working

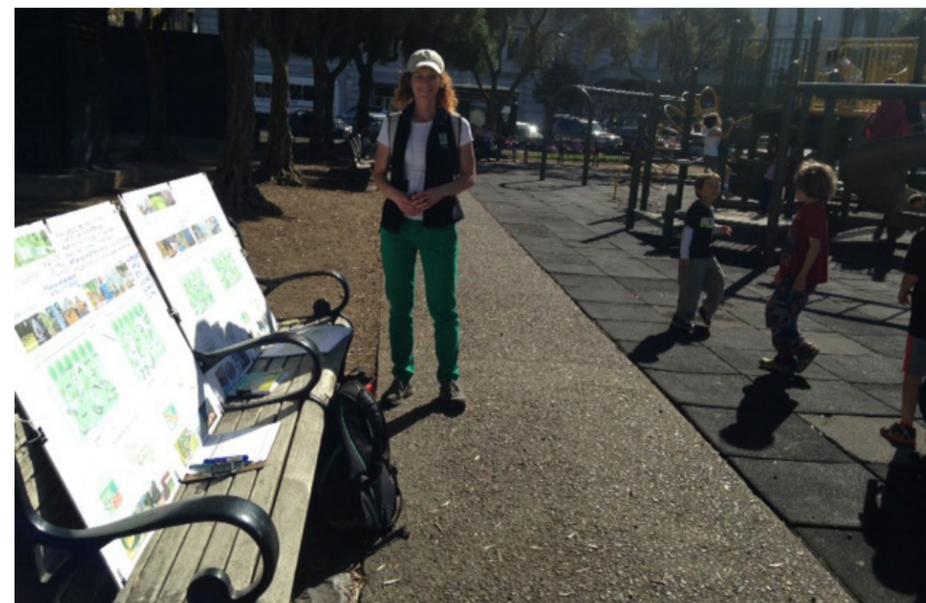
- Great location
- Near many youth + family destinations
- The fences creates an enclosed space

What is not working

- Current equipment is not challenging enough for older youth and teens
- Flooring is old + wood is splintering
- No group sitting areas
- Lack of trashcans
- Tall vent structures impact the playgrounds
- Views into the playground are blocked at the corners
- Unclear pedestrian access to playgrounds feels unwelcoming
- Low evening lighting makes the space feel unsafe

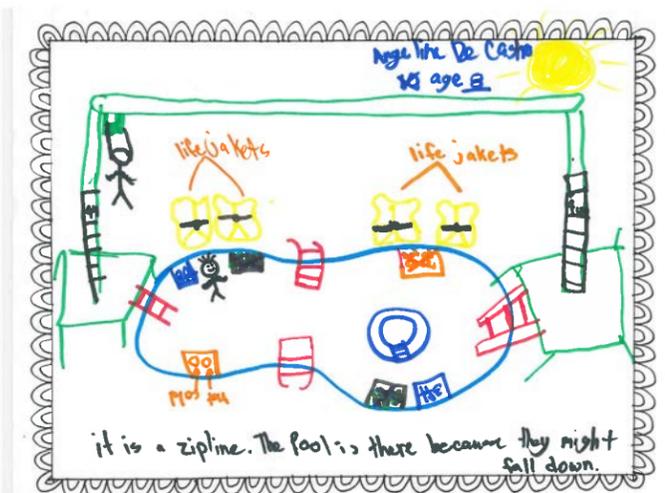
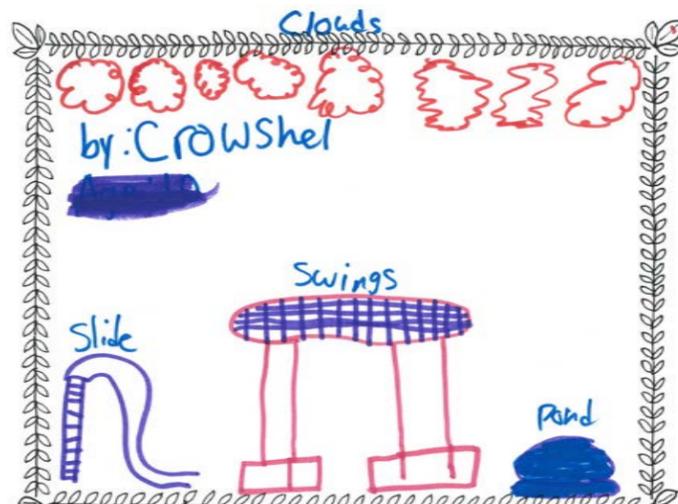
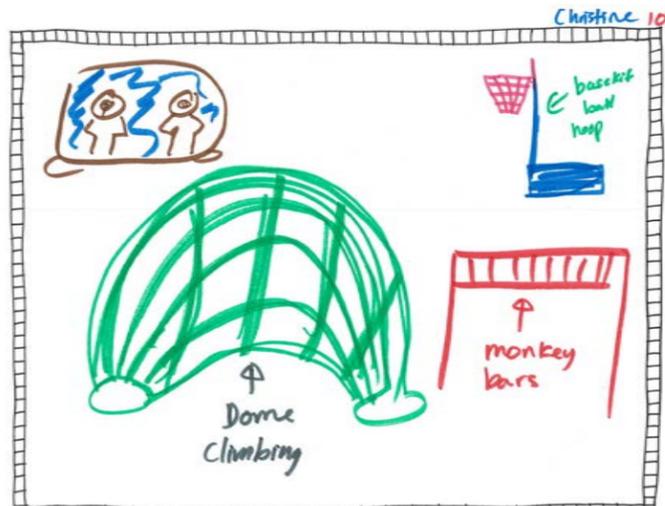
Playground Design / Community Outreach Process

