



# PLAN PUNTA GORDA

2019 CITY-WIDE MASTER PLAN



## GILCHRIST PARK ACTIVITY CENTER: OPEN HOUSE

3/13/2019

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR  
11

## Charrette: Kick Off & Hands-On Design Session

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First United Methodist Church

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# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

# 500 PARTICIPANTS!

Hands-On Design Sessions – Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

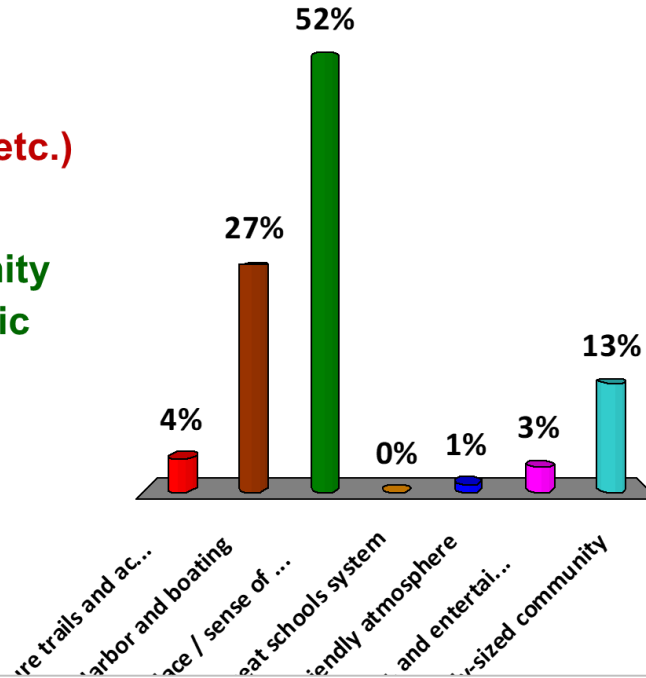


# SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY INPUT

Charrette Kick-Off Presentation – Morning Session

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5. Family-friendly atmosphere
6. Shops, dining, and entertainment
7. Optimally-sized community

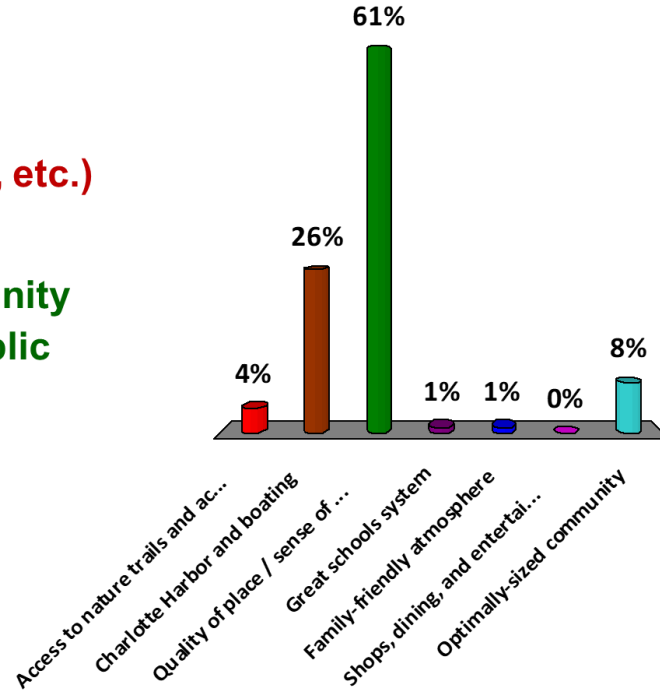


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Charrette Kick-Off Presentation – Evening Session

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# ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE PUNTA GORDA TODAY:







# PREVIOUS COMMUNITY INPUT & PLANS

## Establishing the Design Options

2018

Gilchrist Park Activity Center  
Project Report



**TEAM Punta Gorda**  
Volunteers For A Better Community

2/7/2018

## PUNTA GORDA WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN 2018



### Historic District HOA Reply to Boaters Alliance Waterfront Master Plan (version 2; updated Jan 9, 2019 after meeting with the Boaters Alliance)

#### Introduction

This document, prepared on behalf of the Punta Gorda Historic District Home Owners Association, presents recommendations regarding what the City of Punta Gorda should do to effectively manage waterfront development. It was prepared in response to the Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance's *Punta Gorda Waterfront Development Master Plan 2018* (reference 1). Our recommendations concentrate on management of anchoring, mooring fields, and shoreside facilities for anchored and moored (in a mooring field) boats.

