

AN ORDINANCE **71932**

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOR A GRANT TO REHABILITATE MILAM PARK; DESIGNATING CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN DEALING WITH THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN SAID PROGRAM; CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UNDER SAID PROGRAM; AND DEDICATING MILAM PARK FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION PURPOSES.

\* \* \* \* \*

WHEREAS, Milam Park is one of the City's oldest and most historic parks; and

WHEREAS, said park must be rehabilitated so that it may once again provide outdoor recreational services for the users of its service area; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Milam Park, composed of numerous interested and dedicated citizens, have come forth offering their time, talents and resources to assist the City in revitalizing this park; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund or Texas Local Parks Recreation and Open Space Fund Program grant to supplement the efforts of the Friends of Milam Park; NOW THEREFORE:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of San Antonio hereby certifies that the City of San Antonio is eligible to receive assistance under Public Law 88-578, Title 16, USCA, Sec. 4601-4 through 4601-11, and Section 13.302 et. seq., Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

SECTION 2. The Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, is hereby authorized and directed to represent and act for the City in dealing with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on the purpose of this program. Said Director is hereby officially designated as the City's representative in this regard.

SECTION 3. The Director of Finance is hereby designated as the official authorized to serve as the City's fiscal officer to receive funds for purposes of this program.

SECTION 4. The City Manager or the Assistant City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to make application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a grant to assist with the rehabilitation of Milam Park; granting funding may be from the Land & Water Conservation Fund Program or the Texas Local Parks Recreation and Open Space Fund Program. A copy of such application is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 5. Milam Park is hereby dedicated for public outdoor recreation purposes.

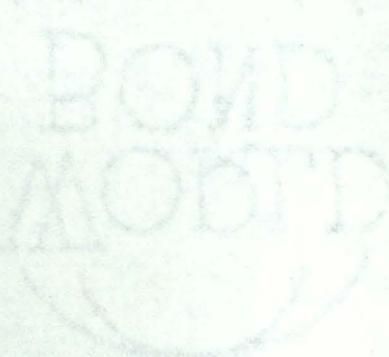
PASSED AND APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1990.

*Lita Cockrell*  
M A Y O R

ATTEST: *Anna S. Ludwig*  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: *Tom Finlay*  
City Attorney

90-31



ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
AVIATION
BUDGET & RESEARCH
BUILDING INSPECTIONS
BUILDING INSPECTIONS-HOUSE NUMBERING
CITY ATTORNEY
LUIS GARCIA, MUNICIPAL COURT
REAL ESTATE (FASNIDGE)
REAL ESTATE (WOOD)
TRIAL SECTION
CITY MANAGER
KAREN DAVIS, ASST. TO THE MANAGER
CODE COMPLIANCE
SPECIAL PROJECTS
CITY PUBLIC SERVICE
CITY PUBLIC SERVICE-MAPS & RECORDS
CITY WATER BOARD
COMMERCIAL RECORDER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (BASEMENT)
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
CONVENTION FACILITIES
DOME DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
DOWNTOWN INITIATIVES
ECONOMIC & EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT (DEED)
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
FINANCE DIRECTOR
ASSESSOR
CONTROLLER
GRANTS
RISK MANAGEMENT
TREASURY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
HUMAN RESOURCES & SERVICES
INFORMATION RESOURCES
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
LIBRARY
MARKET SQUARE
METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION (PUBLICATION)
MUNICIPAL COURTS
PARKS & RECREATION
PERSONNEL
PLANNING
ZONING ADMINISTRATION
POLICE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC UTILITIES
PUBLIC WORKS
CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGEMENT
CENTRAL MAPPING
ENGINEERING
REAL ESTATE (BILL TOUDOUZE)
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES
WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

ITEM NO. 45

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUL 19 1990

MOTION BY: Berruzabal SECONDED BY: Webb

ORD. NO. 71982 ZONING CASE \_\_\_\_\_

RESOL. \_\_\_\_\_ PETITION \_\_\_\_\_

	ROLLCALL	AYES	NAYS
MARIA BERRIOZABAL PLACE 1		✓	
JOE WEBB PLACE 2		✓	
HELEN DUTMER PLACE 3		✓	
FRANK D. WING PLACE 4		✓	
WALTER MARTINEZ PLACE 5		✓	
BOB THOMPSON PLACE 6		absent	
YOLANDA VERA PLACE 7		✓	
NELSON WOLFF PLACE 8		absent	
WEIR LABATT PLACE 9		✓	
JAMES C. HASSLOCHER PLACE 10		✓	
LILA COCKRELL PLACE 11 (MAYOR)		✓	

