



MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES October 2, 2013 Meeting No. 7

PRESENT

Members

Paul Cosburn
Peter Pavlovic
Stefania Pflugbeil
Alina Tarbhai

Council

Regional Councillor Gord Landon

Staff

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator
Francine Périnet, Director, Varley Art Gallery
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Secretary

REGRETS

Regrets

Glen Harrington
Matthew Korchinski, Chair
Judy Lau
Kenny Yu

Karen Boniface,
Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks & Open Spaces

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Markham Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:12 pm with Stefania Pflugbeil serving as Chair.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None was declared.

3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON MAY 23, JUNE 5, AND JULY 3, 2013

It was

Moved by Alina Tarbhai
Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

THAT the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on May 23, June 5, and July 3, 2013 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

5. FORGE COLLECTIVE (Design Proposals for Traffic Control Boxes)

The wraps for traffic control boxes is a Public Realm project, funded by Operations but managed through the Public Art program. Discussion of this item was deferred to a joint meeting of the Public Realm Committee and the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee.

6. GUILD - MARKHAM SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

Corinna Ghaznavi, Public Art Coordinator, reported that a general call for art proposals for the Markham Southeast Community Centre was made earlier in the year and twenty-six responses had been received. A public art jury, including the architect of the Markham Southeast Community Centre, selected five artists or artist teams to present their proposals on August 9, 2013. The jury selected a proposal by Guild entitled "Top Garden", which features twelve tops in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours. The jury liked the proposal's theme of playfulness, as well as how the proposed Top Garden integrated with the community centre building, and that it encouraged people in the garden area to become engaged with the tops. The tops will be lit from within to provide a spectacular scene at night.

It is expected that the tops will be constructed of brushed stainless steel and finished with a high durability coating. The City of Markham will work with the architect and consultants to regulate movement of the tops to ensure the public's safety.

Committee members were extremely impressed with the proposal and expressed how much they liked this concept for the Markham Southeast Community Centre.

It was

Moved by	Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by	Peter Pavlovic

THAT the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee recommend to Markham Council that the art work proposal entitled "Top Garden" for the Markham Southeast Community Centre be accepted as proposed.

Carried

It was

Moved by	Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by	Peter Pavlovic

THAT the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee recommend to Markham Council that public art for the Pan Am Centre be reviewed by the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee.

Carried

Regional Councillor Gord Landon left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Corinna Ghaznavi welcomed and introduced Guild, the artistic team which developed the Top Garden proposal. The artists spoke about their vision to incorporate playfulness and interaction in the art work. They wanted to fill the entire garden space with a “family” of tops and to have the art serve as a lantern at night. The team will work with colour specialists so that some coloured lights will be standard and others used for special occasions.

Committee members expressed their pleasure with the proposal and Ms Ghaznavi thanked the artists for their presentation.

7. HENDERSON ST. BRIDGE PROJECT

Francine Périnet, Director of Varley Art Gallery, reminded Committee members that the Varley Art Gallery had engaged internationally recognized artist Katherine Harvey as a mentor for this project. A Request for Proposal to elicit project proposals closed February 6, 2013. A jury panel was convened; five emerging York Region artists, who had never before had the opportunity to produce a major art work, were selected by the F. H. Varley Art Gallery and City of Markham to paint a mural on the CN bridge intersecting Henderson and Proctor Avenues to enhance the City of Markham’s outdoor space. Ms Périnet introduced Katherine Harvey and the five artists: Susan Wiese, Andrea End, Glenn Hu, Robin Hesse, and Mathew Mahoney. The artists spoke about their research for viable concepts, site visits to other bridges with artwork, the decision-making process about which walls to select to ensure optimum views by the public, and the mural design itself. They also presented a slideshow of their progress throughout the design, painting and panel placement of the mural.

On behalf of Committee members, Ms Périnet thanked the artists for their presentation and their efforts on the Henderson St. Bridge Mural.

It was

Moved by Alina Tarbhai
Seconded by Stefania Pflugbeil

THAT the Henderson St. Bridge Mural be received and that the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee recommend to Markham Council that the mural be accepted.

Voting on the motion was deferred to the next meeting since there was no longer quorum.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None was identified.