- July 15, 2014 - First Community Meeting - Presented the project, existing conditions and gathered information about use.-40 people
- August 6, 2014 – Site Focus Group – 20 people
- September 03, 2014- Tenderloin Network Bay Area Women and Children Center Focus Group at Library- 40 people
- October 02, 2014 – Second Community Meeting- presented concepts
- October 21th, 2014 – Site outreach at playgrounds
- October 23, 2014 – Kids focus group at Tenderloin School- approx. 20 kids
- November 5, 2014 - Kids focus group #2 at Tenderloin School- 5th grade– 32 kids
- November 6th , 2014- Tenderloin Network Bay Area Women and Children Center Focus Group at DeMarillac Academy - 30 people
- January 7, 2015 –Third Community Meeting- present concept design
- April 16, 2015- Presentation to Asian Art Museum staff
- April 30, 2015- Presentation to SF Public Library staff
- May 13, 2015- Tenderloin Network Bay Area Women and Children Center at SF Public Library – 30-40 people
- May 20th, 2015- Civic Center Community Benefit District
- June 9th, 2015 – Presentation to Alliance for a Better District 6



School workshops





IDEAS
What do you like doing at Playgrounds?

SPORTS
SPACE TO RUN
SWINGS
BASKETBALL, GAMES
BIG METAL TUBE SLIDES
TIRE SWINGS (x2!)
MONKEY BARS
SKATEBOARDING
ARCADE (free!)
PONDS WITH FISH
ROCK CLIMBING
FISH TANK
LOOOONG SLIDES

RIDE BIKES
SNACK BAR

MAKE SURE BALL DOES NOT GO INTO STREET

"I LIKE THE CLOUD FOREST ONE BETTER. IT IS COOL."
ARCHERY!



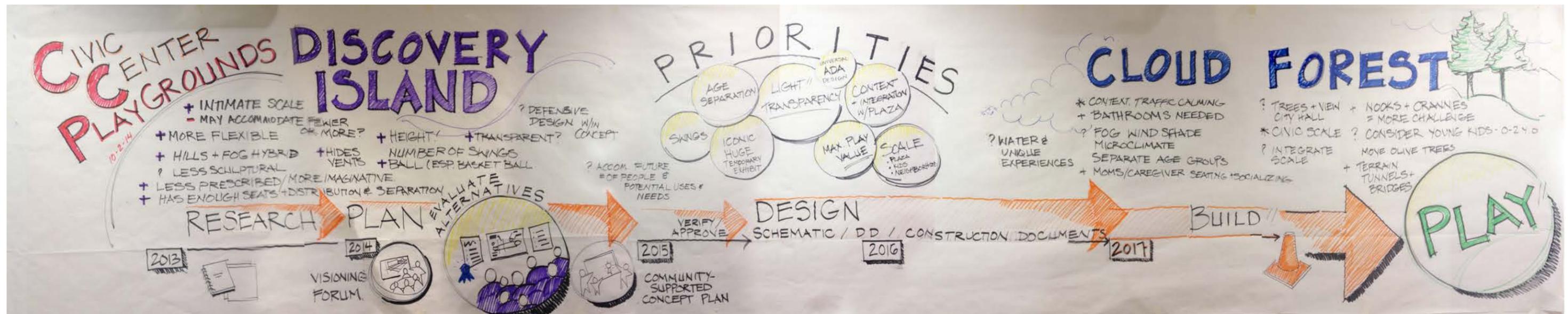
Playground Design / Agency + Organizations Coordination

City Agencies

- SF Recreation and Parks Department
- SF Planning Department
- SF Department of Public Works
- SF Public Utilities Commission
- SF Department of Real Estate
- Office of Mayor Ed Lee
- Mayor's Office of Housing & Community Development
- Supervisor Jane Kim's Office

