



# De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization

## Joint Meeting of the Advisory Committee and HLC

# Goal for Today

Discuss the design and achieve consensus  
on moving the project forward



# Areas of Agreement

| Things We Generally Agree On                              | Working Towards Resolution          |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Closing the plaza and De La Guerra Street to vehicles     | Arcade feature                      |
| Plaza all on one level, building to building              | Surface materials selection         |
| The need for restrooms                                    | Restrooms located in Storke Placita |
| Integrating arts, historic components, and cultures       | Water Feature Design                |
| Enhancing the City Hall/Anacapa Street frontage landscape |                                     |
| Underground trash management system                       |                                     |
| Trees, tree-wells with seating                            |                                     |
| Improved lighting   |                                     |

# Recap of Previous Advisory Committee Meeting

- ✓ **Arcade is desired.** General preference is for compact footprint with shed roof, located further back (towards parking lot).
- ✓ **Water Feature is desired.**
- ✓ **Agreement that lawn is not appropriate**



# Grass

## City of Santa Barbara's Position on Grass in De La Guerra Plaza:

1. The City's **Landscape Standards for Water Conservation** require that the landscaped area of non-residential projects shall be designed without the use of decorative turf and with 100% water wise plants. The only exceptions would be for active recreation, such as sports fields.
2. The City's **Municipal Green Building Policy** states that new and renovated City facilities will be designed without the use of decorative turf unless approved for recreational purposes.
3. Water Wise Landscaping is supported by the **Guidelines for the El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District** and the **Historic Resource Design Guidelines**.
4. Recycled water is not in the area, the closest being a water main near SBHS (~3,370 linear feet) and the projected cost would exceed \$850,000 to bring recycled water to the Plaza.
5. Grass requires water, maintenance and time to regrow after major events, such as Fiesta (~3 months).
6. Based on the above, City Administration, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Community Development will **not** support grass in the proposed design.
7. Not having grass was unanimously agreed to by the Advisory Committee.