#### Users

Preparation of a management plan begins with an understanding of the users who will be impacted by the management plan. For anchoring, mooring fields, and associated shoreside support services and facilities the users are boaters and boats that need to be divided into three groups:

- Visiting boaters
- "Boat dwellers" (typically called live-aboards - more to follow...)
- Stored boats

#### Visiting Boaters

This is the user group that the Boaters Alliance appears to be thinking about in their *Punta Gorda Waterfront Development Master Plan 2018*. A visiting boater is one who typically stays 10 days or less. Currently they can get a slip at Fisherman's Village or Laisley Marina, get a mooring ball at the mooring field east of the bridge, or anchor east of the bridge outside of the mooring field or west of the bridge off Gilchrist Park. If it's a larger sailboat with a mast over 45' (per NOAA chart 11426; some claim it's really 42') the options are a slip at Fisherman's Village and anchoring off Gilchrist Park. They come ashore, see the sights, and spend money at restaurants, bars and shops. If they are responsible boaters they don't discharge sewage into our waterways. From HOA members who overlook the anchorage there are, at most, one or two visiting boaters per week.

#### Visiting Boaters - PROS:

- Spend money in Punta Gorda restaurants, bars and shops.

#### Visiting Boaters - CONS:

- None - as long as they don't discharge sewage into the water.

#### Boat Dwellers

Boat dwellers anchor off the waterfront and live aboard their boat. They stay for extended periods of time: months and sometimes years. One of these boats has been anchored off Gilchrist Park for over 5 years.



**INITIAL  
DESIGN  
CONCEPTS**

# DESIGN OPTIONS TO BE EXPLORED

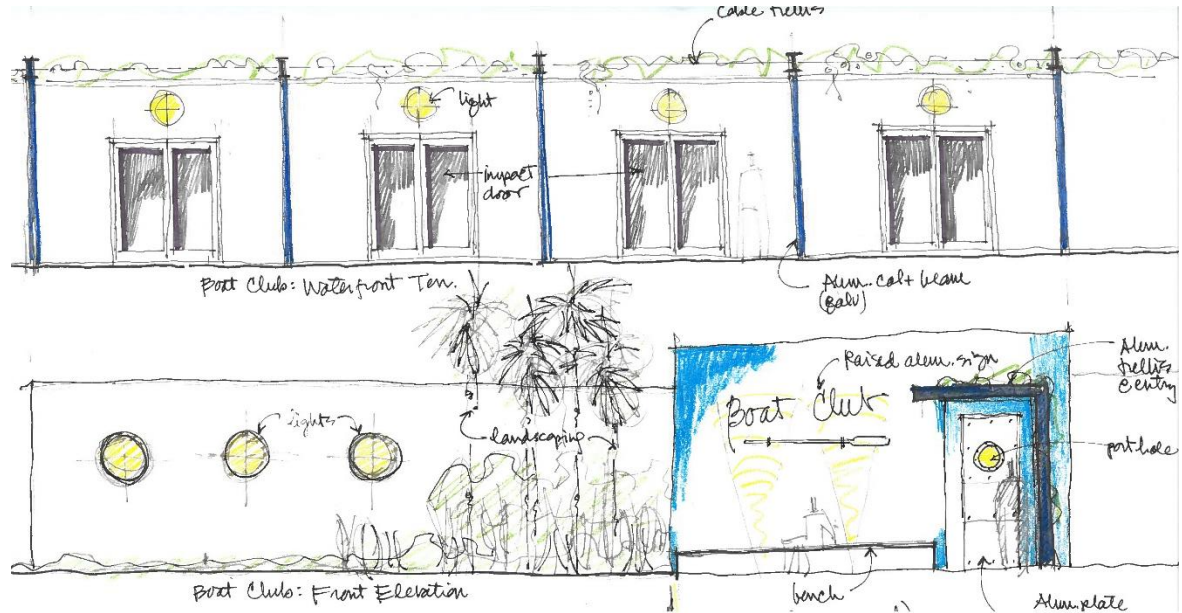
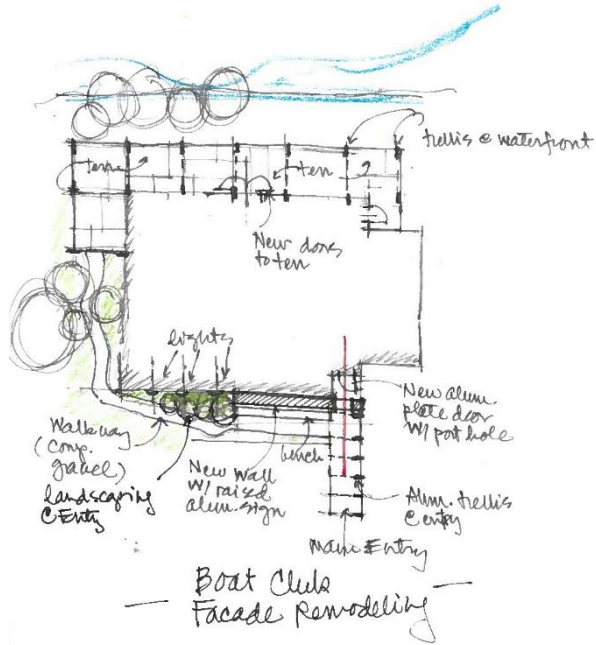
## 4 Concepts for Bayfront Center & Boat Club

