

Parks and Recreation Department

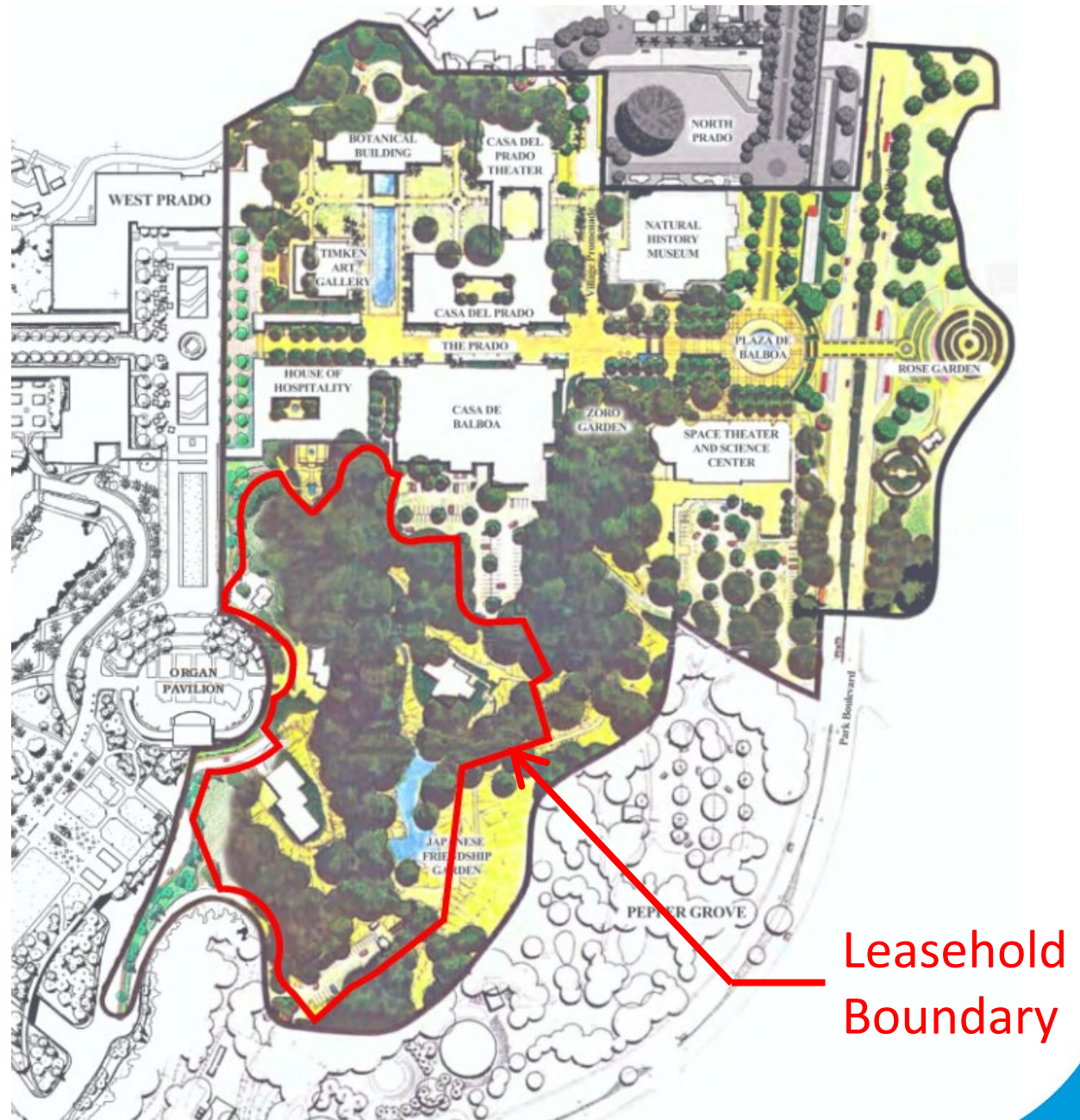
Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum (JFGM)