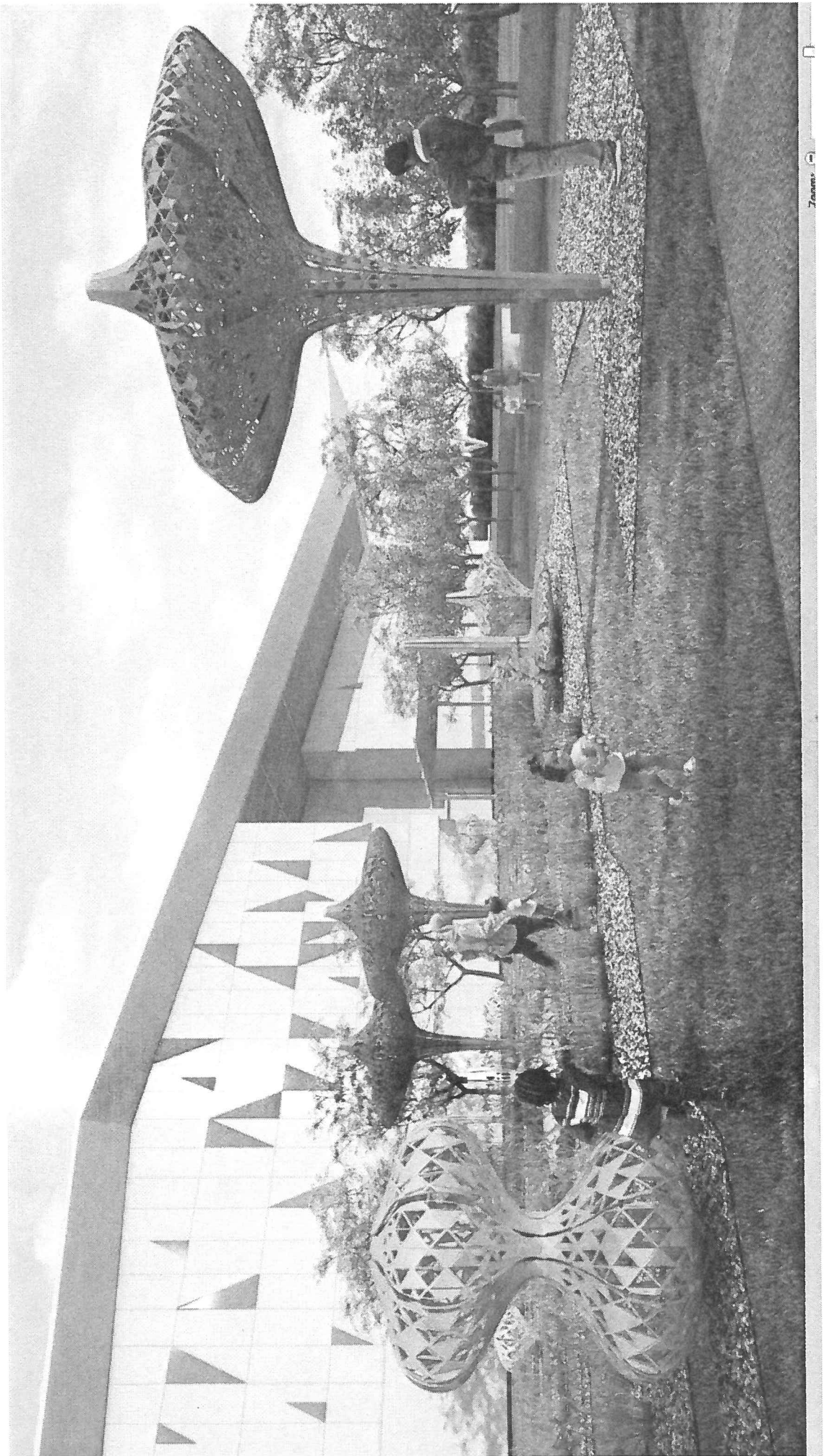
9. NEXT MEETING DATE

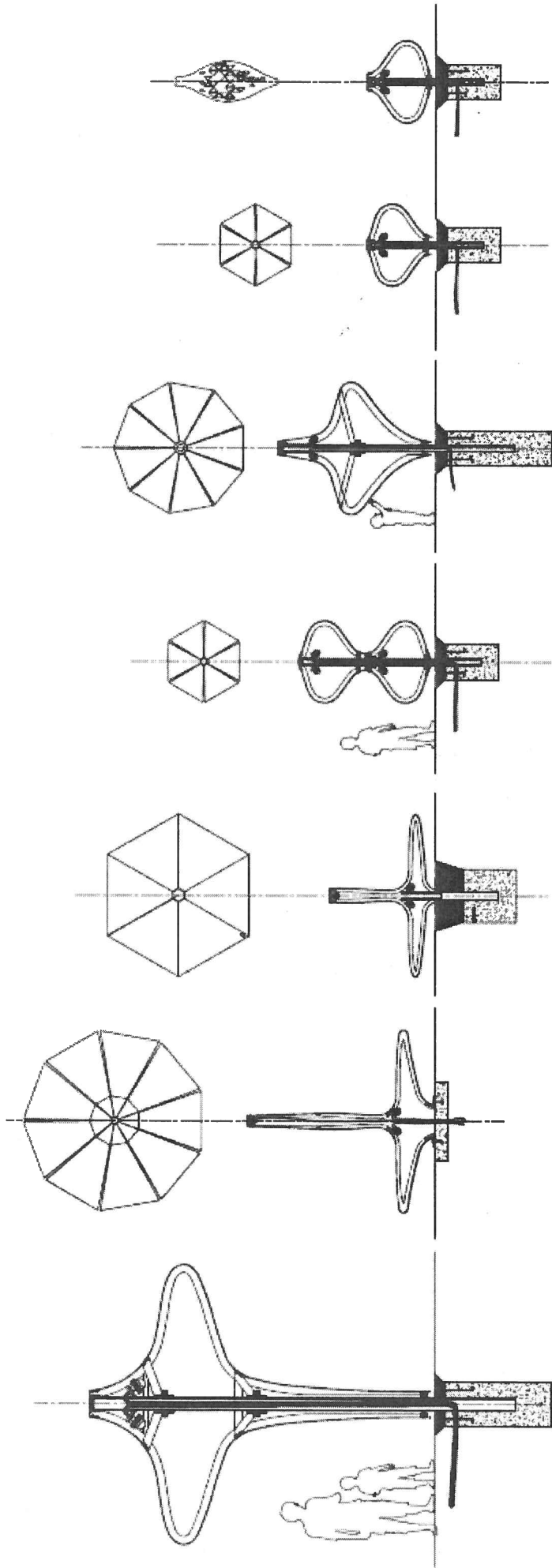
The next meeting of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Ontario Room.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Markham Public Art Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.







