

Proposed Concept: Pythian Sisters Park Enhancement Master Plan



Existing aerial photo of Pythian Sisters Park located in the SW corner of the intersection of 5th St. and 8th Ave.

Drawing Notes For Pythian Sisters Park Enhancement Master Plan

- 1 PERMEABLE GRASS PAVERS FOR FARMERS MARKET PARKING
- (2) MOVABLE TABLES AND CHAIRS ON DECORATIVE PAVING TO ALLOW FOR OUTDOOR EATING AND ACTIVITIES
- 3 PLANTER WITH INTEGRATED SEATWALL
- AS A UNIQUE BACKDROP FOR BOTH PHOTOS AND FOR THE LARGE CITY LETTERS
- 5 LARGE CITY LETTERS FOR CITY IDENTIFICATION AND TO PROVIDE A BACKDROP FOR PHOTOS
- 6 OUTDOOR CLIMBING WALL WITH POURED-IN-PLACE RUBBER SURFACING IN BRIGHT COLORS AND EYE CATCHING
- 7 SCULPTURE GARDEN TO DISPLAY COMMUNITY ARTWORK
- (8) OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER
- (9) PRESERVE EXISTING VETERANS MEMORIAL
- (10) PRESERVE EXISTING TREES

NOTE: ALL PAVING MATERIALS AND CONNECTIONS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF PAVEMENT TO BE ADA COMPLIANT





(5) Large City Letters









(2) Movable Tables and Chairs (4) Variable Spray Fountain



6 Outdoor Climbing Wall



(7) Sculpture Garden



(8) Outdoor Amphitheater

Pythian Sisters Park

Pythian Sisters Park is located in the Downtown District at the intersection of 5th St. and 8th Ave. This park serves as a downtown green space and site for the weekly Farmers Market that begins in May and runs through mid -September each year.

The design goals for the concept plan include preserving the existing healthy trees, electrical outlet services, Veterans Memorial Plaza, and southern fence while incorporating elements that will provide a downtown public gathering space that allows for both active and passive recreational activities for all ages and abilities.

To achieve these goals we have proposed the following primary enhancements: 1) spray fountain and large freestanding letters spelling Durant which can be played on as well as serve as a backdrop for photos; 2) outdoor climbing wall to encourage fitness; 3) seatwalls integrated into planters and movable tables and chairs to provide a quiet and comfortable place for rest, eating, and small group gatherings; 4) outdoor amphitheater that can be used for performances; 5) sculpture garden that showcases the art of local artists and community artworks; and 6) permeable grass grid to provide stable areas where Farmers Market vendors can set up and park their vehicles, yet maintain a "green" look when not in use.



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