General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment
Workshop #2

Balboa Park Committee – Workshop Item
Agenda of *May 7, 2026*

Location

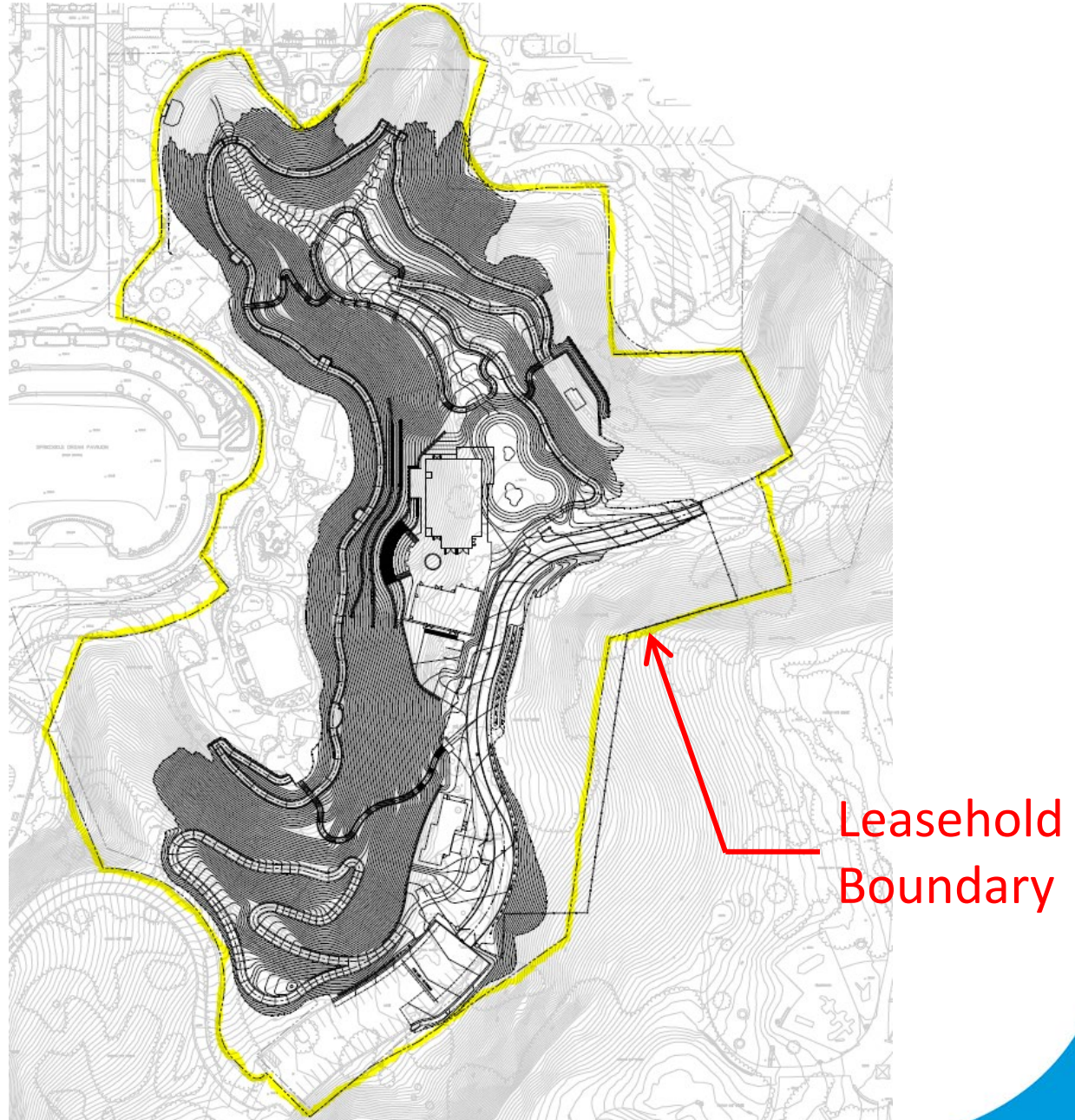
- Central Mesa
- East Prado Subarea
- Adjacencies
- Organ Pavilion
- The Mall
- Plaza de Panama
- House of Hospitality
- Casa de Balboa
- Pepper Grove
- Centro Cultural de la Raza & WorldBeat
- Palisades



Leasehold
Boundary

JFGM - Lease

- 50-year Lease approved in 1984 (2034)
- Leasehold boundary adjusted in 2019





JFGM - Proposed GDP Amendment Process

Winter
2026

Spring
2026

Summer
2026

Summer
2026

Fall
2026



**Balboa Park
Committee**
Workshop #1

**Balboa Park
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Workshop #2

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Committee**
Action Item

**Development
Service Dept.**
Environmental
Review

**Parks and
Recreation
Board**
Action Item

March 5, 2026

TODAY!

