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PROJECT SCOPE + ASPIRATIONS

A.) **Open the museum to the Park**

Augment existing entries to provide additional access to a Civic Living Room for Park and the City. A full museum floor of galleries, a library, store, restaurant, education space, and sculpture court free and open to the public.



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B.) A new interior multipurpose space

A flexible multipurpose space for lectures, films, dinners, and other events fills in the existing, non-functional loading dock space.



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C.) Add public landscape space at the sculpture court

A Sculpture Court above the multipurpose space provides a new public niche to find repose within the park. In addition, the sculpture court opens directly to the Plaza level and cafe and can be used for private events and the installation of temporary exhibitions.



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D.) Connect museum visitors to the Plaza De Panama by upgrading and opening roof terraces at the Gallery Level

The Upper Terraces connect the museum visitors the park with direct views to the Plaza de Panama, Palm Canyon and the new Sculpture Court. The terraces may be used for temporary exhibitions and private events.



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PROJECT ATTRIBUTES

Restoring Historic Integrity

- Restore attributes of the original 1915 building
- · Re-energize the once-utilized upper terraces for visitor use and enjoyment
- · Re-energize Alcazar Garden with a new entry to the museum
- Expose the tower and the building history to visitors through the construction of a new stair in the tower

Improving Accessibility and Encouraging Civic Engagement

- Open the Museum to the Park
- Transform the entire ground floor to a public space
- Invite collaboration with other museum through public programs / spaces
- Transform the under-utilized loading dock into a flexible multi-purpose space
- Add public landscape space in the form of a new sculpture court
- Transform the experience of the arcade by increasing visibility and light levels
- Prepare for the future of the park and the possibility of the Jacobs' plan
- Appropriate transformations to the Plaza de Panama
- Create a connection from the Museum to the Plaza de Panama by upgrading and opening roof terraces to museum visitors

Remediating Deferred Maintenance

- Renovate the shared tenant circulation space
- Add a much needed freight elevator for use by all tenants of the House of Charm
- Replace an under-performing chiller for the benefit of all tenants of the House of Charm
- Upgrade the dilapidated terrace roofing
- Initiate a much needed move of the SDG&E transformer currently located in the loading dock
- Upgrade the building to meet current code requirements including ADA and egress

Enriching the Building for a More Sustainable Future

- Add a solar energy system for all tenants
- Design the tenant space to meet LEED Gold Certification