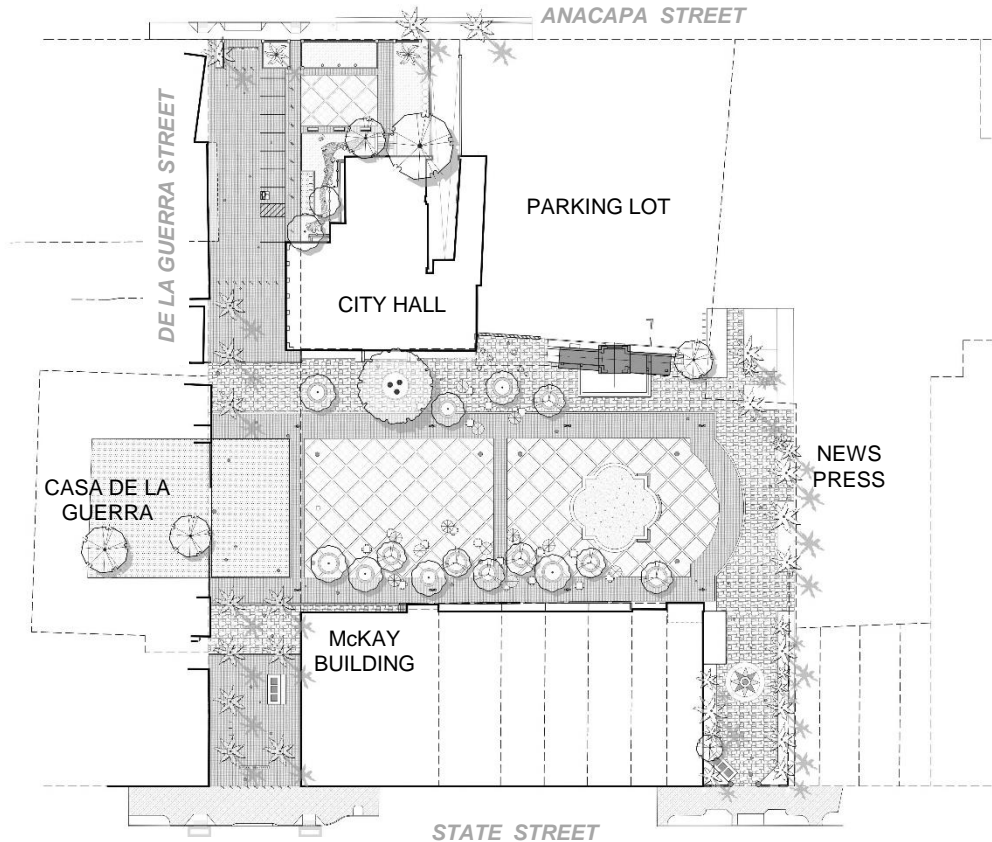


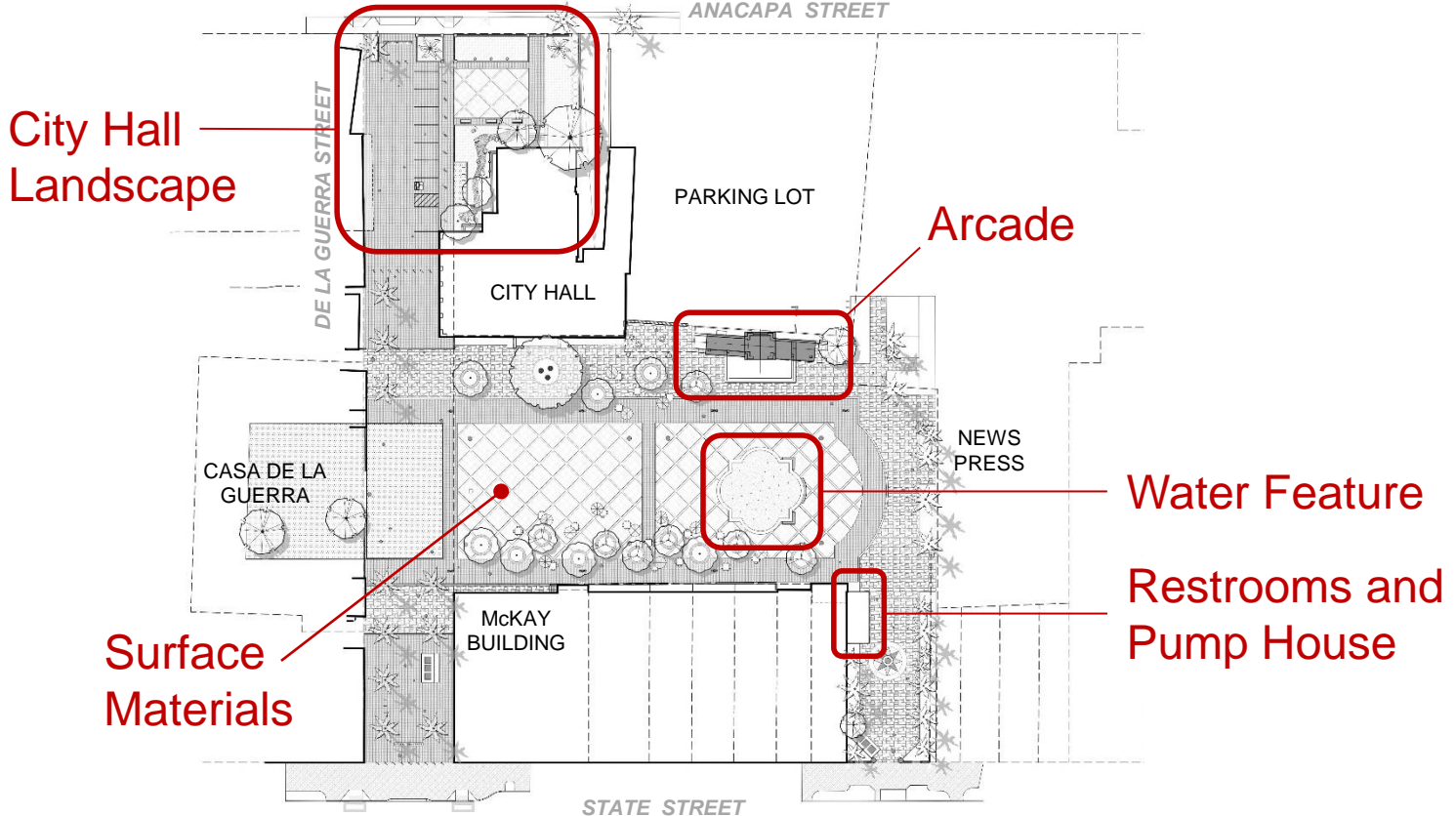
# Grass

Preliminary historical  
overview of turf at  
De La Guerra Plaza  
by Post/Hazeltine