90-31



MILAM PARK

TRAIER DE ARTUS

**PROPOSAL FOR THE  
REVITALIZATION OF  
MILAM PARK**

**FRIENDS OF MILAM PARK  
JULY 19, 1990  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

## **Contents**

- I. Friends of Milam Park**
- II. Milam Park Steering Committee**
- III. About Milam Park: Then and Now**
- IV. Proposed Site Plan and Budget: Milam Park**
- V. The Revitalization of Milam Park: A Community Effort**
- VI. Request to the City of San Antonio**
- VII. In Support of the Revitalization of Milam Park**

**I. Friends of Milam Park**

**The Friends of Milam Park are citizens interested in revitalizing Milam Park into an alive and colorful gathering place for people of all ages and walks of life, reflecting through its design, the noble multi-cultural history and enriched traditions of San Antonio.**

**The concept of revitalizing the park began when Dr. Hugo Castañeda, Dr. Carlos Orozco, and Mr. Mike White shared an idea of a family park with a kiosk in the center. Soon after, they approached Councilwoman Maria Berriozabal and the Cortez Family, who in turn, were contemplating 'El Jardin de los Niños', a children's play area, in Milam Park.**

**Together, they initiated a series of meetings with professional, business, and community leaders who shared fond memories of this area and an enthusiastic desire to work directly in bringing this park *back to life* for children, families and senior citizens.**

## II. Milam Park Steering Committee

As a result of the overwhelming response received, the Friends of Milam Park Steering Committee was formed and consists of the following individuals:

*Dr. Carlos Orozco*  
Santa Rosa Hospital, Chief of Staff  
Steering Committee Chairperson

*Dr. Hugo Castañeda*  
Steering Committee Vice Chair

*Ms. Elaine Bela and*  
*Ms. C. Lisa Ortiz*  
DagenBela Galeria

*Father Virgil Elizondo*  
San Fernando Cathedral

*Mr. José Jimenez*  
Architect  
Saldaña & Associates

*Mr. Al Alemán*  
Aléman Foods

*Mr. Richard Garay*  
Archival Specialist

*Ms. Margie Kilpatrick*  
Advocate for San Antonio Parks  
Steering Committee Vice Chair

*Mr. George Cortez and*  
The Cortez Family  
Mi Tierra Cafe & Bakery  
Steering Committee Secretary/Treasurer

*Mr. Lionel Sosa*  
Sosa & Associates

*Mr. Humberto Saldaña*  
Architect  
Saldaña & Associates

*Mr. Frank Reed*  
Dominion Capital Group

*Mr. Anthony J. Koelker*  
Associate Administrator for  
Facilities & Services  
Santa Rosa Hospital,  
Downtown Campus

### III. Milam Park: Then and Now

Milam Park is a three-and-a-half acre, city-owned area located between Market Square and the Santa Rosa Children's Hospital. This area was designated "... for the benefit and entertainment of all the people" in the *1731 Plano de Poblacion* (town plan) of San Antonio.

In its 245-year history, Milam Park has served San Antonio as common farmlands for the early settlers, a *Camposanto* (cemetery), and as a thriving and flourishing plaza. Sadly, today, Milam Park does not enjoy the active participation of San Antonio citizens as it once did. The park was renovated in 1976, with a minimum number of benches and lighting, and the construction of decorative cement walls that are perceived more as obstacles, which block the straight-through views of the park.

On the western side of the park sit two monuments to Texas heroes, Ben Milam and Henry Karnes. On the eastern end, several monuments were erected commemorating the persons who were buried in the cemetery in this area from 1808 to about 1860.

According to the San Antonio Development Agency, there exists *no restrictions* on the use of Milam Park. The Friends of Milam Park have taken the position to preserve the statue and markers of the Texas heroes, and relocating the plaques to a more appropriate setting.