Consistency

Staff review will include consistency with:

- Balboa Park Master Plan – Goals
- Central Mesa Precise Plan & East Prado Subarea
 - Architectural design guidelines
 - Land Use
 - View Sheds
- Existing Master Plan
- Historic preservation standards (Planning)
- Lease (Real Estate)



Project Presentation

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Balboa Park Workshop #2

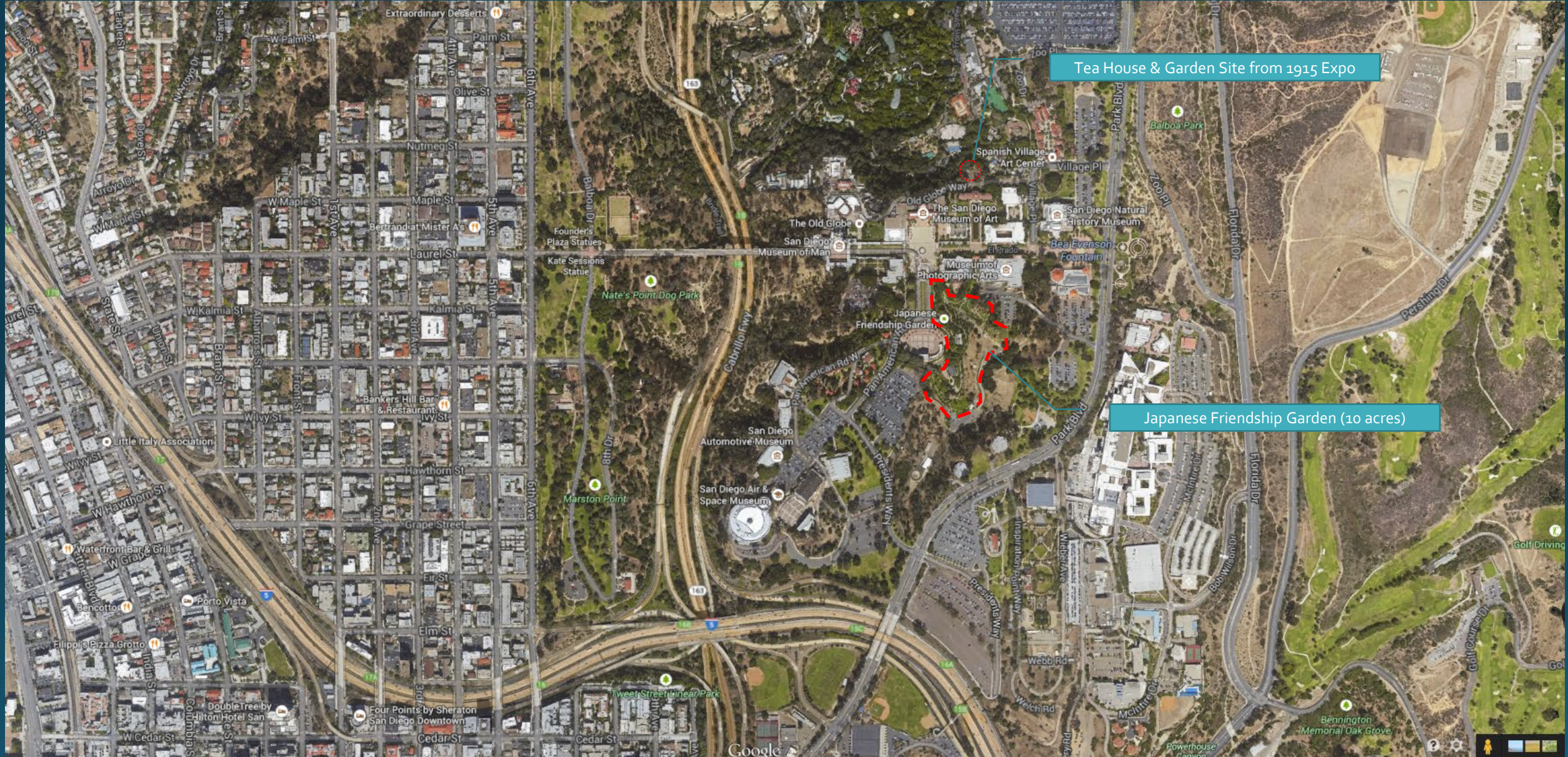
Vision and Concept Design of The Cultural Education Center

Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum San Diego

Date: May 7, 2026



Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum in Balboa Park

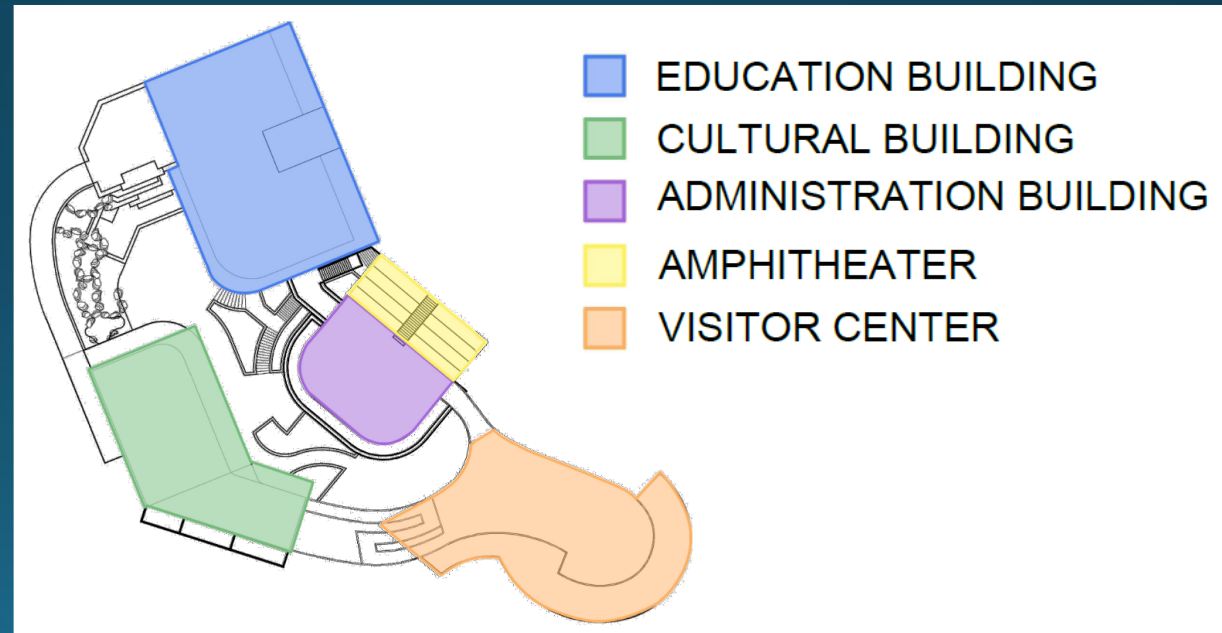


Tea House & Garden Site from 1915 Expo

Japanese Friendship Garden (10 acres)

2035-2040 Updated Master Plan

1. Cultural Education Center
2. Entry Plaza Redesign
3. Children's Garden & Pavilion
4. Kominka Farm House Cultural Heritage Exhibit
5. Realignment of access road and new Ceremonial Gate entry, upgrades to Pavilion Plaza (*Tentative*)



Cultural Education Center | Design



Programming

- Educational Classrooms
- Auditorium
- Visitor Center
- Research Labs
- Tea Ceremony Classroom
- Library/Archival Collection
- Conference Room & Offices
- Waterfall & Amphitheater