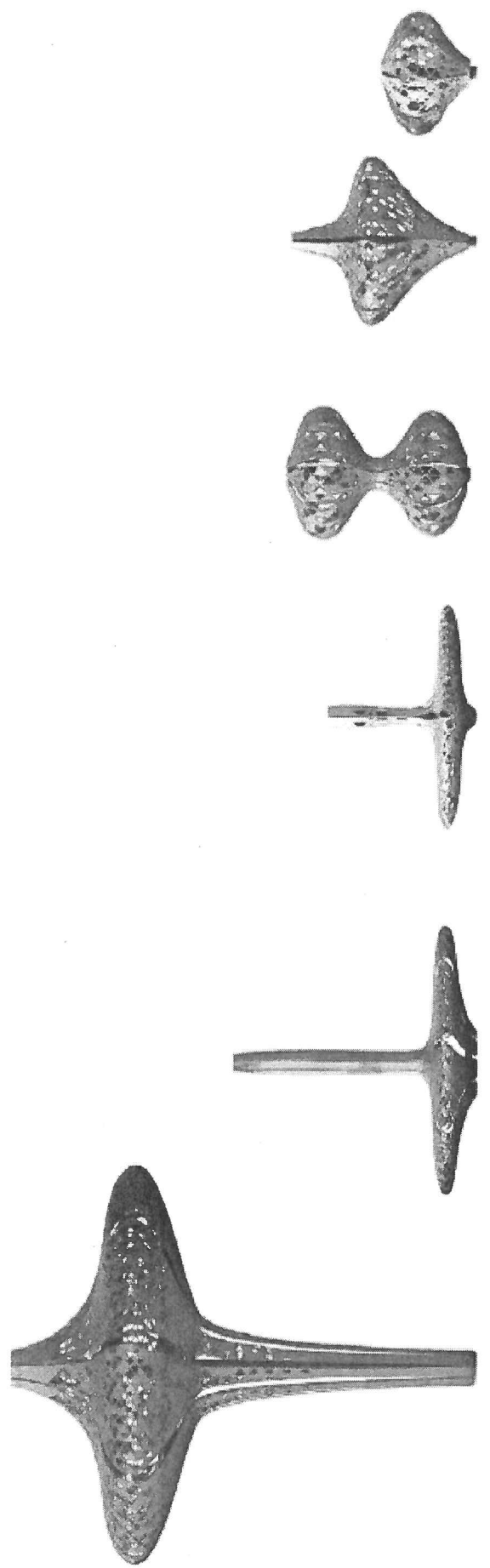
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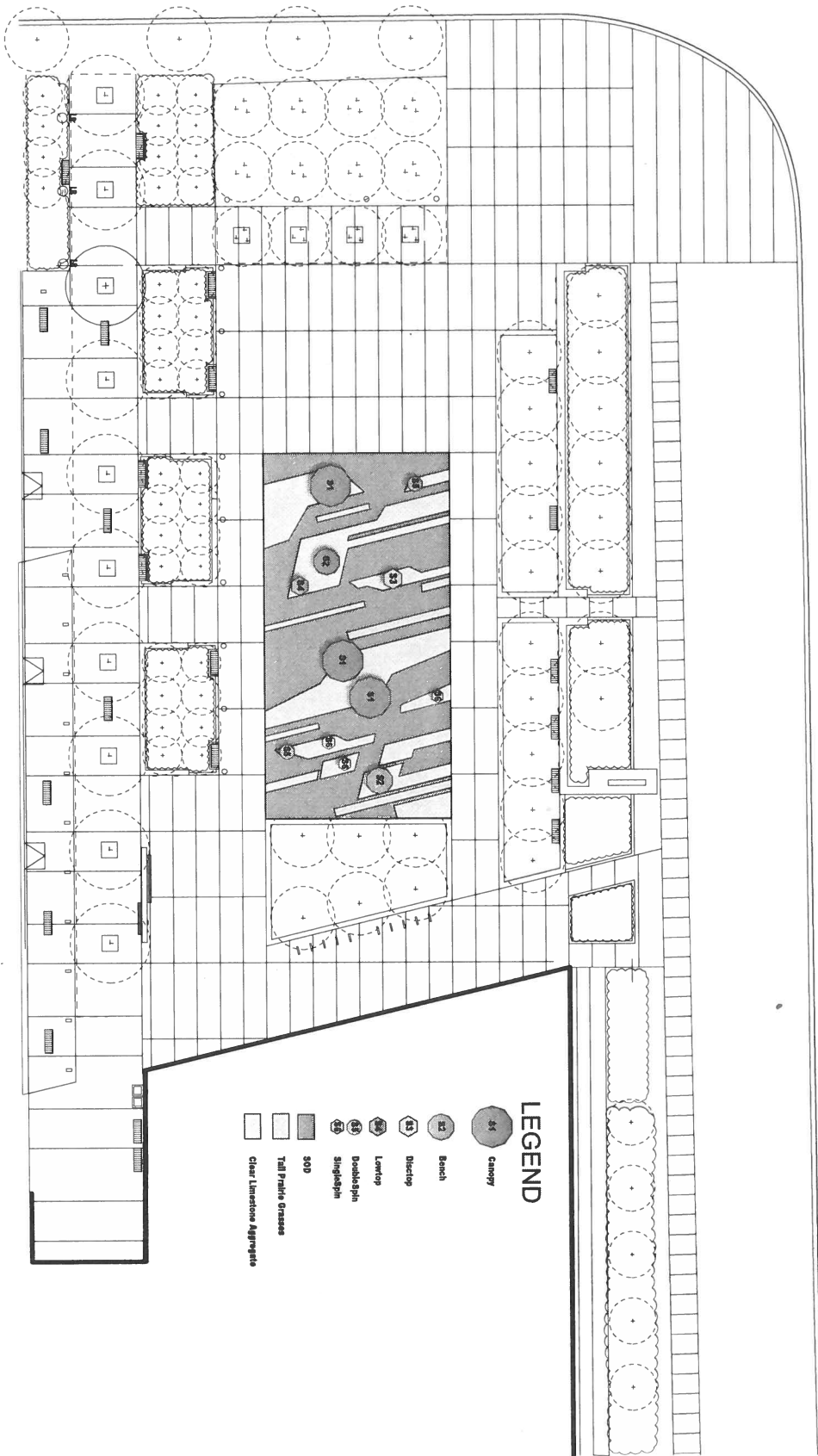
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PRELIMINARY
Issue for Costing -
subject to revision

Top Garden

Siteplan