

## Design Narrative:

**Analysis:** The current arrangement of Winn Park's playground, seating, historic building, and paths results in a largely open and underutilized outdoor setting which feels vast and placeless. I believe that the park suffers most from a lack of clear spatial definition, with many areas having no intended or implied use or purpose. The aim of this proposal is thus to improve the hierarchy and definition of outdoor spaces while encouraging more public functions and leisure activities. While the proposed improvements to the existing building are limited to accessibility upgrades, it is my belief that overall site activation could help to attract a vibrant tenant.

**Concept:** The strategy for introducing new spatial definition on the site is to place a long "bar" like pavilion alongside the west of the existing building. The bar sits low like a cat lying on the ground, respecting the historic building proportions and integrating itself into the landscape. The placement of the bar effectively divides the site into three regions, two of which have been programmed as plazas. The second layer imposed on the site is a pattern derived from golden spirals which creates a concentric draw to the center of the site, while also defining sweeping outer boundaries. The interaction between the rigid layout of the pavilion and existing building is contrasted by the curves of the spirals and scattered placement of trees, creating a dynamic set of layers which users pass through when moving from one area to the next.

**Program:** Within the new pavilion are a café and new restrooms to support increased outdoor functions on the site. The north (main) plaza contains the existing playground and a proposed new playground, both which are flanked by abundant outdoor seating. The west plaza is intended to support events, such as weddings, and is also equipped with shooting ground fountains for spontaneous play on hot days. The south portion of the site is envisioned as a large garden labyrinth which allows for meandering exploration and relaxation. Finally within the existing building I would propose that an educational program from the community be sought to occupy the space, such as an after school study or music program.