Other Institutions and Organizations

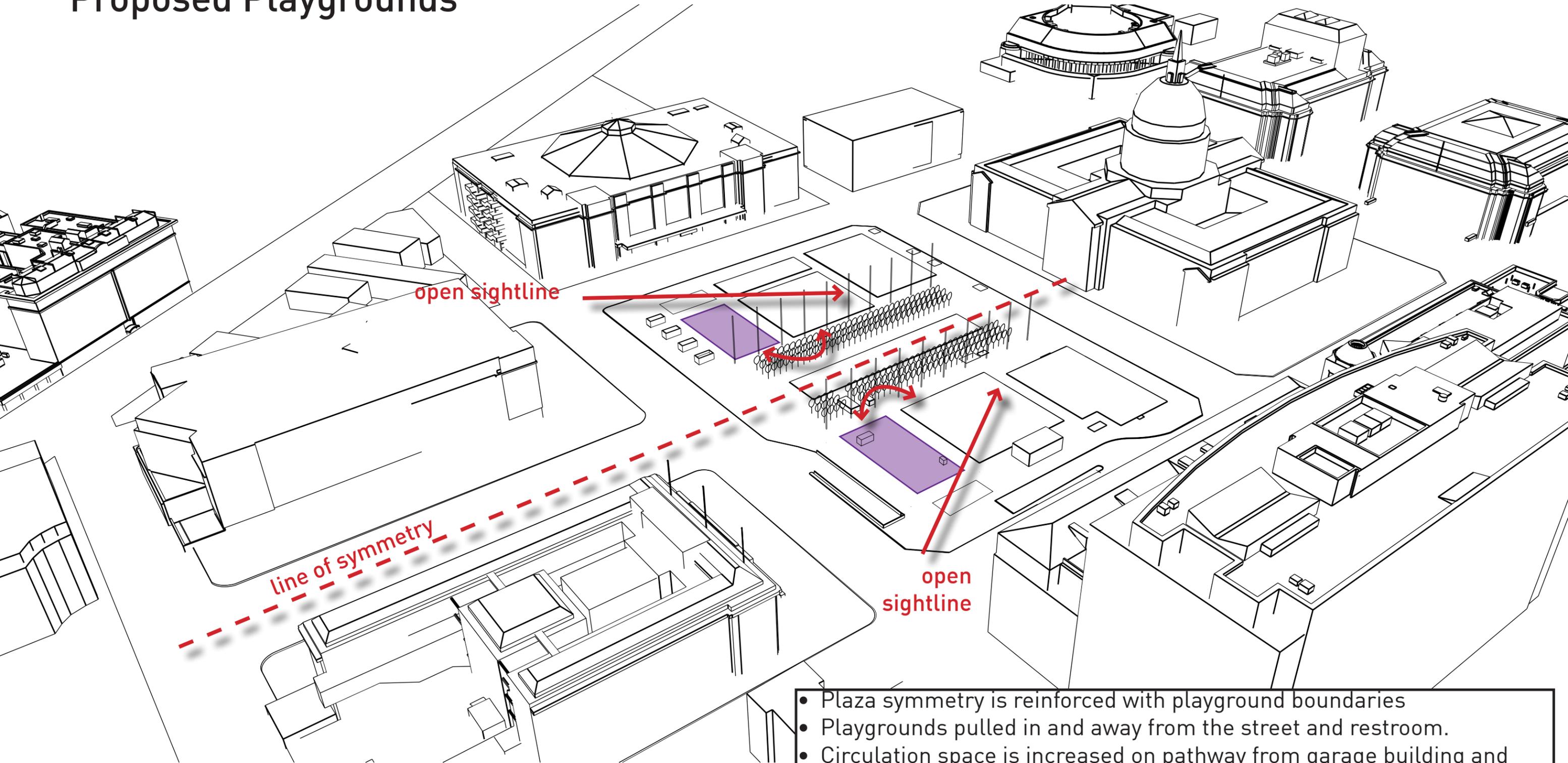
- Civic Center Community Benefit District
- SF Public Library
- Asian Art Museum
- Bay Area Women's & Children's Center
- Tenderloin School
- Bill Graham Auditorium / Another Planet Entertainment



Playground Design / What We Heard

- **Equal:** Two Equally Great Play Areas
- **Inclusive:** Play for all, each playground includes all ages and abilities
- **Safe and Secure:** Playgrounds are enclosed and well lit with open sight-lines
- **More Fun!:** Play experiences are enriched
- **Location:** Playgrounds are next to other key destinations
- **Key experiences:** Include swinging, sliding, connection to nature
- **Comfort:** Add seating, shade

Proposed Playgrounds



- Plaza symmetry is reinforced with playground boundaries
- Playgrounds pulled in and away from the street and restroom.
- Circulation space is increased on pathway from garage building and around Brooks Hall vents.
- Sightlines from the corners are created.
- Line of symmetry with City Hall is enhanced.

