



CIVIC PARK

Precept

- Great cities have great downtowns
- Great downtowns have great parks

Hemisfair is the largest built component of the community generated SA2020



Civic Park

- 8-10 acres
- On San Antonio's busiest pedestrian intersection
- Opportunities for exciting projects on its edges
- 2012 bond provides \$4.1 for the design phase

Site cleared mid-2016



Civic Park Vision

Hemisfair's civic park will be an uncommonly beautiful urban green space in the heart of San Antonio.

It will offer enriching and captivating experiences that draw people together and strengthen our community. It will be recognized as one of the world's great urban parks.

Key Attributes

- Oasis:** An inviting place to gather, connect, recharge and enjoy art and culture
- Functionality:** Suitable for both small and large events, programmed or spontaneous activities, and will function as a whole or in parts
- Non Stop:** Pleasant surprises will reliably greet the visitor day and night
- Variety:** Spectrum of spaces from a large lawn to gardens and courtyards; from vibrant boulevards to shaded pathways
- Serendipity:** A place where old friends meet and new friends are made
- Active Frame:** Vibrant park-level retail and restaurants will attract users and enhance the park experience
- Connections:** Multimodal linkages will make the park fully accessible and viable
- Authentic:** The city's history and confluence of cultures will be celebrated in the design and through events, performances and art
- Craftsmanship:** The design and materials will be crafted so the beauty and the quality becomes even more evident with age
- Sustainability:** Features will have more than one purpose and achieve a high standard of environmental, social and economic sustainability



Developing the Program

MIG facilitated information gathering and prepared the program report

- **Focus group meetings:** neighbors, civic organizations, artist groups, and other stakeholders
- **Public workshop:** 160 participants
- **Online survey:** nearly 1,000 response
- **Program report:** defines the needs the architect's design must meet



Key Program Elements

Entrance Plaza

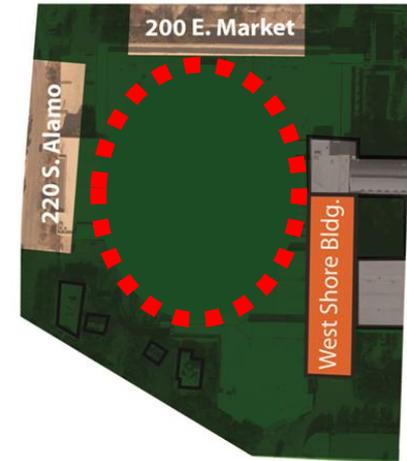
Alive day and night with music, bustling cafés with outdoor seating, and people watching



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Great Lawn

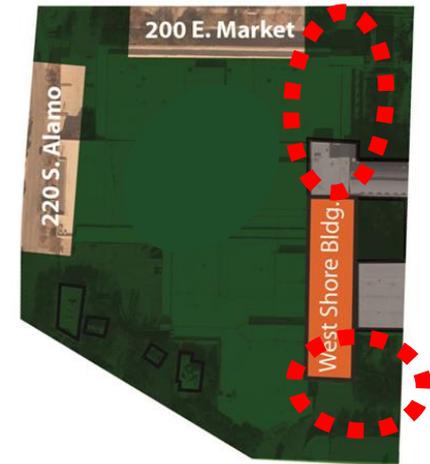
Flexible for a wide variety of activities — causal or organized, large or small



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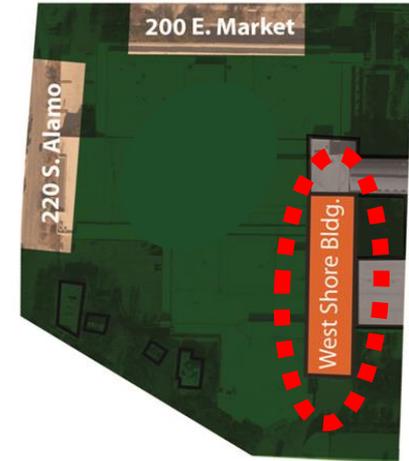
Amphitheater

Terraced area to the river will attract people, performance or not



Key Program Elements

West Shore Building



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Courtyards



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Water



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Groves