#### **IV. Proposed Site Plan and Budget: Milam Park**

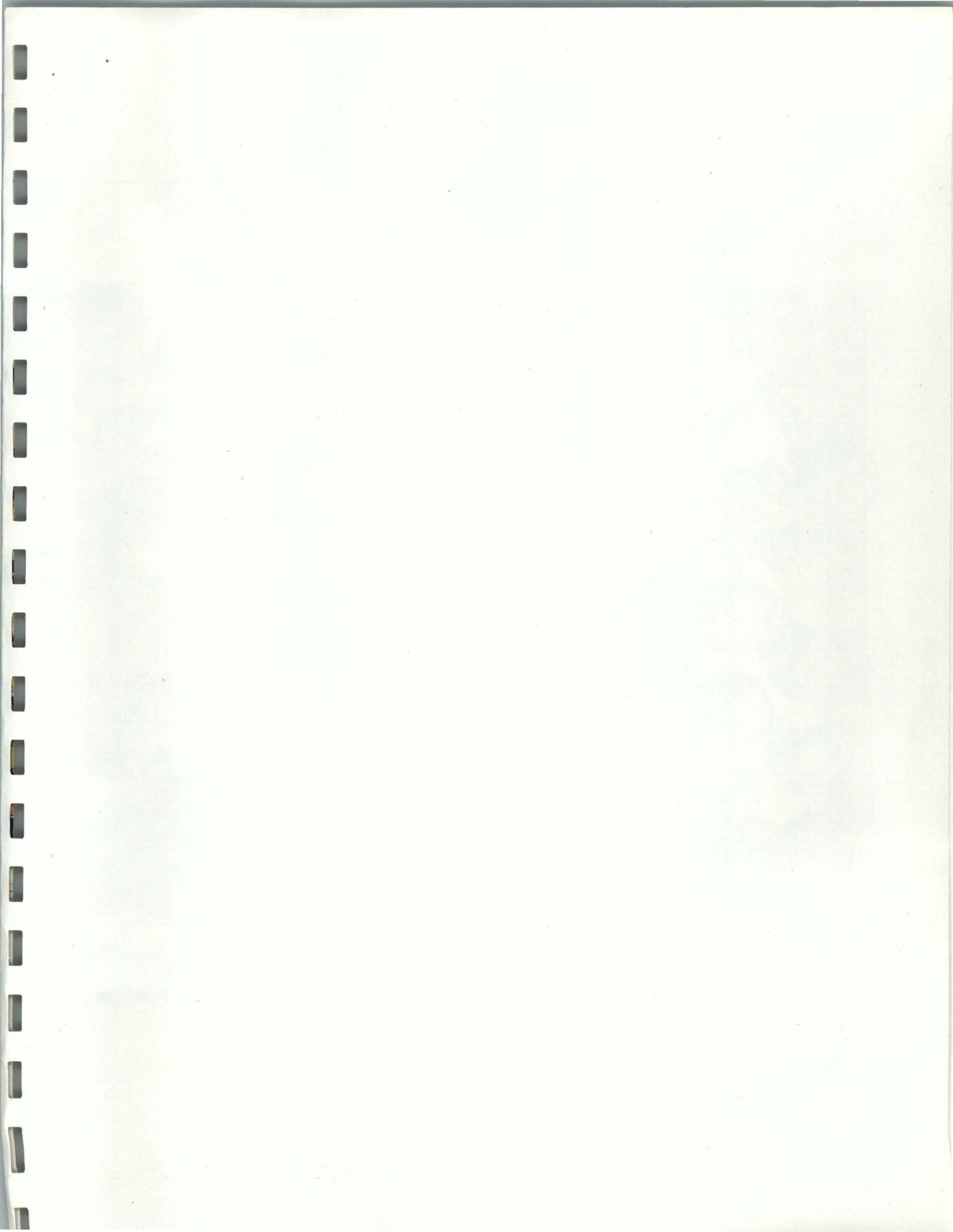
**The revitalization plan proposed for Milam Park, has several major components, that will strongly enhance the usage of the park:**