Inspiration

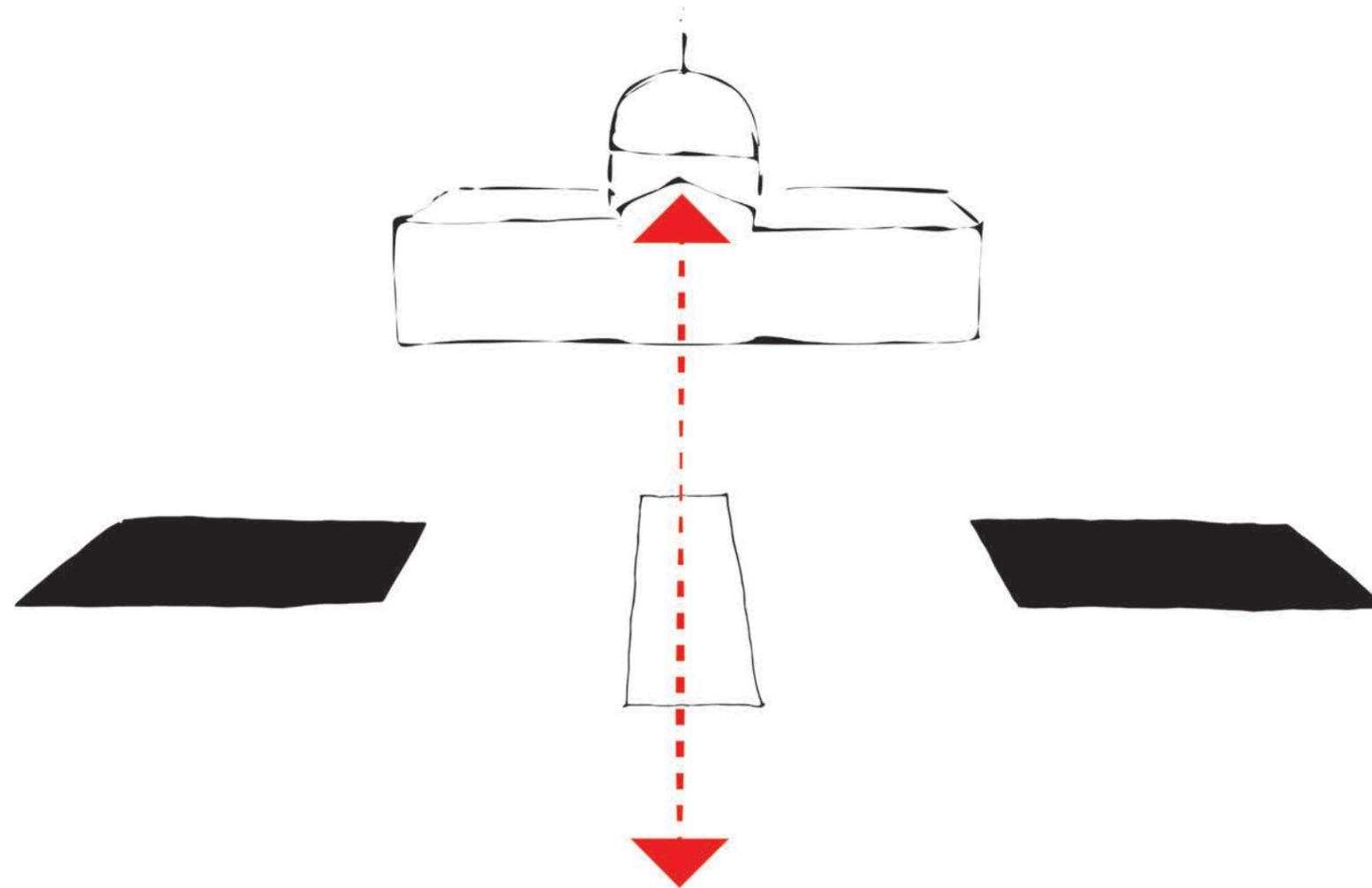


Cloud Forest

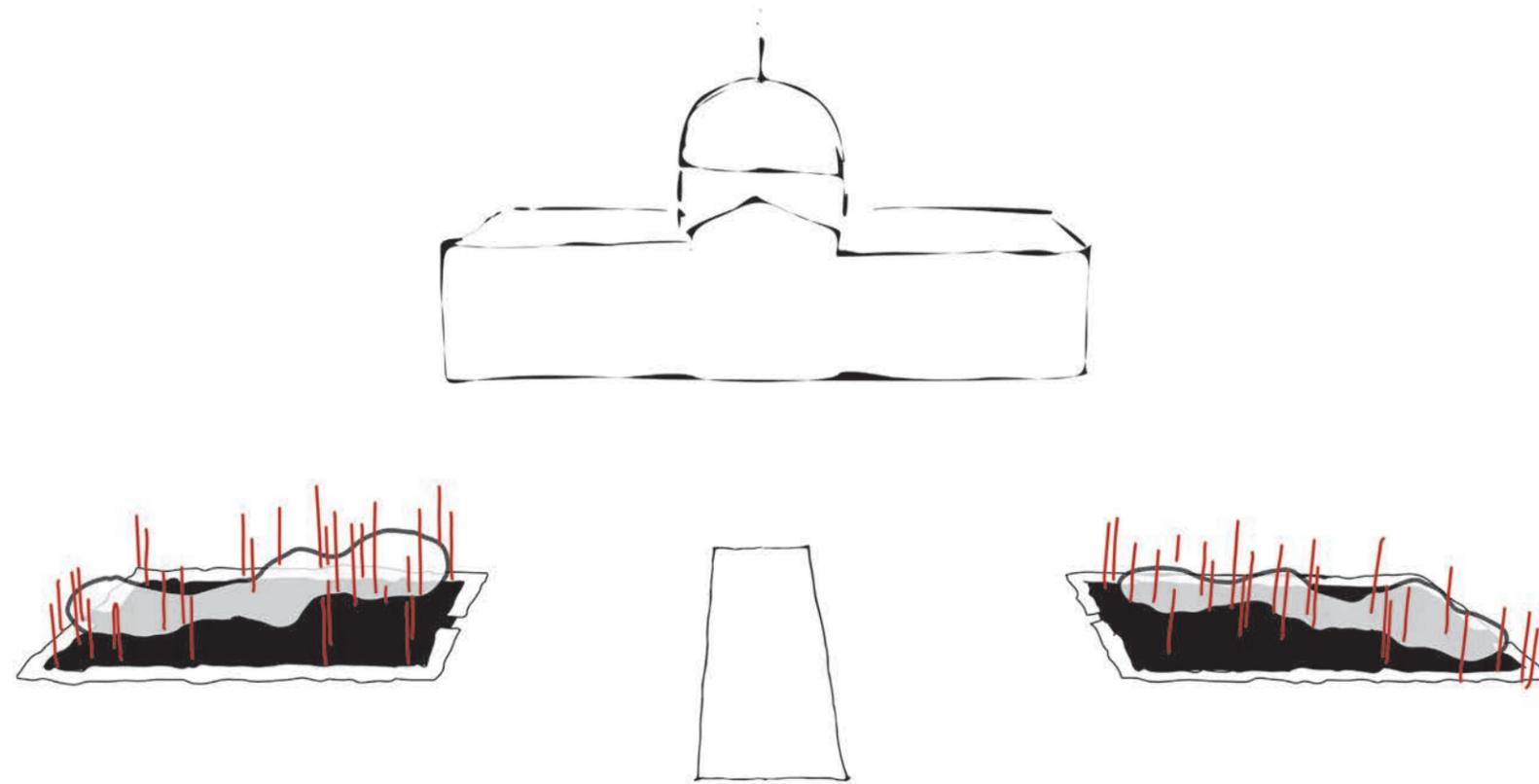


Concept diagrams

