



Sunnyvale

Corn Palace Park Public Art Review

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Project Overview

- Originally cornfield and produce stand
- 2-acre City park site
- Features: open spaces, play areas, garden, picnic areas, shade structures and public art
- 1% art requirement (\$43,000)



Selected Art Locations



Application Process



- Request for Qualifications/Call for Artists
 - November 2024
- 32 Applications Received
 - 17 artists applied for seating wall
 - 15 for backless benches
- Public Art Review Committee
 - ◆ Shortlisted semi-finalists to create conceptual designs
 - 3 seating wall
 - 7 backless benches

Seating Wall Conceptual Designs

Annie Cappelli

SEAT WALL 64 Linear Feet X 1.6"

I have created a scaled-down version for you to get a sense of what my design would entail.

*** The scaled-up 64 linear foot design would encompass more meadow/prairie, more corn fields, extensive creek trail system and wildlife. (To Scale a 64 linear foot design to fit onto a computer screen or printed paper would require quite the length of paper, or a 1/16 inch viability of this design.)**



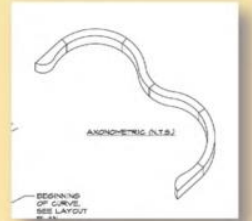
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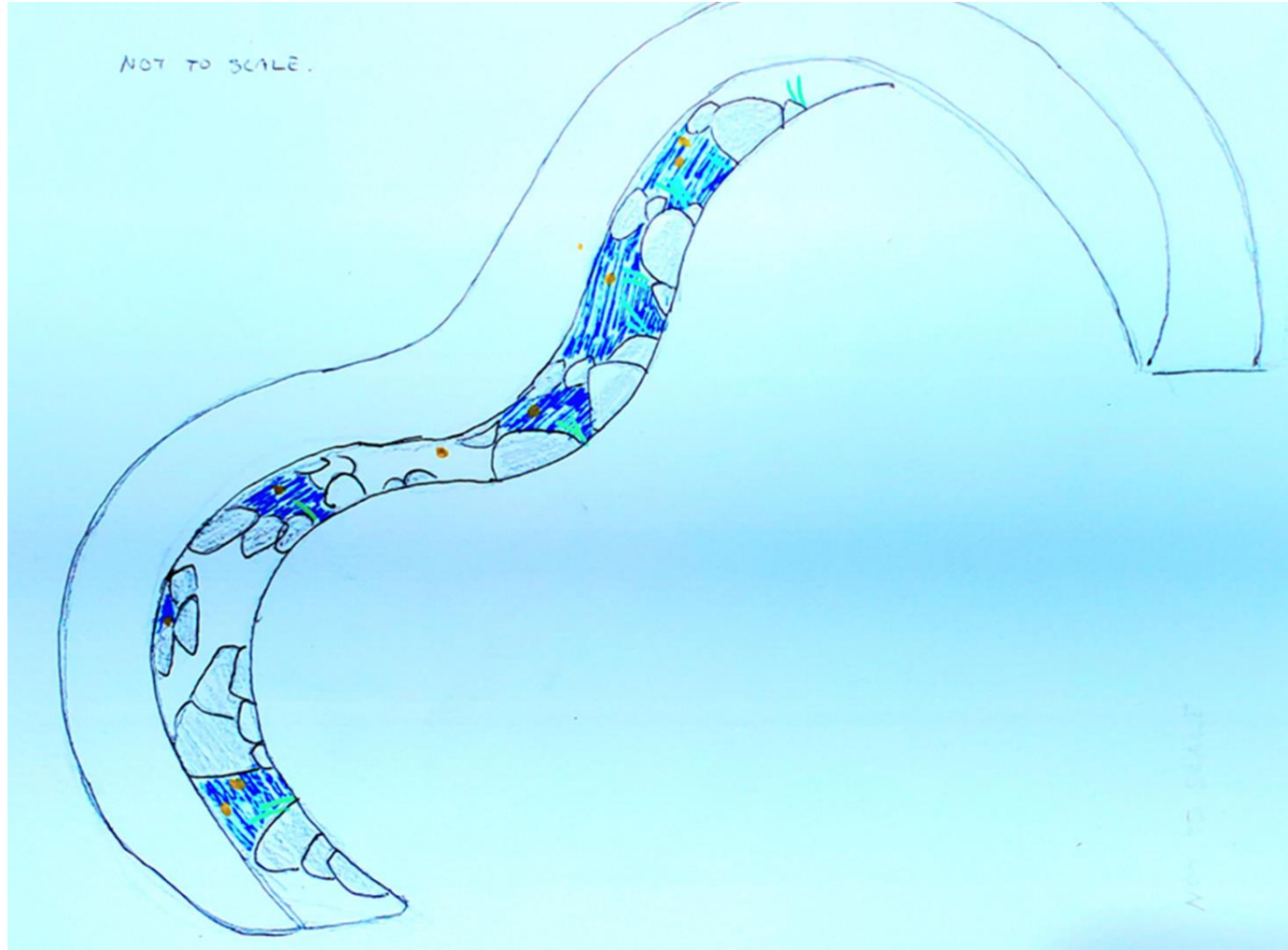
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Here is a clay maquette of the 64' Bench with Artwork and a print out adhered to the wet clay.