1. Renovate the existing buildings
2. Replace existing buildings with one larger building that accommodates all users and community-desired activities
3. Replace existing buildings with one modest building that accommodates some users and activities (primarily those that are water-related)
4. Replace existing buildings with landscaping and park elements, such as covered patios and picnic areas

# OPTION 1: RENOVATE EXISTING BUILDINGS

## Initial Study: Boat Club Renovation Plan & Elevation

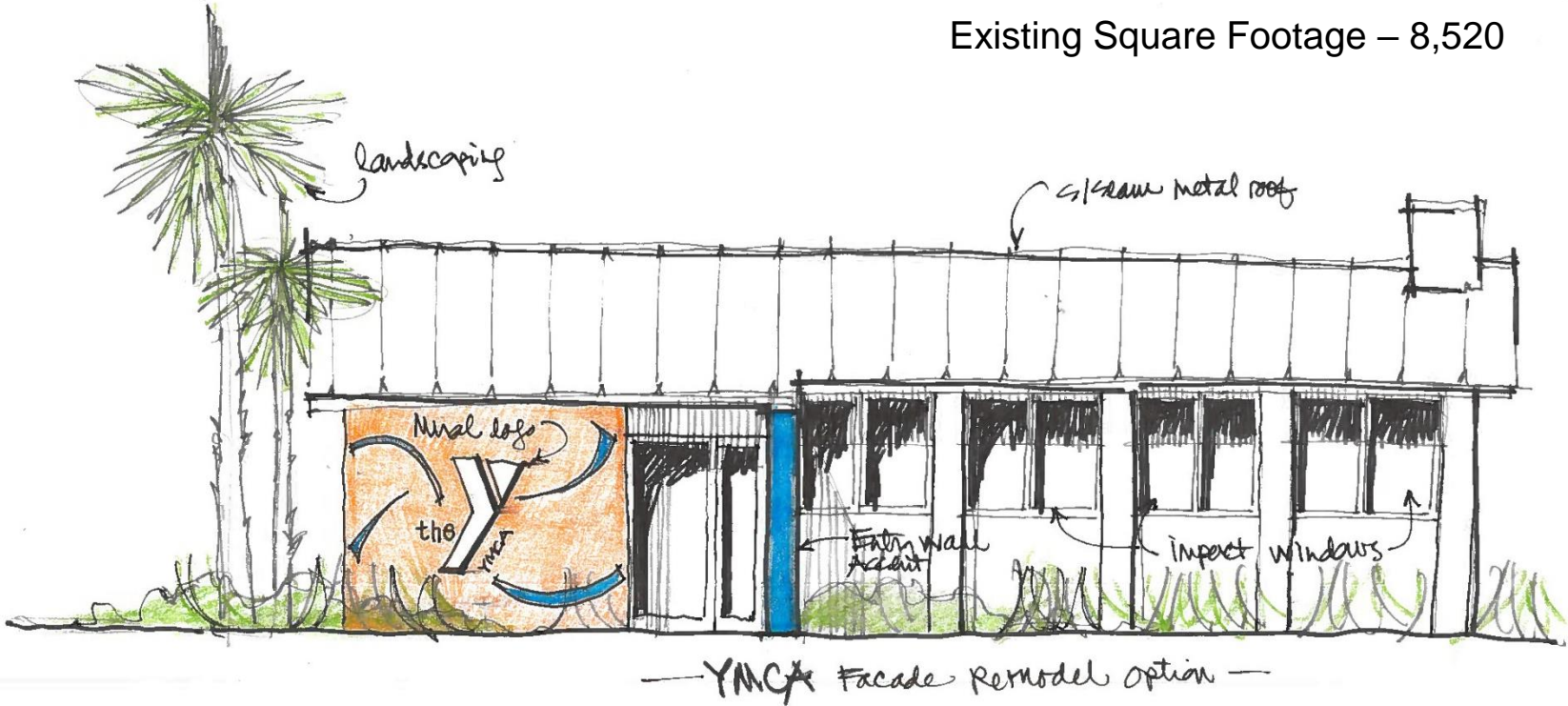
Existing Square Footage – 4,230



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Initial Study: Bayfront Center Elevation

Existing Square Footage – 8,520



# OPTION 2: REPLACE WITH NEW LARGER BUILDING

Sketch A: Site Plan

AMPHITHEATER

Square Footage – 11,675 (Indoor, A/C)  
12,300 (Courtyard/Veranda)

