

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Park Board**

7:00 PM
August 22, 2022

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Alternate Meeting Format: The State of Washington and the City of Issaquah continue to have a declared emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under Chapter 115, Laws of 2022 (ESHB 1329), the City of Issaquah has determined that an in-person meeting cannot be held with reasonable safety. Due to these factors, this meeting is being held remotely.

Board Members:

Chris Kovac
Marlene Waxse (arrived 7:14pm)
Zach Szablewski
Andrew Eliquen
David Liu
Nicholas Lee (arrived 7:15pm)
Brenda Spears
Katie Bell (absent)
Tim Motley (absent)

Administration/Staff:

Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director
Jennifer Fink, Parks Planner & Project Administrator
Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

Public/ Guests:

David Kappler

Alternate Members:

Danielle Wolfrom Githens
Bradley Book
Andrew Myers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Szablewski called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) The minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting were presented to the Board. With no corrections proposed, the minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Kappler made a public comment regarding the Hillside Park update and made suggestions to the Board to consider mitigation work in the wetland area of Hillside Park with the help of community members. In addition, Mr. Kappler proposed a trail that would connect Cougar - Squak and Tigger Mountain, connecting the Hillside Park without impacting the cemetery.

REGULAR BUSINESSa) **Community Investment Strategy, (D, A)***Presented by:**Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director**Jennifer Fink, Parks Planning & Project Administrator*

Director Watling provided an overview of the work conducted to date on the Community Investment Strategy task assigned by City Council and the work conducted in the past month by the Board subgroup (Andrew Eliquen, Marlene Waxse, Chris Kovac, and City staff) on identifying the evaluation criteria for the four proposed projects included in this work, namely:

1. Tibbetts Valley Park
2. Veterans Memorial Field (Senior Center), Depot Park & Pedestrian Park
3. Issaquah Creek Corridor
4. Confluence Park.

Park Planner & Project Administrator Jennifer Fink summarized the evaluation criteria identified for each of the four projects with the help of the subgroup:

1. Level of project readiness
2. Critical areas or other site conditions that must be taken into consideration
3. Level of immediate economic benefit
4. Level of community access and benefit
5. Park connections
6. Future phasing
7. Other Considerations
8. Proposed Improvements (specific criteria that addresses feasibility within the time frame and budget available)

Board members engaged in conversation and provided input on the next steps in this process. Following the evaluation of the possible projects, three options surfaced for continued work and in-depth evaluation. Recommendations were made to continue to work with the ad-hoc committee and the landscape architect, and to return to the Park Board in September with additional details for the top three projects: Veterans Memorial Field, Confluence Park, and a Dog Park at the Rainier Trail. Sketches from the three projects are attached to the minutes.

b) **Hillside Park Update, (D)***Presented by:**Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director**Jennifer Fink, Parks Planning & Project Administrator*

Director Watling suggested an abbreviated presentation to account for the extended time spent on the previous item and proposed a more detailed conversation at the next meeting, in September.

Park Planner Jennifer Fink provided a broad overview of the Hillside Park project including mitigation of the identified wetland area to allow for a play area in the park, and a brief summary of the proposed concept for the park.

REPORTS**a) Chair's Report**

Chair, Zach Szablewski announced to the Board that a virtual Open House to review *Title 18* changes was scheduled for August 23, from 6-8pm. On September 9 a cultural event, *Issaquah Welcomes You*, was scheduled at the Community Center from 5-8pm, and *Salmon on Sunset*, at the Salmon Hatchery, celebrating the start of the spawning season, was scheduled for September 17th, from noon to 6 pm.

b) Youth Representative's Report - no report.**c) Director's Report**

Parks & Community Services Director Jeff Watling announced the transition to in-person meetings starting in September and informed the Board that the next Park Board meeting will take place in the Steelhead Room. As details get finalized, additional information will be shared with the Board.

City Council is anticipating adoption of a Cultural and Religious Calendar that honors many cultural holidays that community members celebrate. As such, the next Park Board meeting date might coincide with a recognized holiday in September, therefore staff will work with the Board to reschedule that meeting.