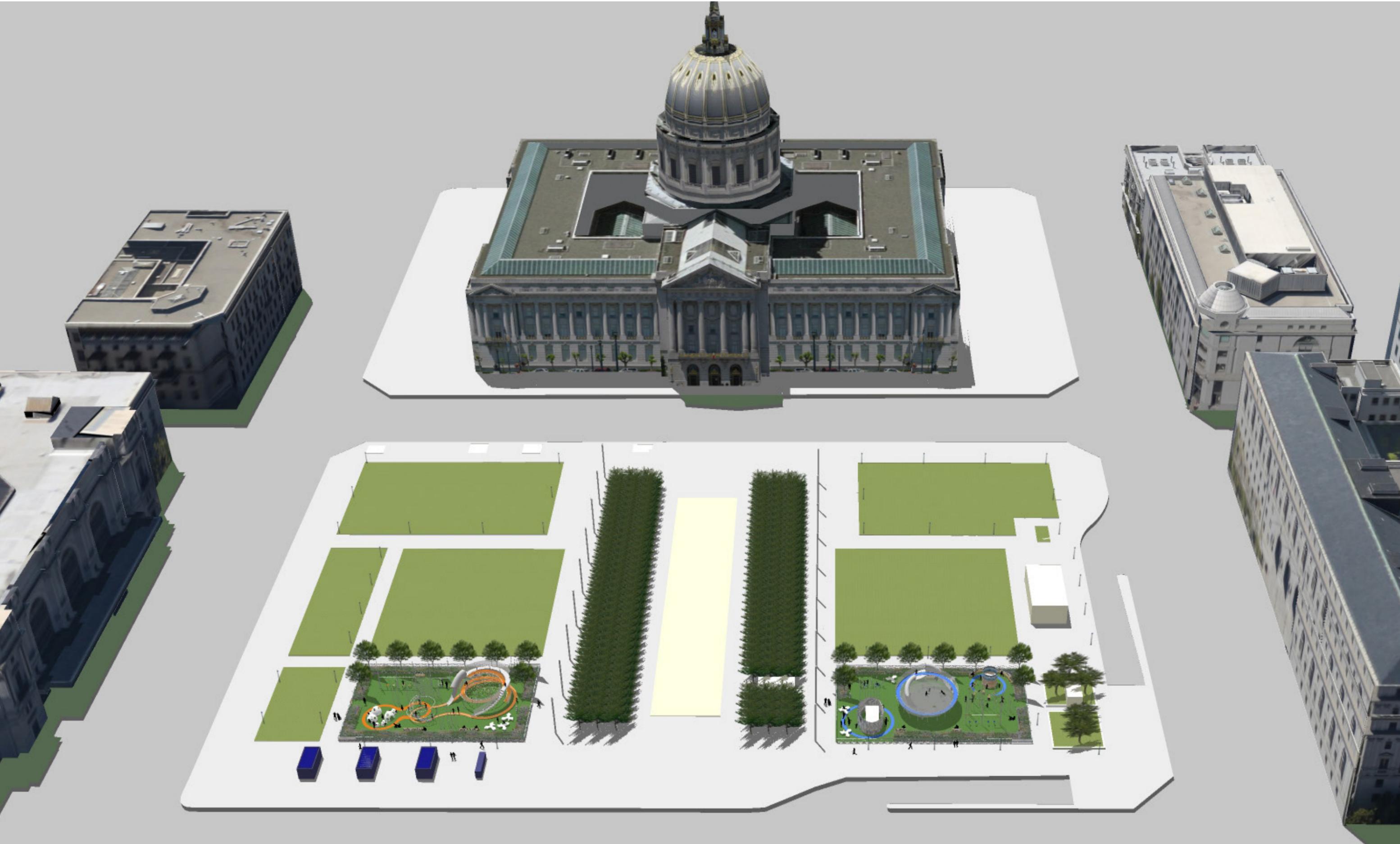
two symmetrical playgrounds



tethered cloud sculpture



Overview



North Playground Overview