GRAVEL GROVE

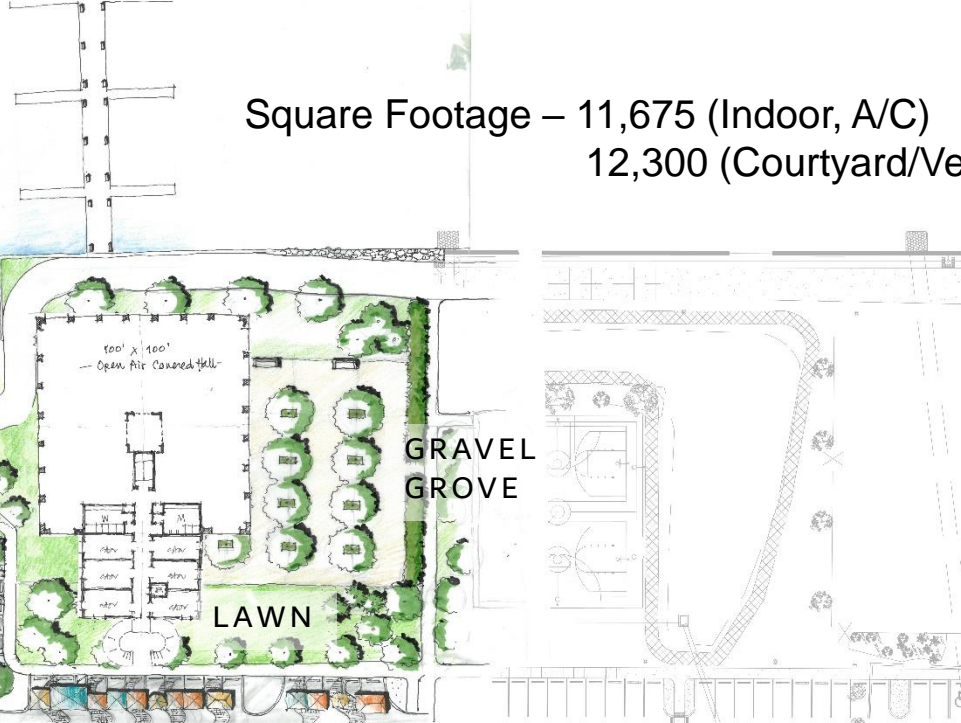
LAWN

# OPTION 2: REPLACE WITH NEW LARGER BUILDING

Sketch B: Site Plan

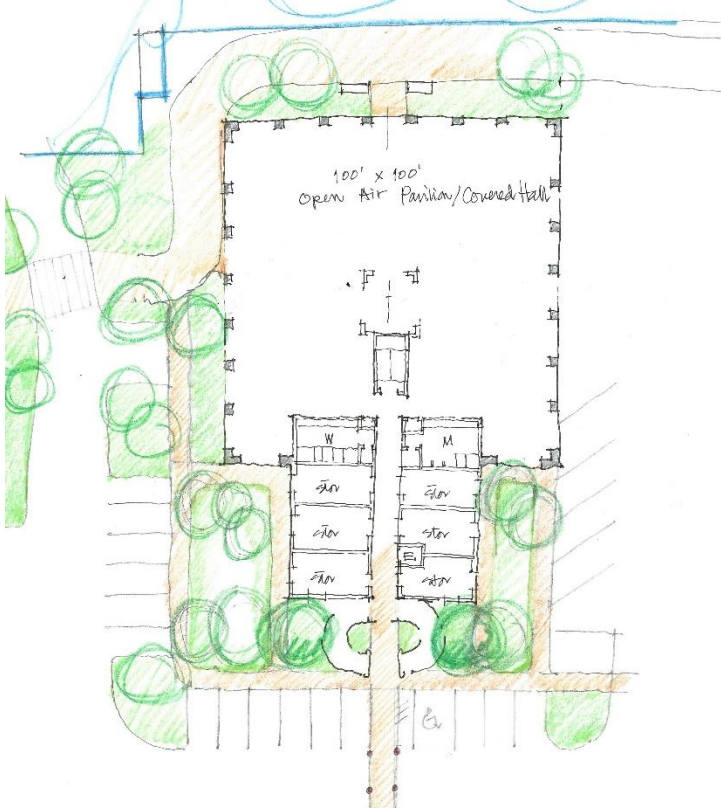