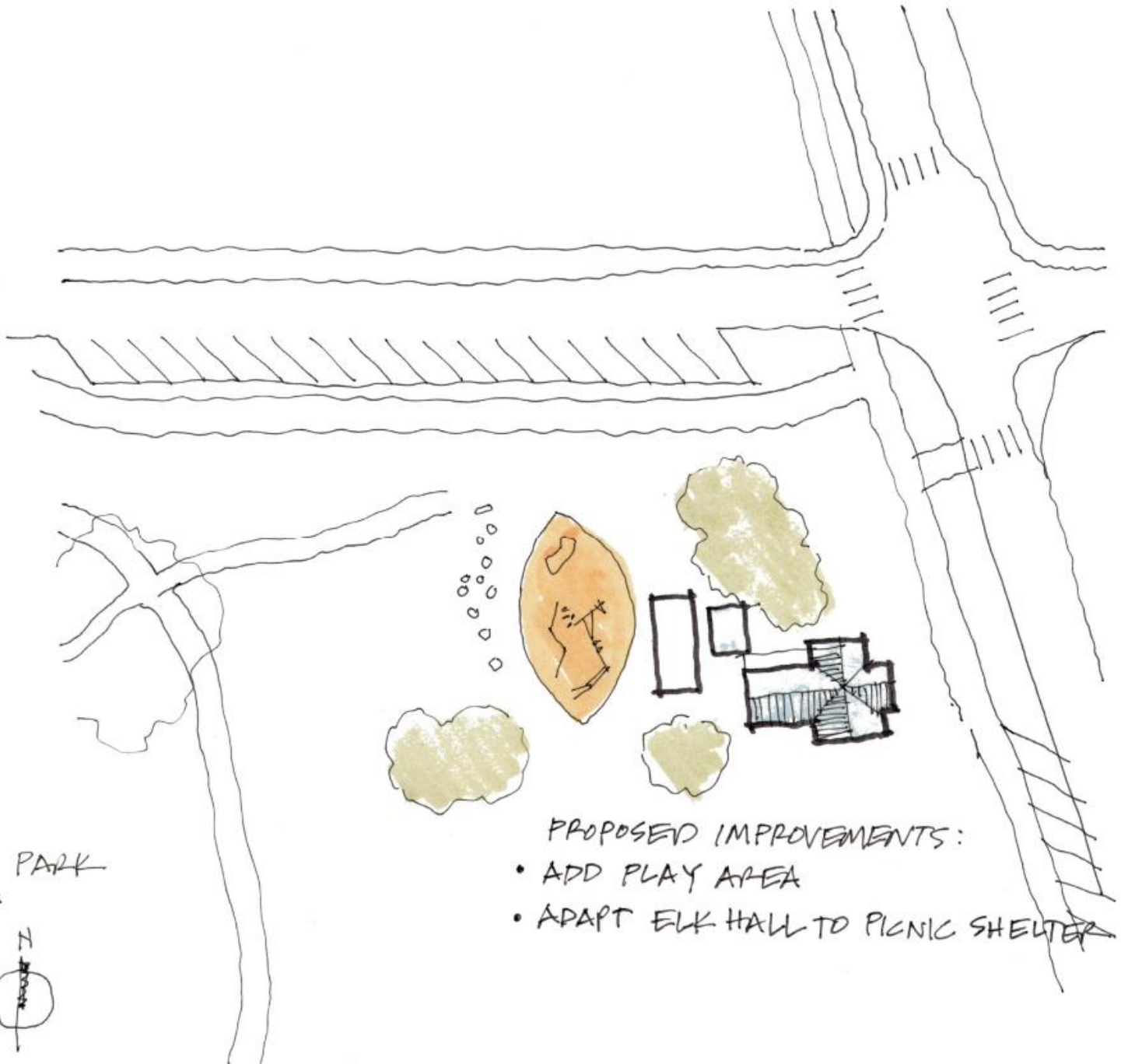
Director Watling will provide an update to City Council on Summer activities and events organized by the Parks & Community Services Department and will share the presentation with the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

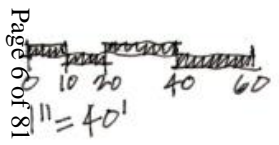
No additional comments or announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.