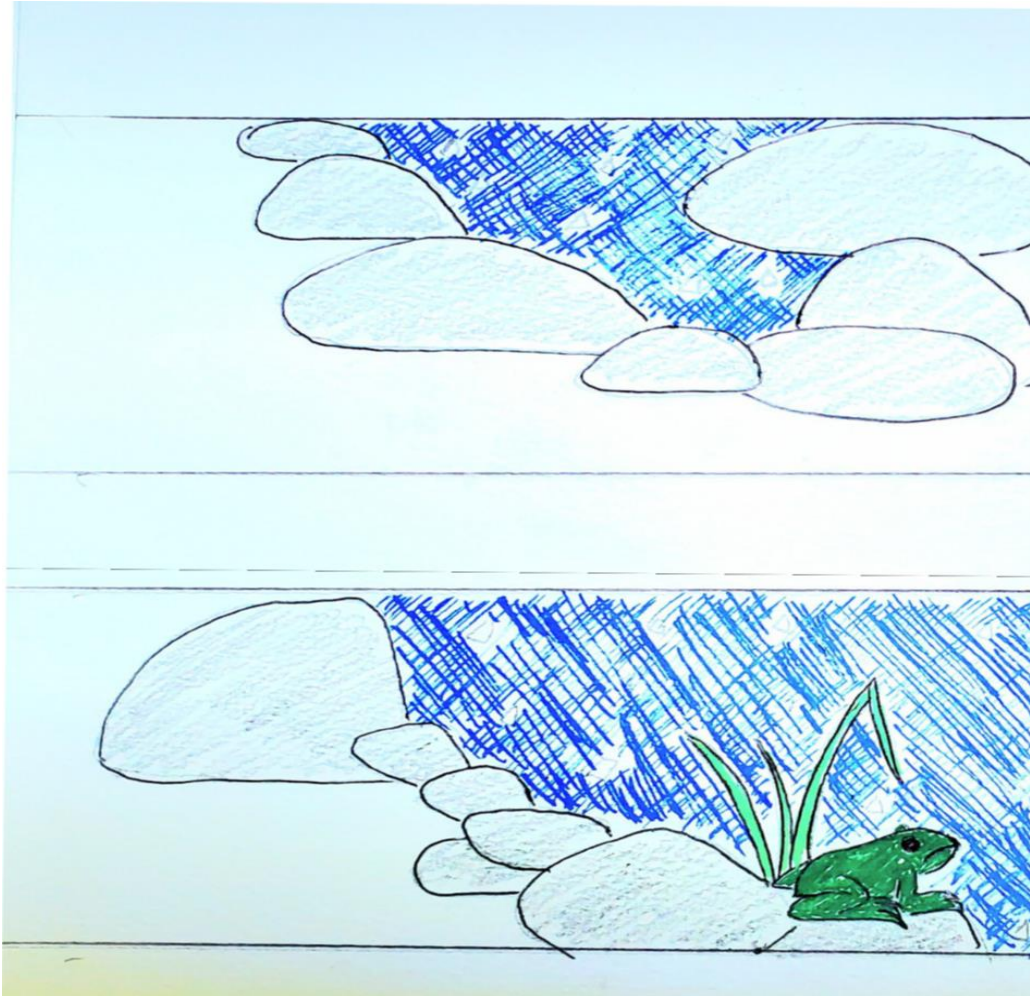
This was created to help with visualization of the finished work. This is a "rough" sculpture of what will be a vastly more refined finished product and to scale.