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## Sketch B: Site Plan Zoom

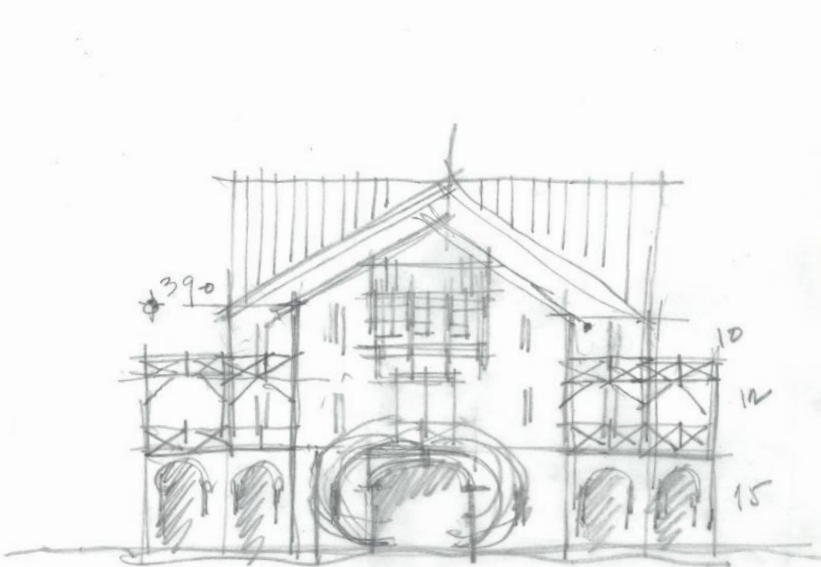


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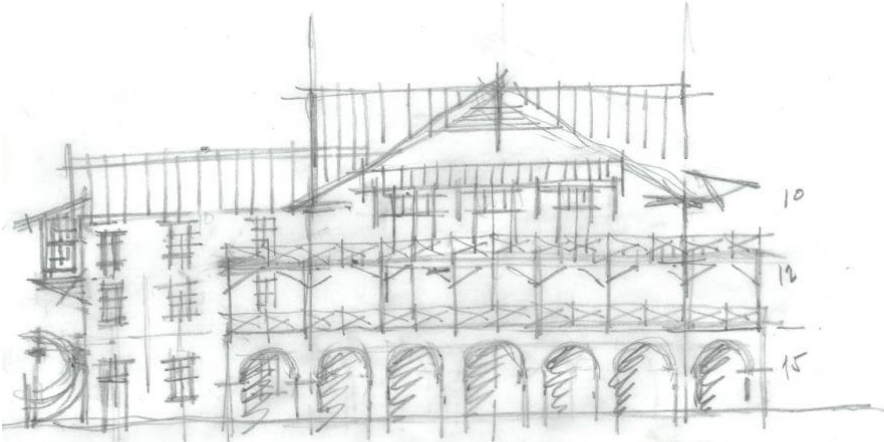