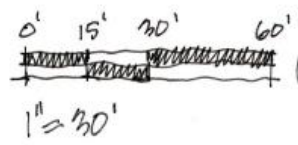
CONFLUENCE PARK
Issaquah, WA



- PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:
- ADD PLAY AREA
 - ADAPT ELK HALL TO PICNIC SHELTER

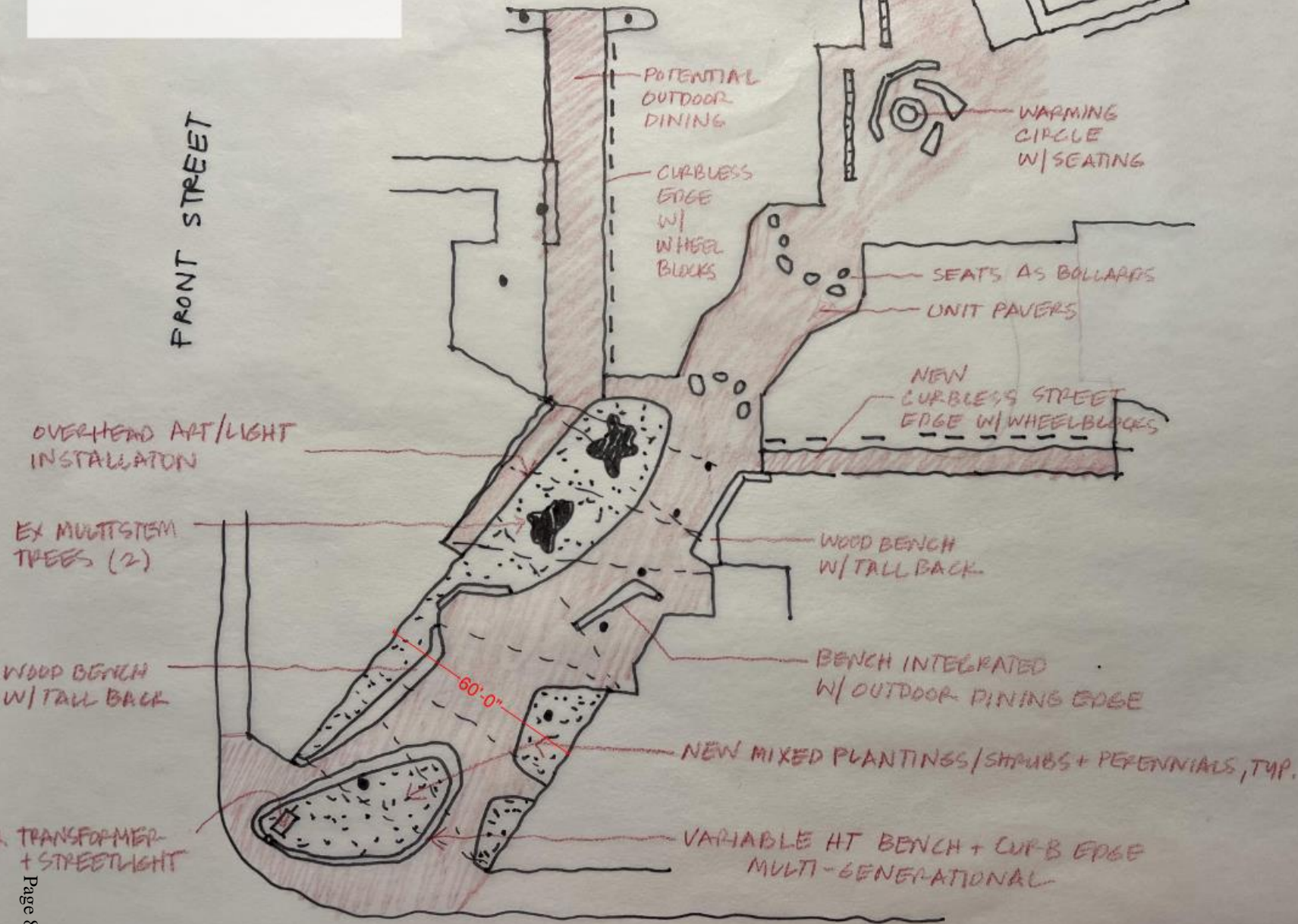


DOG PARK @ PAINIER TRAIL



PEDESTRIAN PARK
-RENOVATE EXISTING PLAZA SPACES AND PARKING EDGES