Juan Lopez, New World Mosaics



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Elba Raquel

Entire Design Zoom Out



Left Side of the Design



Right Side of the Design



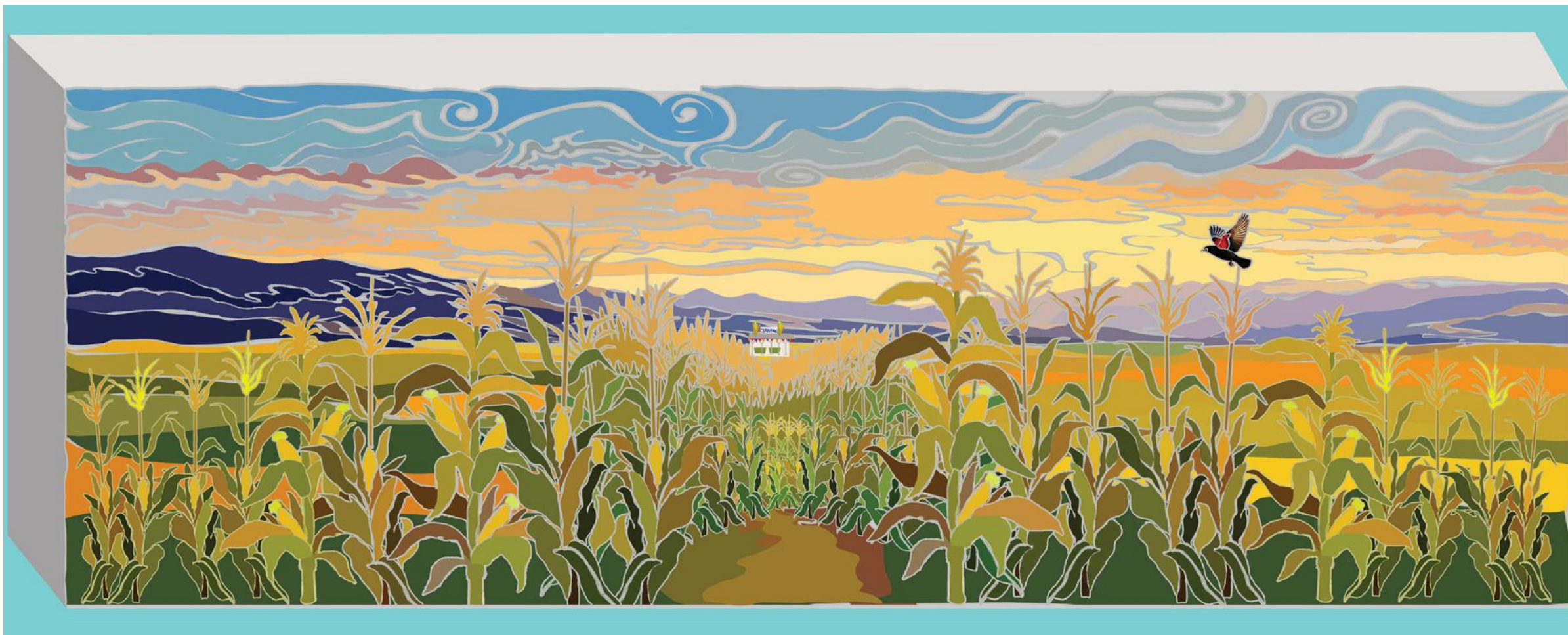
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Benches