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## Sketch A: Building Elevations



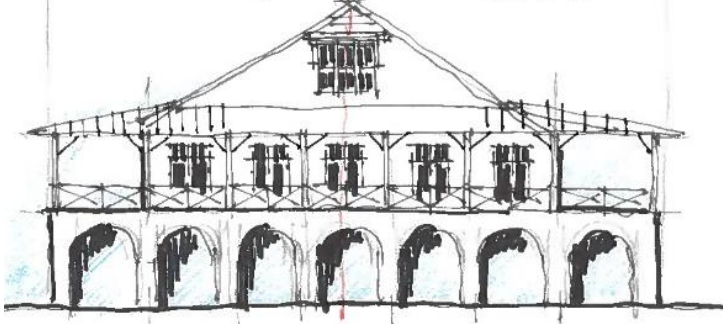
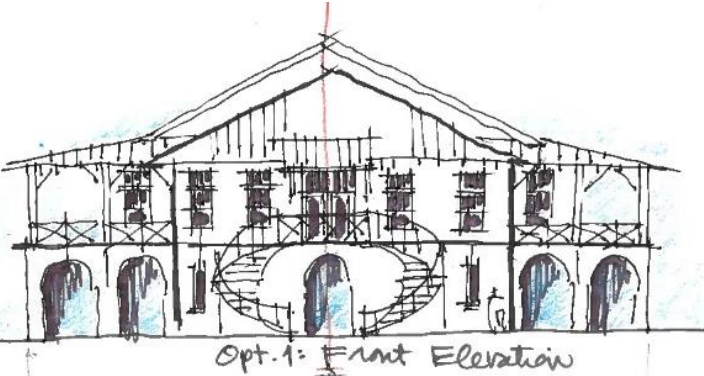
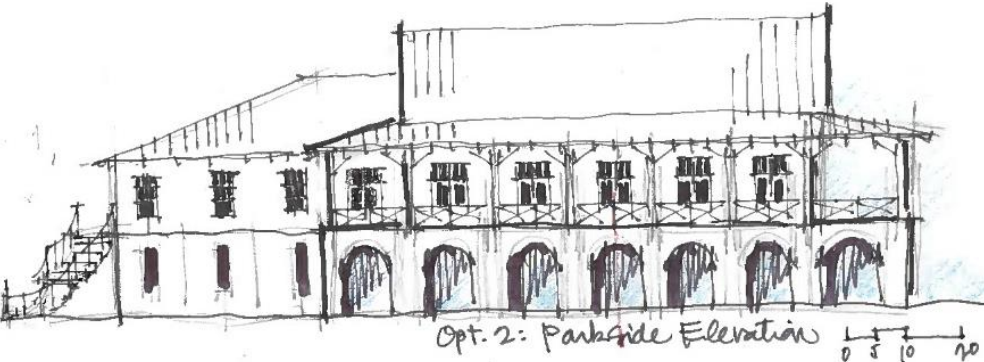
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— Parkside Elev —  
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## Sketch B: Building Elevations



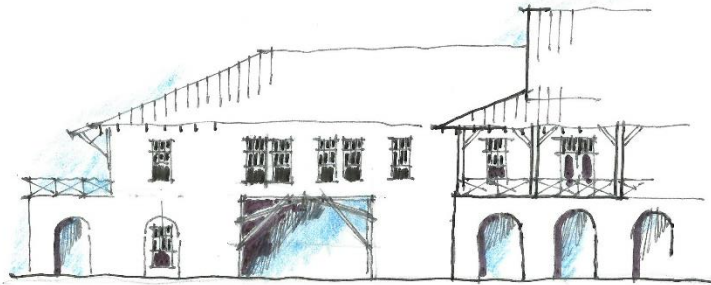
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## Sketch C: Building Elevations & Site Plan