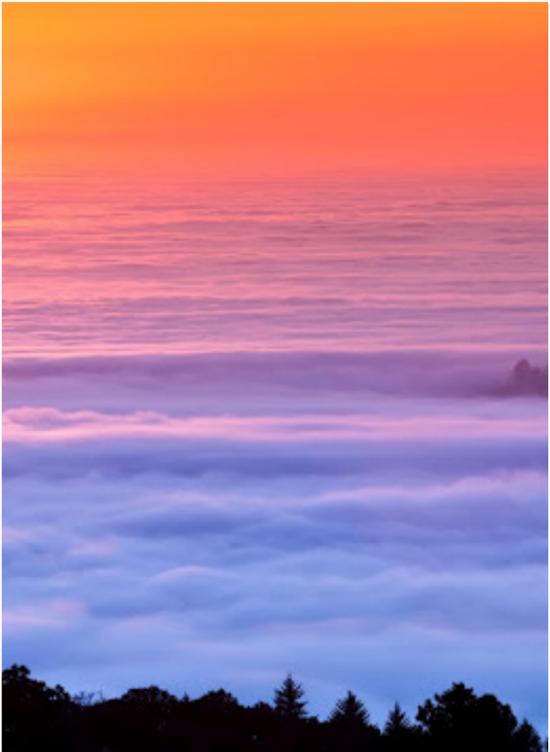
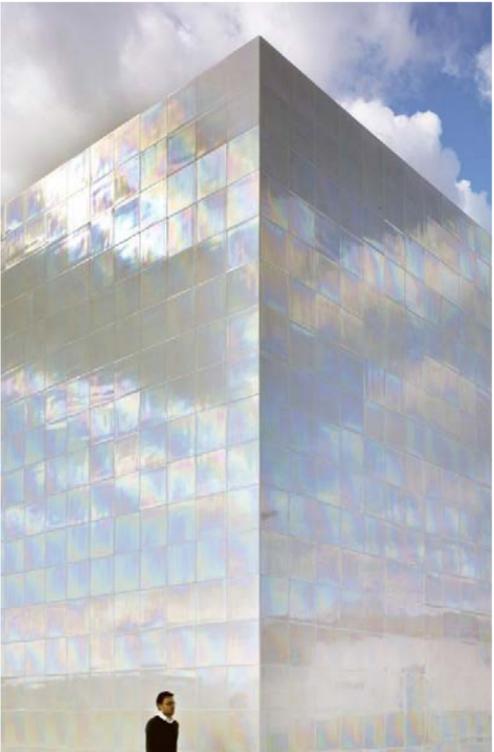
North Playground Pre-school swing and Disk swing



