

Proposed Project: Alley Parklet on Iowa Avenue

Residents who participated in the Design Workshop process expressed concern about the amount of available parking on Iowa Avenue; this potential project addresses this concern by not only creating a space for social interaction, but also linking adjacent streets and their parking to Iowa Avenue.

This alley is currently filled with gravel and does not have frequent use; this project proposes a parklet with brick pavers, plantings, and seating. Users can sit at the picnic benches and bistro tables to enjoy a quieter, off-street social setting, or pass through the park to access additional parking. String lights overhead encourage evening use and add to the intimate quality of the space.



Existing alleyway conditions

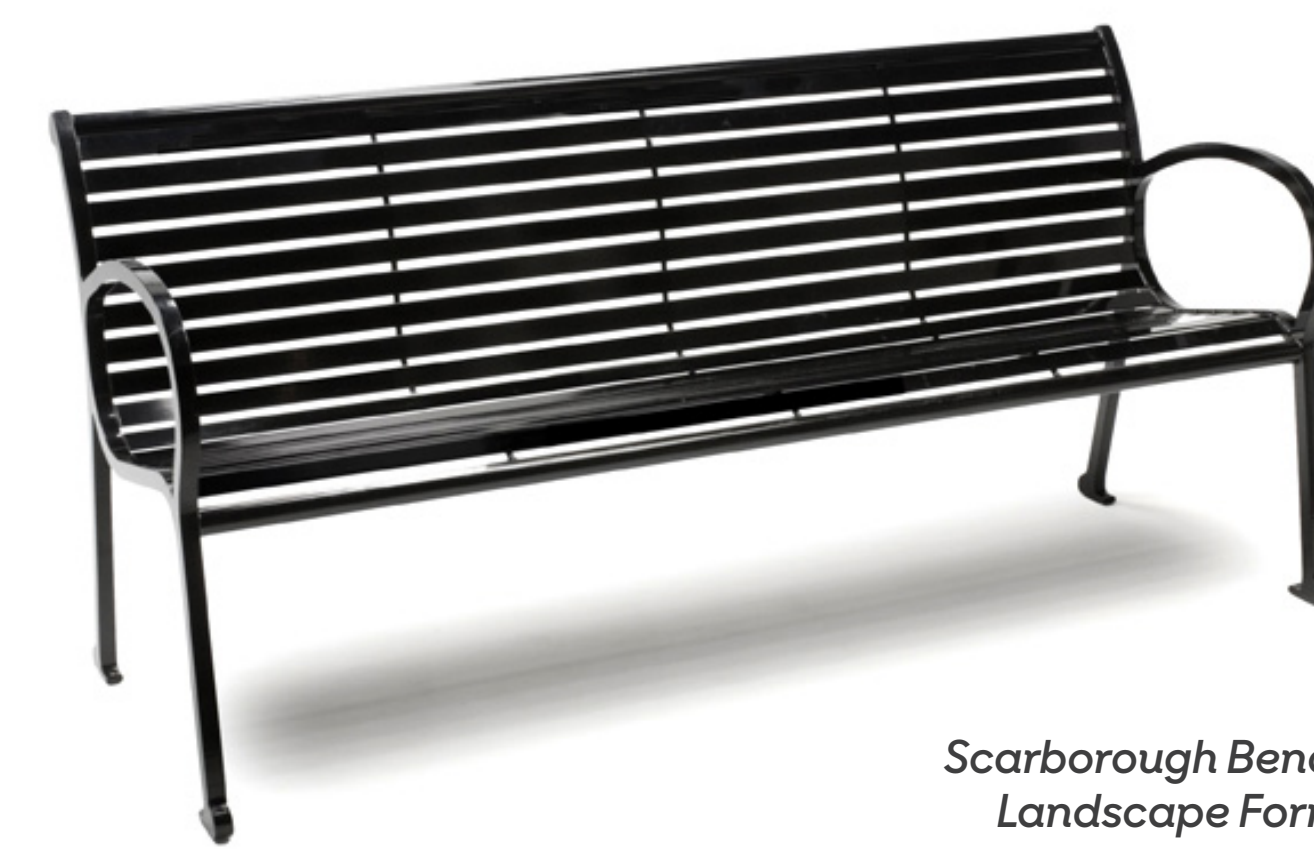


Rendered view of alley restoration, to include pavers, bistro seating, picnic tables, and lighting, and the relocated existing entry sign located at "1"