Option 1a: Street-oriented Bldg  
(straddles parking)

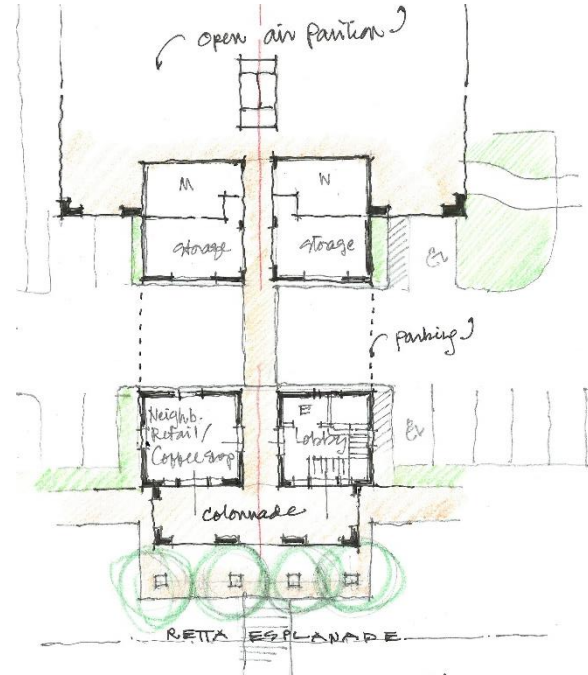


Opt 1a: partial front elev.



Opt 1a: partial right elev.

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# OPTION 3: REPLACE WITH NEW MODEST BUILDING