North Playground Sky punch

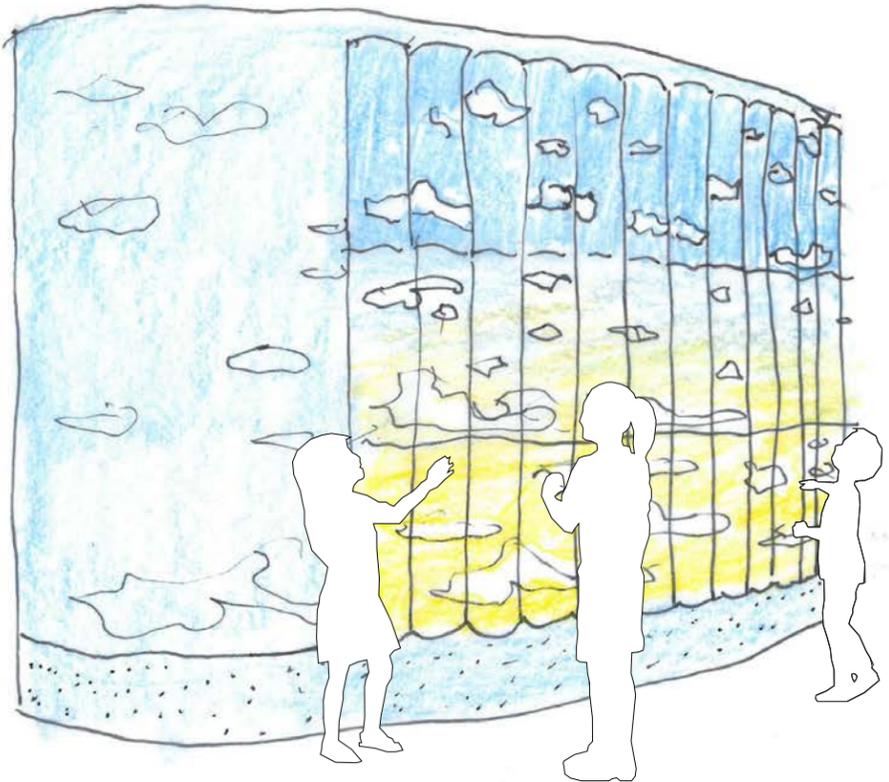


North Playground Rainbow Curtain



graphic inspiration

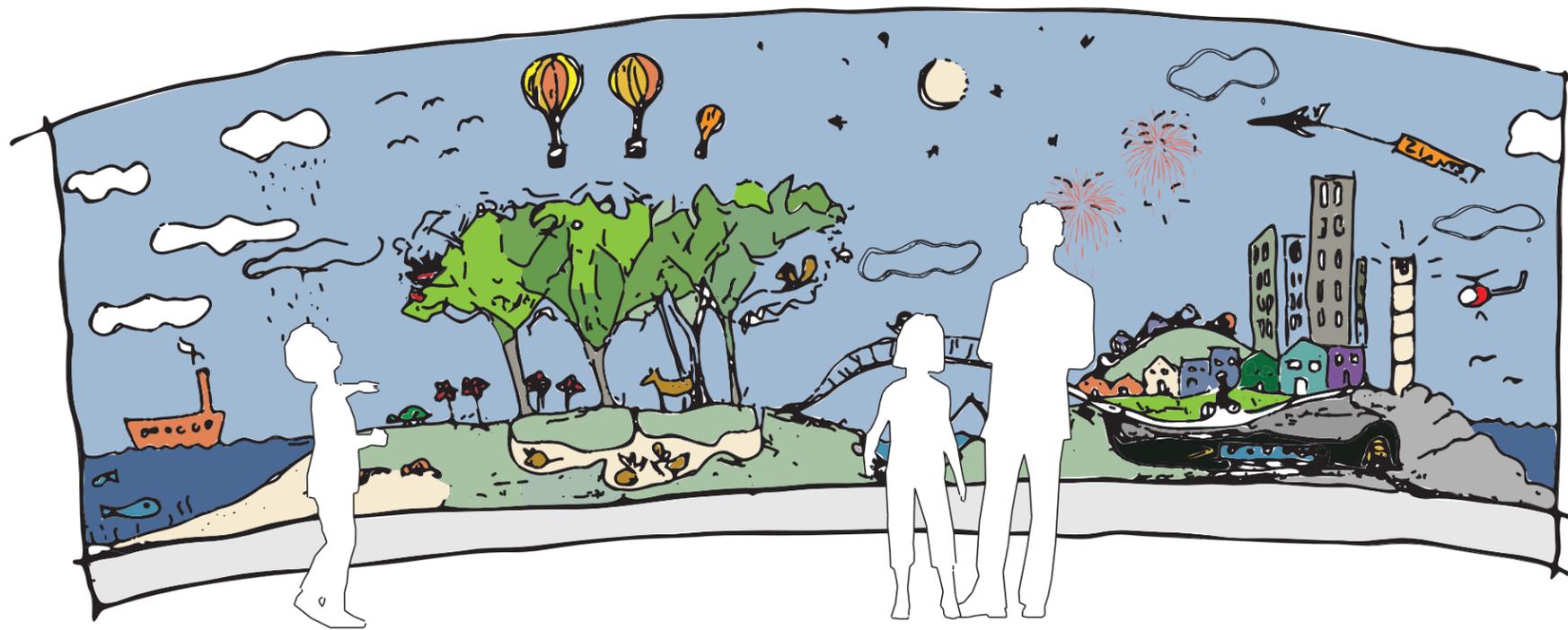
concept for art collaboration wall
final graphic tbd.



playground precedent

Note: Rainbow curtain could include some interactive elements such as touch-sensing, musical sounds and lights.

North Playground Cloud drift fairytale



concept for illustrated narrative graphic,
final graphic tbd.



material and graphic inspiration

Note: Cloud drift fairytale could include some interactive elements such as touch-sensing, sounds and lights.

South Playground Overview



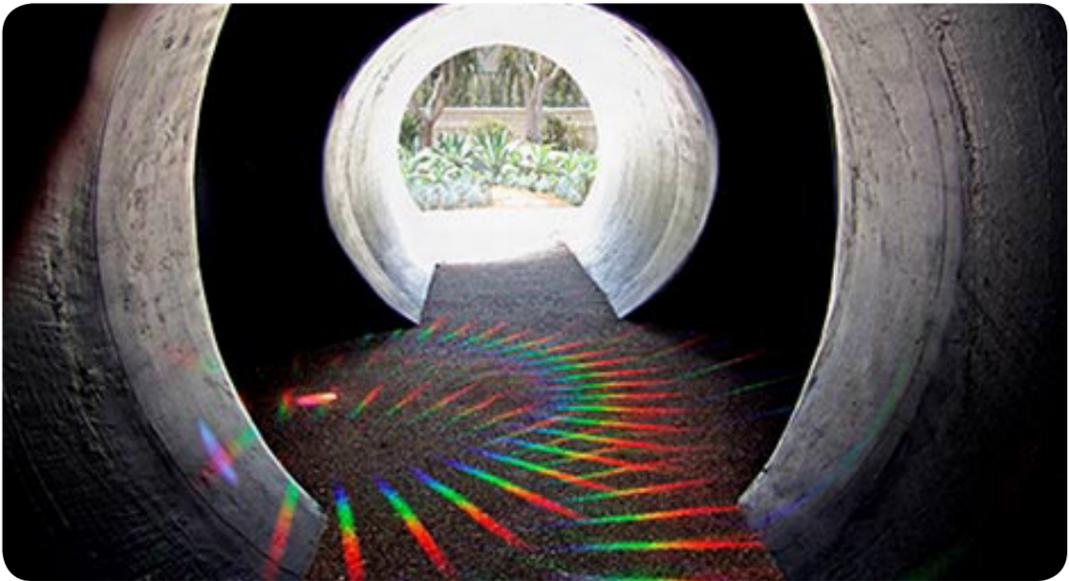
South Playground School- age swing and Tire Swing



