

WINN STATION CAFÉ

Break out of your shell!

The challenge with the Winn Park project starts with transforming a bunker in the middle of a park on a city block into a social hub. Based on our own research and feedback from the community, our team addressed the issue by the adaptive reuse of the existing building into a café.

LOCATION & USE:

The park is located within close proximity to the Capital City Freeway with easy access. The café will provide a much needed food establishment in the neighborhood with the potential of being used for various community and private events.

Site features will include a plaza, sculpture garden, upgraded playground, space for concerts and a projection surface for movies. We envision it to be a child-friendly place where parents can sip coffee while children play happily.

Street parking will encourage physical activity. Bicycle racks will be incorporated into the plaza providing a bike friendly atmosphere.

CONCEPT:

The current building layout does not fit well with a contemporary lifestyle and design regulations. Rethinking components of the building interior structure will provide efficient use of the space and universal access for all.

The exterior of the building will be preserved and enhanced to integrate with the surrounding environment through material choices. For instance, the contrast of the warmth of wood cladding with the coldness of concrete will create an visually stimulating experience. The existing main entry doors will be repurposed & highlighted as the main entry doors of the café.

Some of the items serving existing interior will be preserved and repurposed in the new café. This includes existing elements of the fire dispatch and relay system that will be installed as bar elements and some of the light fixtures will be reused.

Other design elements to be considered in the project are exterior and interior murals. Interior walls provide ample space for art display by the growing community of Sacramento artists.

We hope that with the improvements listed above Winn Park café will attract both a younger generation and appeal to an older generation.

SUSTAINABILITY:

Our design incorporates several energy saving features and sustainable strategies:

- Cross/stack ventilation. It is achieved through operable windows on four sides of the building, with intake openings facing the prevailing southerly winds.
- Solar control: ample shading is provided by the many existing trees on the site, as well as the “window box” design elements.
- Cool roof for the terrace addition.
- Abundant natural light, coming in through the large windows and filtering through the trees on the site.
- Thermal mass of the existing concrete structure, evening out the peaks of Sacramento weather.