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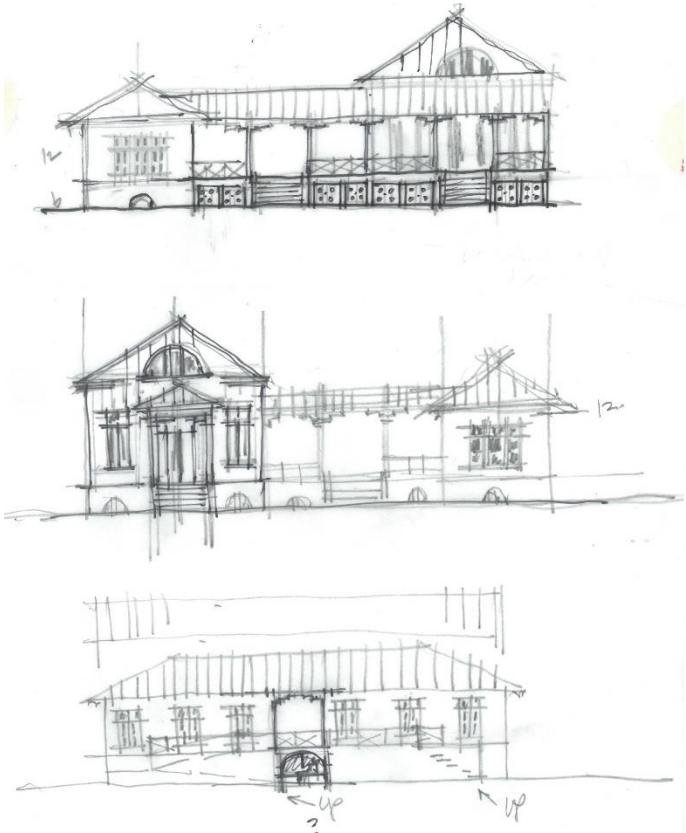
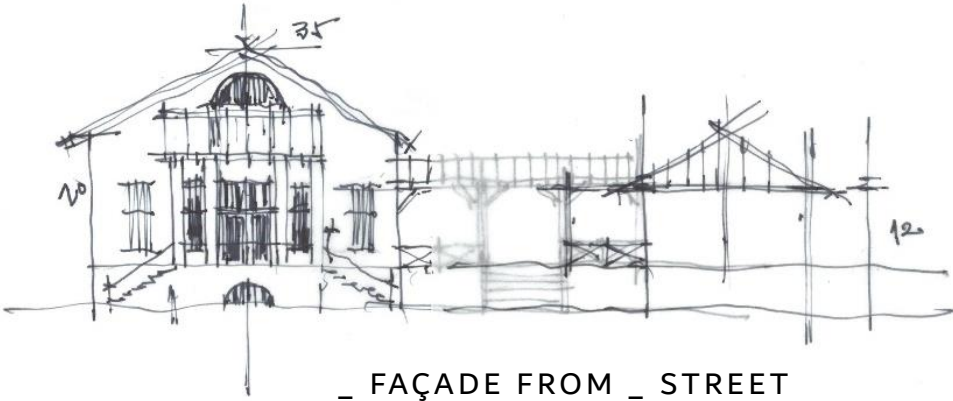
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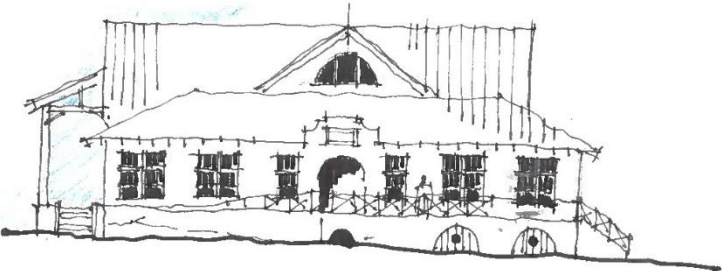
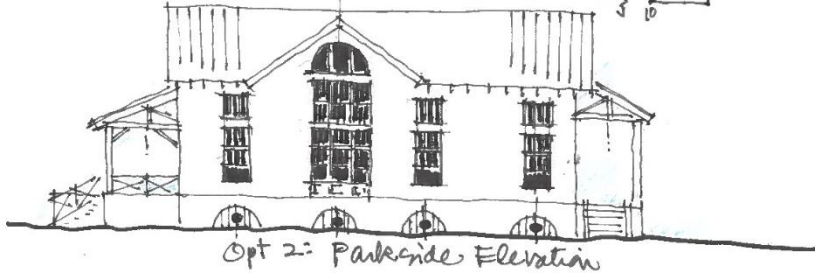
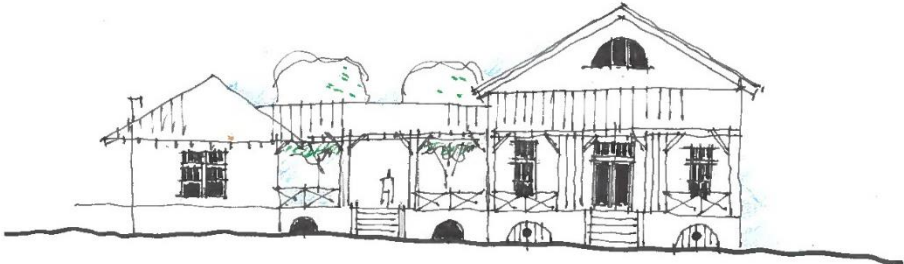
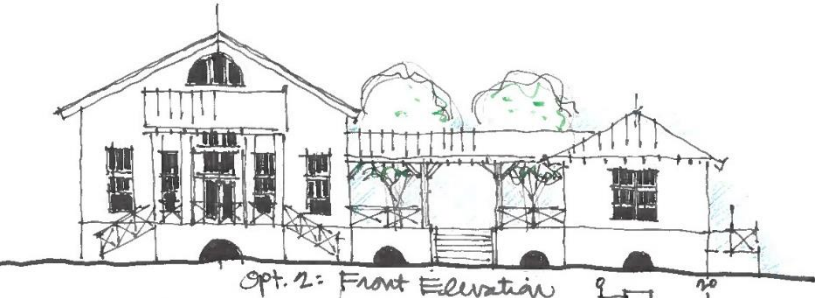
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## Sketch B: Building Elevations



# OPTION 4 : REPLACE WITH LANDSCAPING ELEMENTS





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VIEW 1 FROM THE PARKING  
PLAZA LOOKING NORTH



# OPTION 4 : REPLACE WITH LANDSCAPING ELEMENTS

View 2 looking towards the Harbor & Picnic Pavilion



# VISUAL PREFERENCES: PAVING OPTIONS



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