Street Furniture Family



Existing streetlight



Scarborough Bench, Landscape Forms



Parc Center Table & Chair, Landscape Forms



Gretchen Picnic Table, Landscape Forms



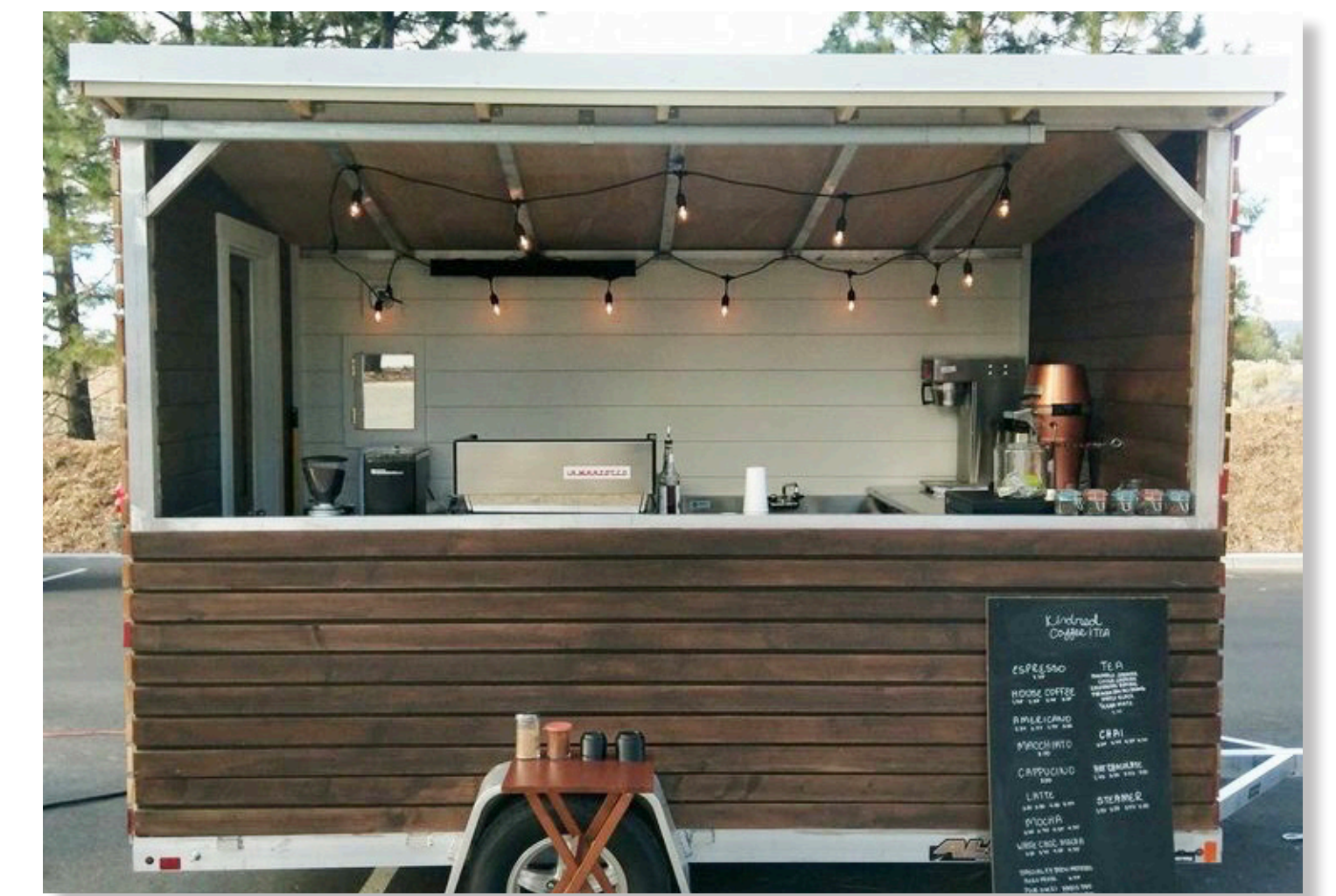
Scarborough Litter Bin, Landscape Forms



Ride Bike Rack, Landscape Forms

In a previous streetscape project, the city selected a traditional acorn-style streetlight for the west end of Iowa Avenue; the proposed design intends to extend this lighting through the remainder of Iowa Avenue. The design team selected the Scarborough bench and litter bin in a classic black finish to complement the lighting and signage fixtures.

Off-street projects such as the alley parklet, trails, or a food stand proposed by the Dunlap Community Development Corporation (DCDC), provide opportunities to adopt a contemporary furniture aesthetic. Wood finishing brings warmth and contrast to the hardscape and ties the materiality of elements within the city to the composition of the proposed entryway signage.



Example of a food stand with wood siding similar to the proposed entry signage, cart and image by Kindred Coffee and Tea