- 1) *A kiosk or pavillion* in the center of the park, surrounded by a plaza. The pavillion will be a place for gathering, for general recreational use, and as a stage for entertainment groups, i.e., the symphony or mariachis.**
- 2) *A children's playground* in the center of the park with proximity to the Santa Rosa Hospital. The playground will be especially accessible to the children of the hospital, who can be permitted outdoors for recreation.**
- 3) *A fountain* along the eastern edge of the park, will offer a cool relief from the busy intersection, and will provide a unique recreational concept for children.**
- 4) *A recreational area*, specifically designed for senior citizens will have concrete game tables and seating arranged around the game tables.**

**IV. Proposed Site Plan and Budget: Milam Park – Continued**

- 5) *A family picnic area, with concrete tables and seating, located adjacent to the children's playground.***
- 6) *An historical area, paying special tribute to the Milam Statue, the Karnes Marker, and the commemorative plaques of the cemetery.***
- 7) *The addition of trees, seating, appropriate lighting, restrooms, and water fountains in the park, will also enhance the quality of the park environment.***

**A key element of the project is the participation of the Santa Rosa Hospital visitors, patients and employees, as well as, neighborhood residents and the thousands of persons employed downtown.**

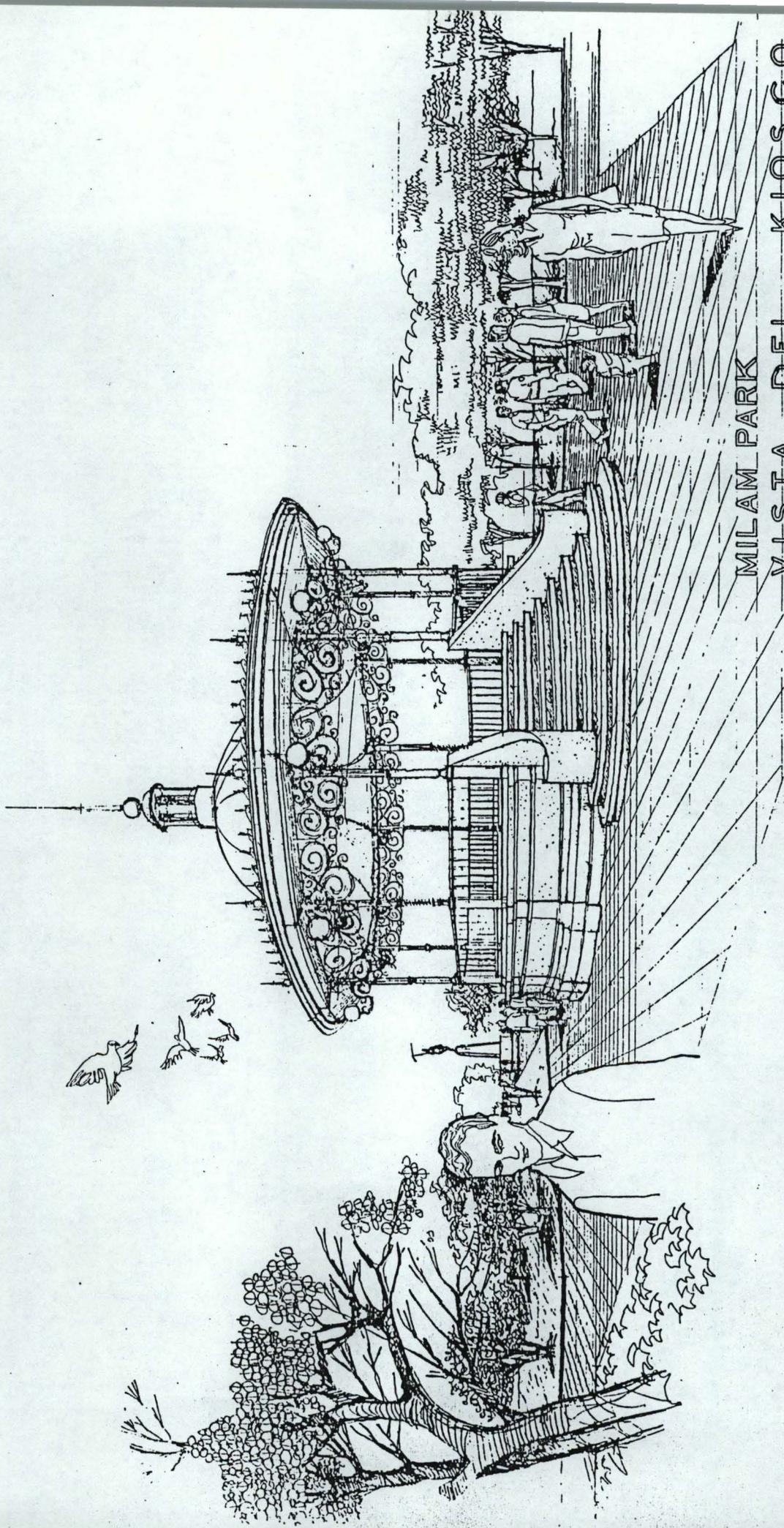


## **V. The Revitalization of Milam Park: A Community Effort**

**Friends of Milam Park has formed a strong alliance with diverse community leaders, neighborhood associations and the City of San Antonio. From the onset, Friends of Milam Park has provided a focal point for a larger-based community effort by bringing into this group many interested persons who wish to directly participate in this project.**

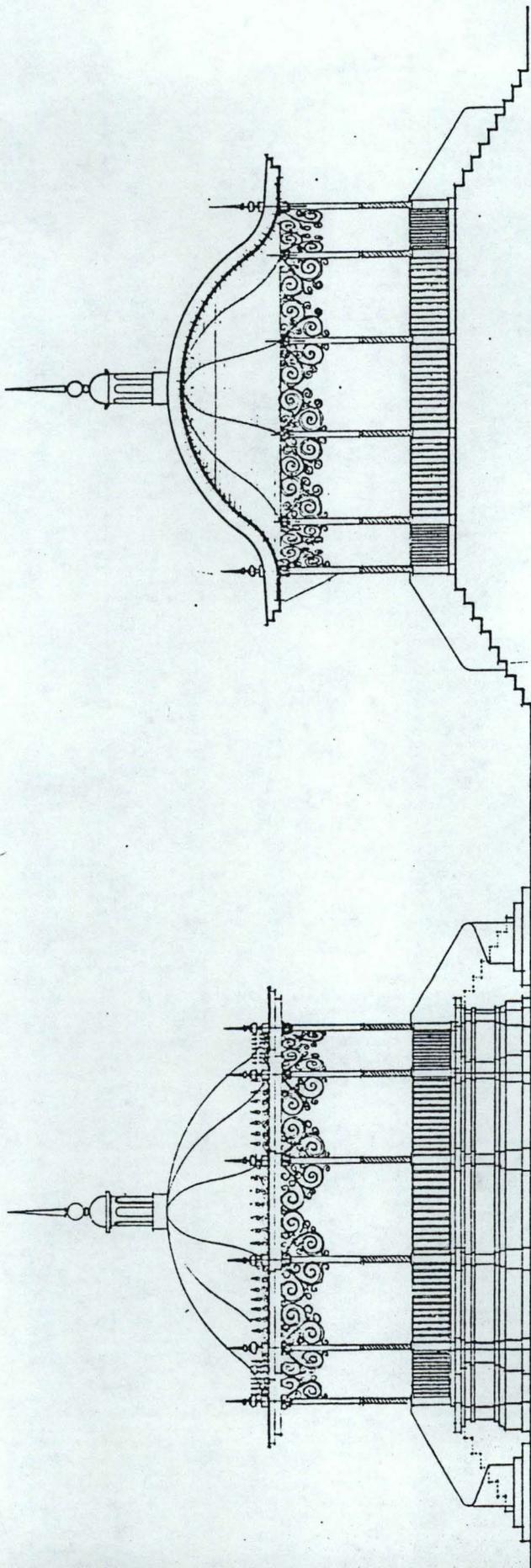
**The San Antonio Park Foundation has endorsed the revitalization of Milam Park and has offered the Foundation as a vehicle for fundraising.**

**Some of the most significant contributions to-date have come from the Milam Park Steering Committee. Technical, architectural and professional assistance has been donated to this project by Humberto Saldaña and José Jimenez of Saldaña & Associates; Lionel Sosa of Sosa & Associates and Frank Reed of the Dominion Capital Group. This, along with the time and effort that each of the Steering Committee members have made individually, emphasizes the commitment that has been made to the Milam Park project.**