FRONT STREET

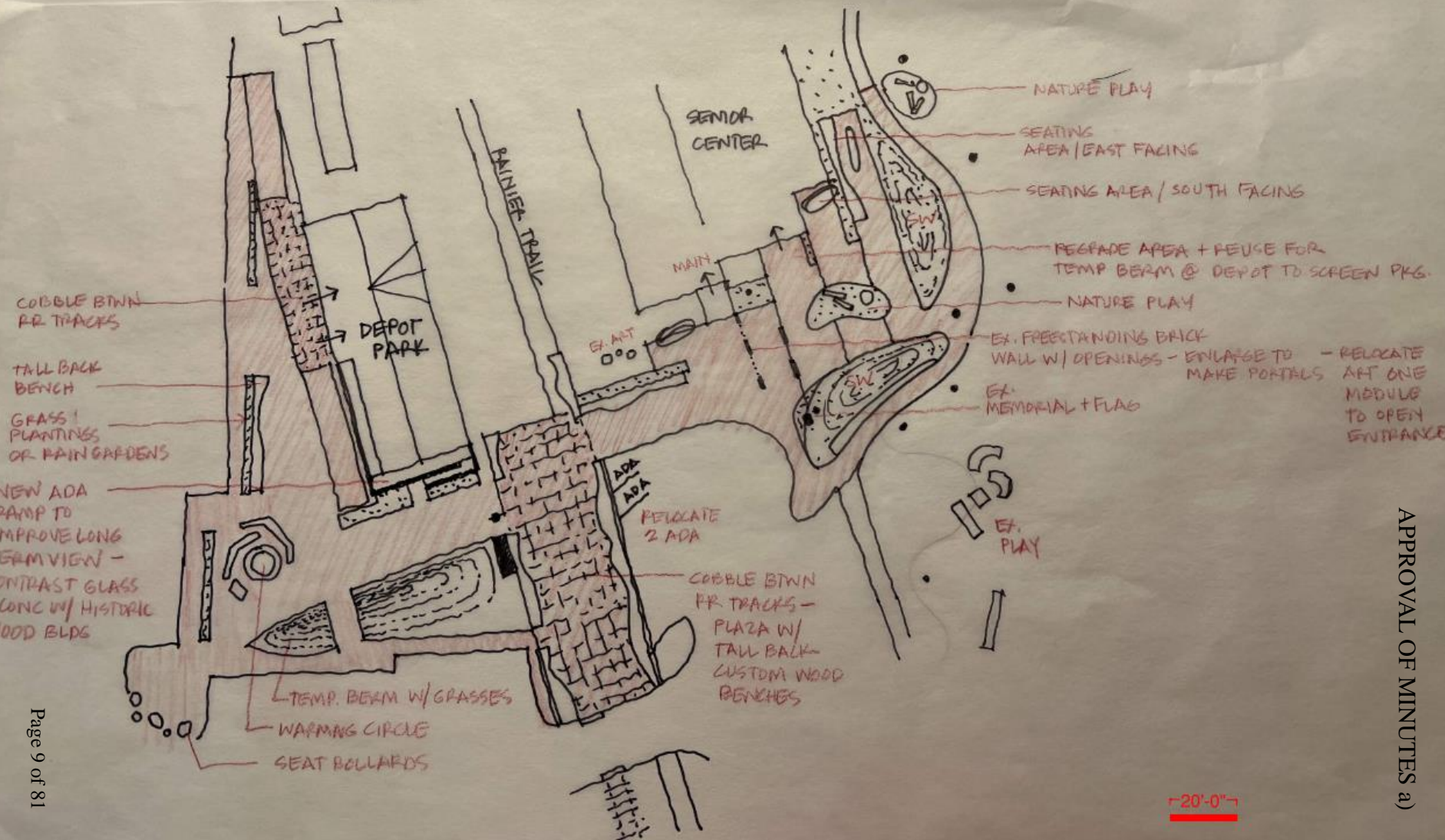


SUNSET WAY

PEDESTRIAN PARK

DEPOT PARK AND SENIOR CENTER PLAZA

- NEW PLAZA SPACES
- ADA RAMP IMPROVEMENTS
- SMALL PLAY ELEMENTS
- POTENTIAL SMALL SCALE GAME COURTS IN SENIOR PLAZA (BOCCE ETC)



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