Conceptual Designs

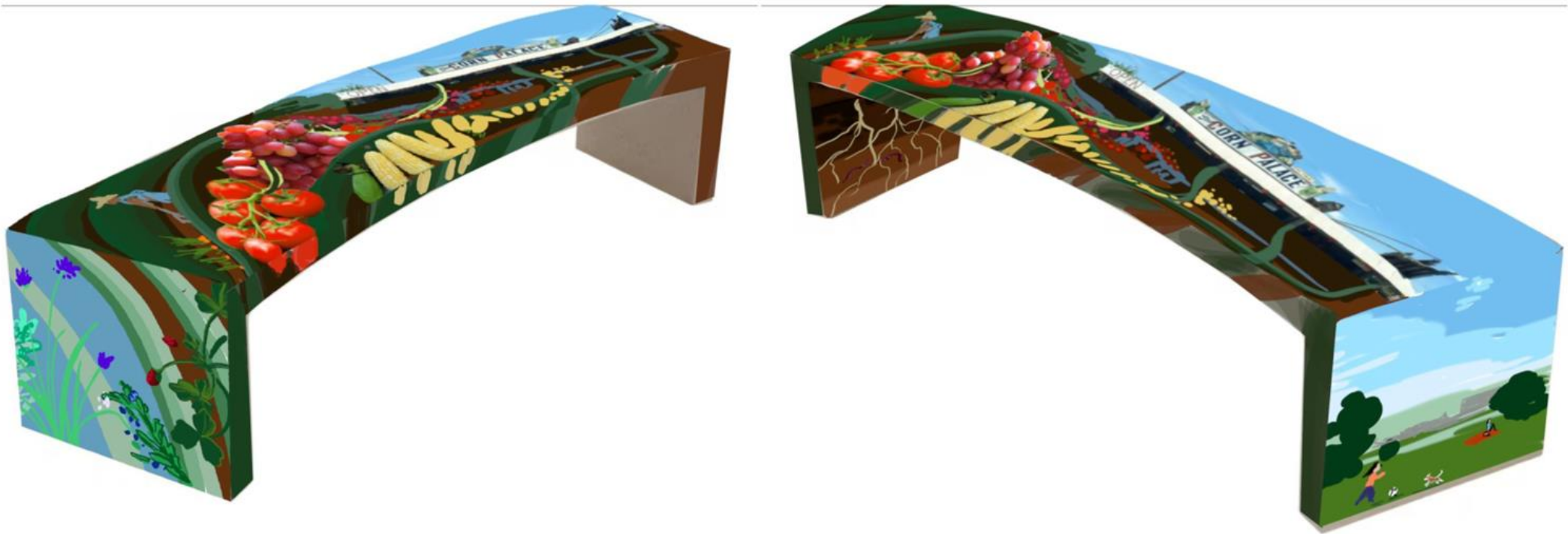
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Zoe Caron



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Outer Sides and Top of bench:



Left Side

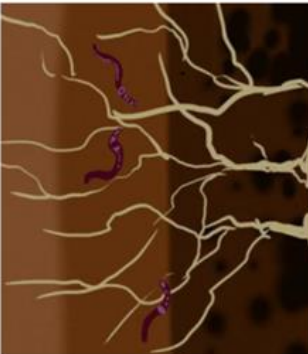


Center Panel/ Top Side

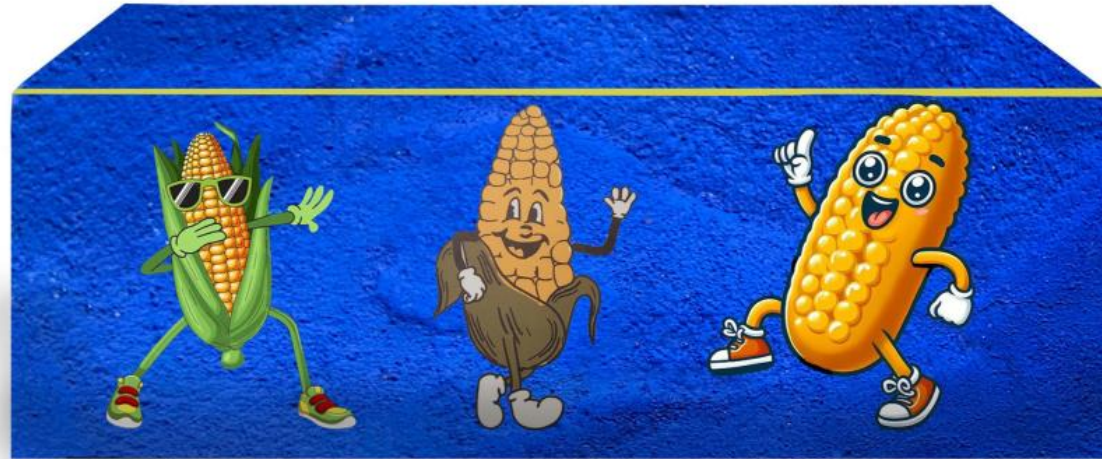


Right Side

Underside of bench:



Faducci



Liz Hickok

Phosphorescent Trim: Daylight Sparkle, Nighttime Glow



Liz Hickok



Local Flora & Fauna

- Apricot Blossoms
- California Poppies
- Sky Lupine
- Douglas Iris
- Pollinators:
 - Monarch butterflies
 - Bumblebees
 - Hummingbird



Carrie Lederer



The Land of Magic: Garden in the Cosmos

Carrie Lederer



Squirrel with sound waves



Clusters of Apricots and Flying Saucers

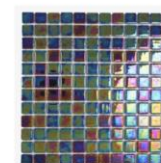


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Shaped and Iridescent Test Tiles



Alexandra Muddle



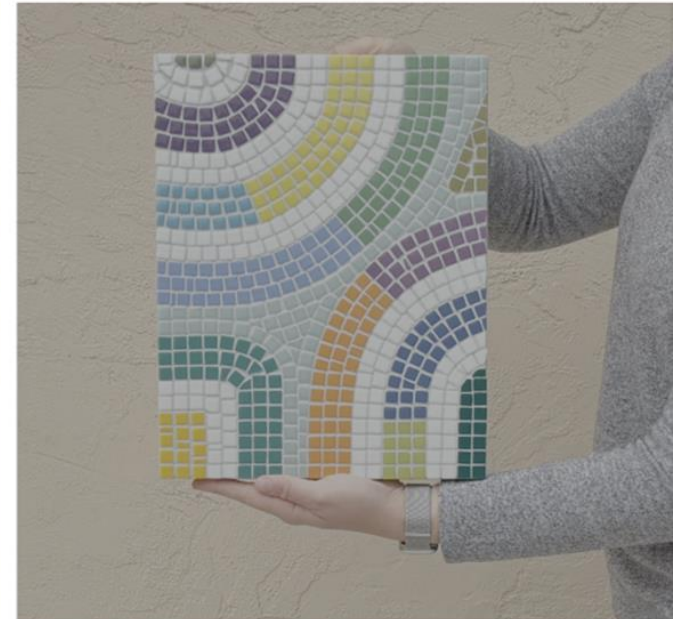
Design Goals

- Respect history of the park as it relates to farming and agriculture
- Reflect Sunnyvale's brand essence
- Reflect a thriving, innovative city and community
- Appeal to current community and generations to come
- Durability and longevity
- Unique design that is also playful and fun
- Comfort

Alexandra Muddle

Inspiration and Choice of Materials

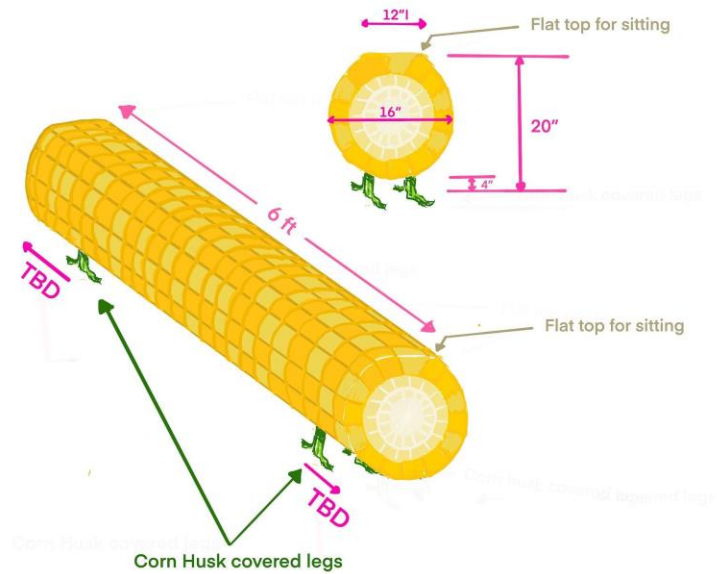
- Fields / Agriculture
- Corn
- Sustainability
- Durability



Amber Smith



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TBD: leg positioning is dependent upon city's pre-installed footings



Arts Commission Recommendation

- Seating Wall Design
 - ◆ Reviewed 3 conceptual designs
 - ◆ Selected
 - Annie Cappelli
- Bench Designs
 - ◆ Reviewed 7 conceptual designs
 - ◆ Selected
 - Liz Hickok
 - Alex Muddle
 - Carrie Lederer



City Council Review

- No staff recommendation
- Council Action
 1. Approve Arts Commission recommendation
 2. Approve alternative designs
- Next steps



Questions?