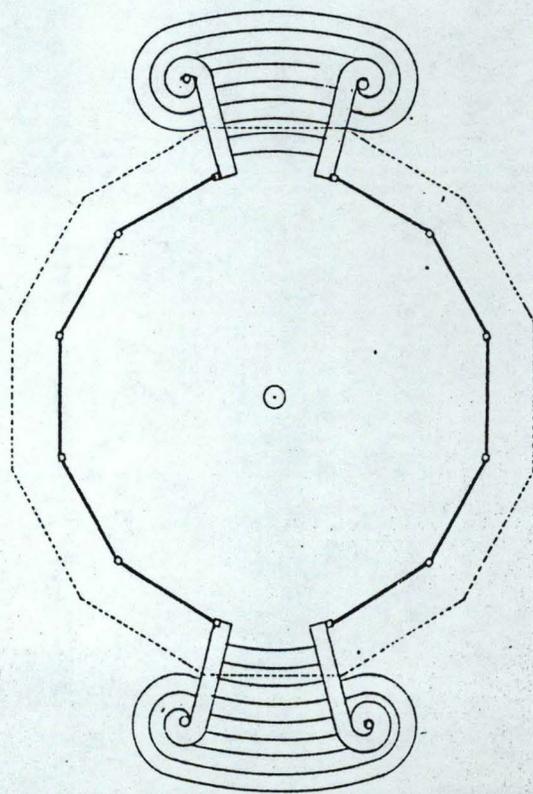
MILAM PARK  
VISTA DEL KIOSCO

GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO DE JALISCO,  
SALVADOR DE ALBA Y ASOCIADOS



SECCION

ELEVACION



PLANTA

MILAM PARK  
 KIOSCO EN SAN ANTONIO TEXAS  
 GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO DE JALISCO  
 SALVADOR DE ALBA Y ASOCIADOS



**VI. Request to the City of San Antonio**

**Taking into account the proposal to revitalize Milam Park at an estimated cost of \$600,000, the Friends of Milam Park appeal to the City of San Antonio for authorization to apply to the State of Texas for matching grant funds.**

**The Friends of Milam Park have pledged their full support and efforts in raising the necessary private funds and/or applicable services to match the contribution that may be granted by the State.**

**Professional services and assistance can apply towards a matching grant, and fundraising efforts are currently in the planning stages for the project.**

**With the approval and endorsement of the Proposal for the Revitalization of Milam Park, and the authorization for State funds, the Friends of Milam Park will be able to form a positive working partnership with the City, that will lead to the success of this project, for the benefit and enjoyment of all the people of San Antonio.**

**VII. In Support of the Revitalization of Milam Park**

To date, the following persons have been briefed on the Revitalization of Milam Park and have expressed approval and support:

***Humberto Hernández Haddad***

Consul General de Mexico

***Mr. Frank Sepulveda***

West Coast Produce

***Mr. Winston Martin***

San Antonio Development Agency

***Mr. Tom Frost***

Frost Bank

***Ms. Jane Foster***

San Antonio Conservation Society

***Mr. Dennis O'Malley***

San Antonio Parks Foundation

***Ms. Dora Salinas, Mr. Nick Peña,***

***Mr. Ruben Munguía, Mr. Joe Van de Walle, Jr.***

Market Square Commission

***Dr. Domingo Padilla***

Hispano American Society of Physicians

***Mr. George Casseb***

Westside Bank

***Miss Adela Navarro***

***Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guerra***

***Mrs. Gloria V. Cadena***

***Dr. Fernando Guerra***

***Dr. Joaquín Gonzalez***

***Mr. Armando Sanchez***

(cover artist)

***Mr. Richard Hinojosa***

Plaza Bank

***Ms. Yolanda Arellano***

Waterman Broadcasting

***Mr. Russell Kyse***

Kyse & Associates

***Dr. Richard Rodriguez***

Mexican American

Physicians Assoc.

***Mssrs. Charles Van Vorst,***

***John P. Bel, Alex White,***

***Mike White***

Santa Rosa Hospital