# Pergola Redesign

**Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden** 

April 11, 2024



#### Previous Pergola Removal

- Structure was over 30 years old
- Wood beams had rotted
- Rose vines had become overgrown and unmanageable
- FBP and Parks & Rec. collaborated for removal in early 2023





#### Previous Pergola Design

- Not considered a historic element
- Simple design
- Deep shade
- Low roof (6.5'-8' high)
- Central Planter
- Thick concrete pillars







#### New Pergola Goals

Forever Balboa Park (FBP) worked with Rose Garden volunteer leadership team to establish goals:

- Expand views of roses and across the garden
- Allow in more light while providing shade raise height of structure
- Address safety and security considerations
- Investigate new materials for increased usability and decreased maintenance
- Remove central planter (area is not suitable for roses due to shade)
- Enhance structure longevity remove climbing plants



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- Opportunities
  - Gathering place for park visitors and volunteers
  - Popular permitted city space
  - Views of Florida Canyon and surrounding rose bushes

#### Constraints

- Limited capacity for maintenance
- Minimal lighting and security
- Vandalism and anti-social behaviors in the area
- Existing Conditions
  - Columns and paving require replacement





### **Existing Conditions**

Paving

Columns

### **Rethinking the Space**

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Design development meetings with stakeholder team identified priorities for the new structure:

- Maintain similarity to old design
- Decrease density of shade coverage
- Allow for greater visibility into pergola area
- Prioritize easy maintenance





FBP worked with pergola vendors to evaluate different structure options:

- Options for incorporating varying levels of shade
- Considered pros/cons of different materials
  - Steel, aluminum, and wood
  - Maintenance needs, aesthetics, and vandalism potential

FBP proposed 4 designs to the stakeholder team and a preferred design was identified





#### **Preferred Design**

- Domed shape with no central supports
  - Echoes arches of El Prado area and form of the Botanical Building
  - Open central area expands use for rose garden volunteer meetings and permitted ceremonies/events
- Douglas Fir
  - Maintains simplicity and aesthetic of former pergola
  - Preferred material for Parks and Rec team





#### Pergola Lighting

• Integrated lighting in structure to enhance experience for evening visitors as well as safety and security







## **Questions & Comments**