Cultural Education Center | Design



Waterfall Plaza

Cultural Education Center | Design



Administration Building

- Conference Room & Offices
- Amphitheater

Cultural Education Center | Design



Visitor Center

- Living/Green Roof
- Café with Outdoor Terrace
- Gift Shop

Cultural Education Center | Design



Cultural Building

- Research Labs
- Tea Ceremony Classroom
- Library/Archival Collection

Cultural Education Center | Materials Board



Cultural Building



Cafe



Green Roof



Glass Railing (non-glare)



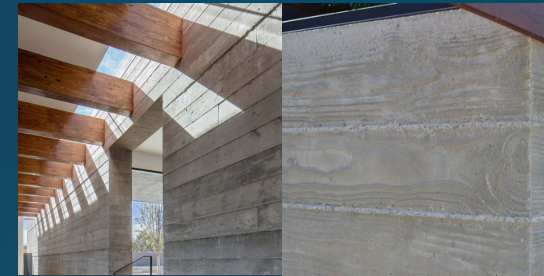
Standing Seam Metal Roofing



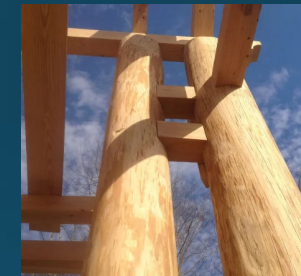
Administration Building



Education Building



Board Form Concrete

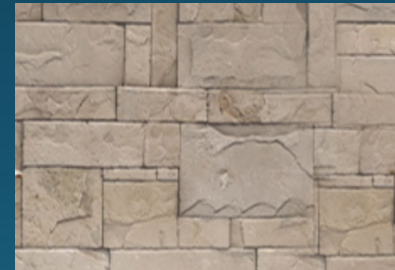
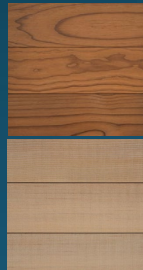


Heavy Timber Structure



Thermally Modified Wood

- Lunawood
- Douglas Fir
- Radiata Pine



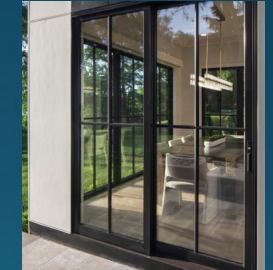
Natural Stone Cladding



Hardie Board Cement Products



Metal Wrap Fascia and Trims



Aluminum Window and Trims

Entry Plaza | Materials



Proposed Entry Plaza



Fluted Concrete Walls



Wood

Visual Simulations

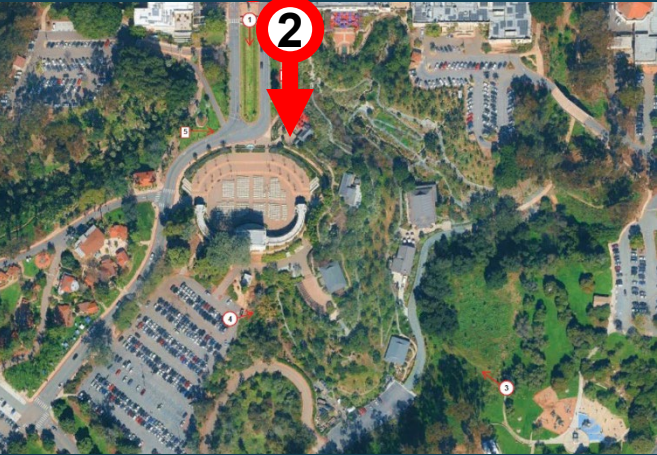


Entry Plaza Visual Simulations



Proposed view from the mall

Entry Plaza Visual Simulations



View from the eastern walkway

Cultural Education Center Visual Simulations



View from across Pepper Grove

Cultural Education Center Visual Simulations



View from proposed Organ Pavilion Parking Garage Plaza

Entry Plaza Visual Simulations



View from north of public restrooms

Cultural Education Center

Existing view within the garden nursery looking north



View of proposed Multi-purpose Auditorium



View of proposed Amphitheater and Conference



Cultural Education Center

Existing view within garden looking north toward Ceremonial Steps and Friendship Plaza



Proposed view of Multi-purpose Auditorium looking northeast



Proposed view of Multi-purpose Auditorium & Waterfall



Questions?

