

ART PARKS: WINN PARK

Sacramento is a hub of farm to fork food and innovative art, all playing out in a lush green landscape rich with history. With a prime location, old growth trees, and an historic art deco building, Winn Park is brimming with potential. Our proposal will infuse the park with the very things that make Sacramento a destination city, while creating harmony between city life and nature.

The new Winn Park will be an oasis that combines the benefits of a beautiful outdoor green space with a highly urban program including: a greenhouse inspired restaurant, a hidden art gallery, an amphitheater, and a botanical garden. Winn Park will be the first in a series of **Art Parks** that not only beautify but fully activate our underutilized urban parks.

BUILDING

Complementing the adjoining art deco building with a transparent glass silhouette, the **Glasshouse** at Winn Park will provide a modern greenhouse restaurant experience. The center of the restaurant will feature the historic fire alarm panels as its feature wall, accompanied by art deco inspired lighting fixtures and flooring. Visitors will enjoy unencumbered views of the surrounding park and botanical garden. A large patio area on either side will offer outdoor seating options. To provide a seamless indoor-outdoor experience, the restaurant's garage doors roll up on both sides to usher in the breeze and music from the amphitheater stage.

Curious visitors who follow a pictogram on the interior restaurant door will find their way into the existing historic building. Once inside, gold lines on the floor will lead the curious past an art deco sitting room. More of the building's original fire alarm panels will be featured in the space in harmonious contrast to the parallel art gallery walls. As the leading floor lines draw the visitor through the space, a ticket booth will be revealed.

For a few dollars, visitors will gain access to a secret room at the center of the building. Inside the **City Obscura**, city life becomes art. Using mirrors inside the top of the building's tower, the dark City Obscura room will feature a live rotating view of the city outside, projected on to a large disk in the center of the room. Like the Camera Obscura that's become a world famous destination in San Francisco, it will mesmerize visitors with a dollhouse view of the treetops and bustling city around them, where people look like ants and cars look like toys. It will be a contemplative space that invites visitors to slow down and recognize the beauty in everyday life.

PARK

Our holistic approach to the park activation considers the exterior spaces just as important as the interior. Our design identifies four quadrants of the park, each one an important piece of the harmonious whole.

In the **first quadrant**, visitors will appreciate a leisurely stroll on a wide path that meanders through botanical gardens leading to the main entrance on the 27th street side. Accessible to all, this path will allow visitors to learn about native plants, or simply stop, sit and bask in nature. The **second quadrant** proposes to keep the tots play area intact, with dedicated space for future expansion. Visitors with children will appreciate that the tot area is easily viewed from the Glasshouse outdoor seating closely situated on the same side.

Using the original art deco main entry door as its stage centerpiece, the amphitheater in our **third quadrant** will become a canvas for possibility. This urban amphitheater will be used for concerts, theatrical performances, movies, or even weddings. Visitors will have their pick of large terraced seating or mounded grass, perfect for picnic blankets. The adjacent curb will allow for the occasional food truck to stop and serve park visitors.

Functioning as a flexible gathering space, the **fourth quadrant** will feature a mix of grass, decomposed granite, and thoughtful seating placement. Radiating paths inspired by art deco patterns will lend themselves to clusters of farmer's market tents, pop up shops, or fitness classes.

By celebrating food, art, and history, the new Winn Park will truly embody what makes our city great. Our vision of Winn Park will usher in new era of fully activated Sacramento Art Parks.