South Playground Lenticular cloud



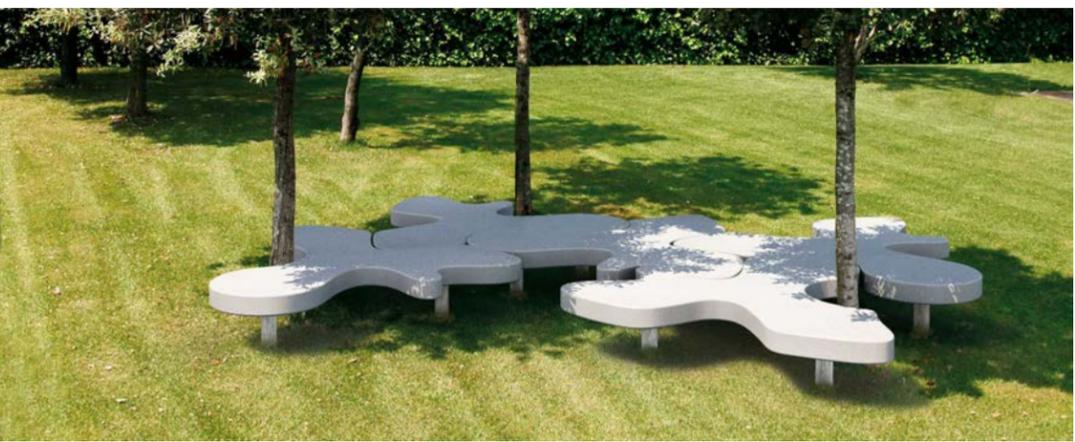
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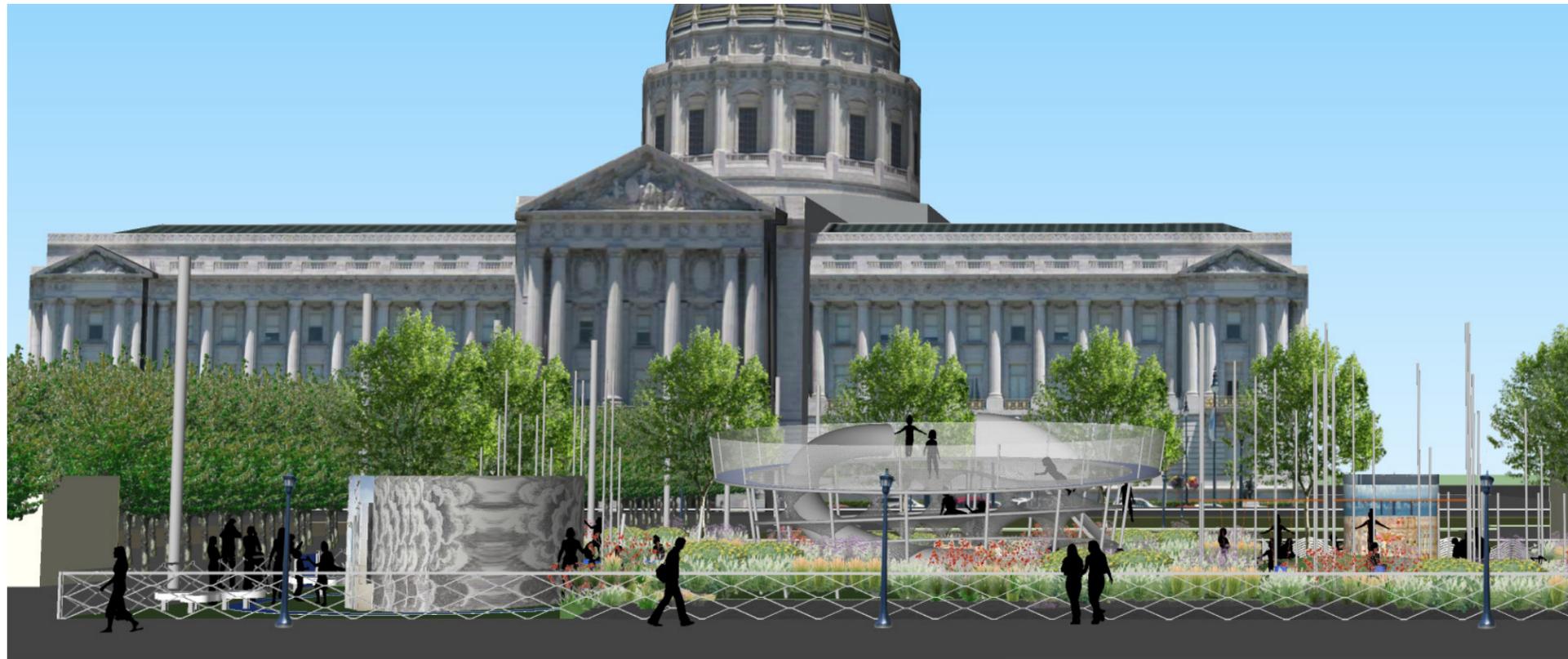
South Playground Fog valley



South Playground Stratus garden



Pole forest



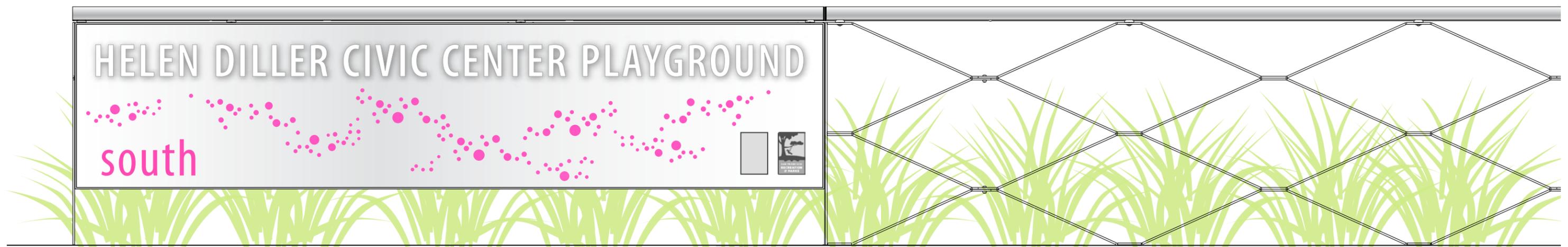
views from sidewalk



views from sidewalk



Donor Signage



North Playground Donor Signage



View from Larkin and McAllister

North Playground Donor Signage



View looking towards the Asian Art Museum

South Playground Donor Signage



View from Larkin and Grove

South Playground Donor Signage



View looking towards the Library

South playground



North playground