c. early-mid 1940s

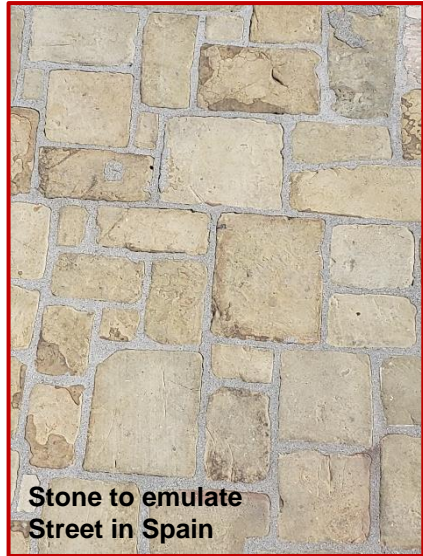
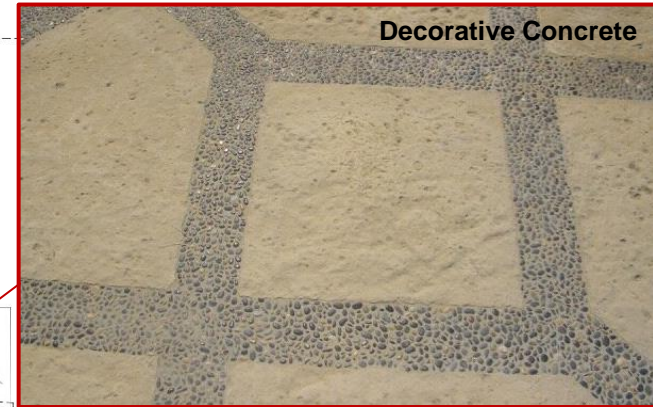
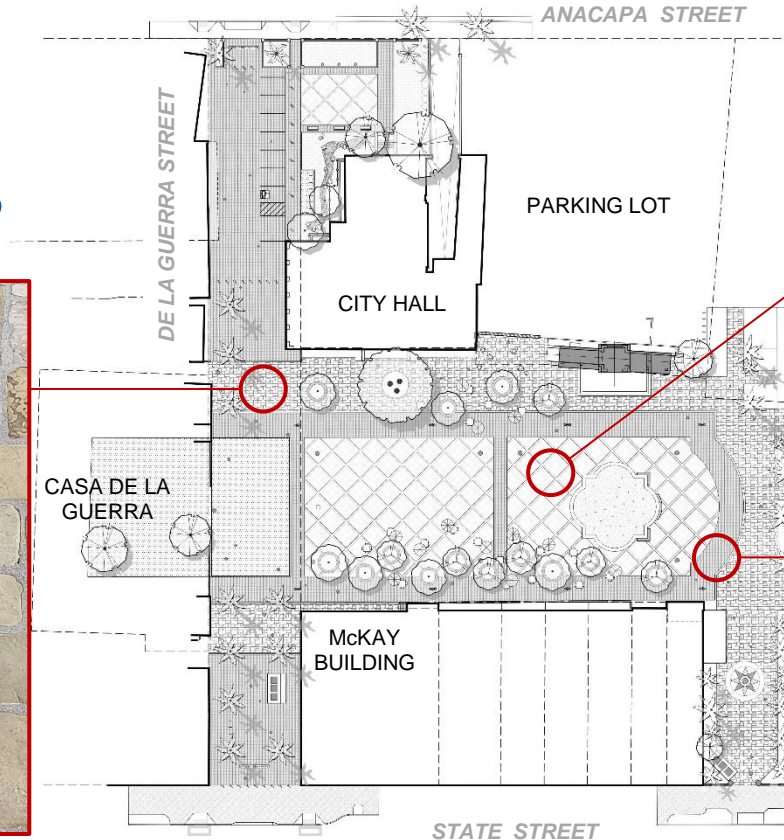




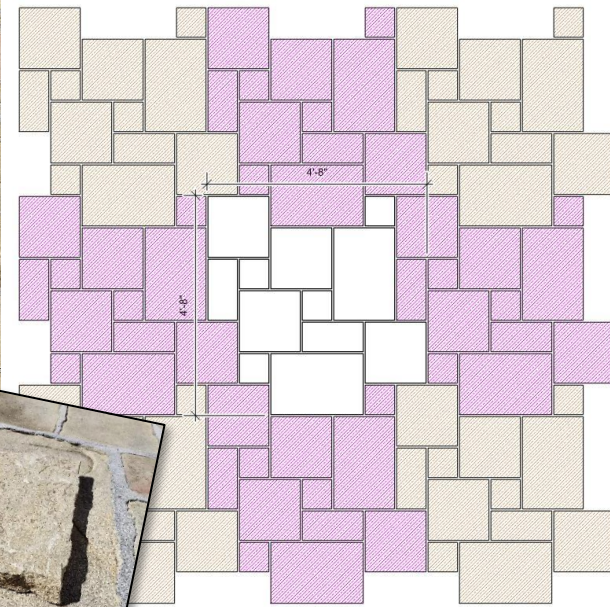
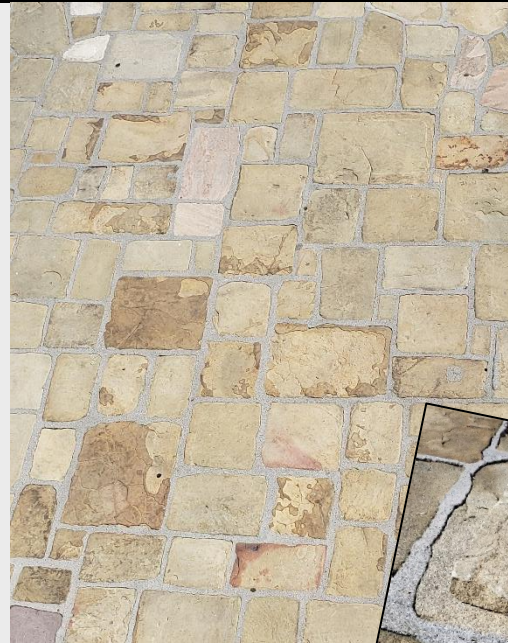




# Surface Materials



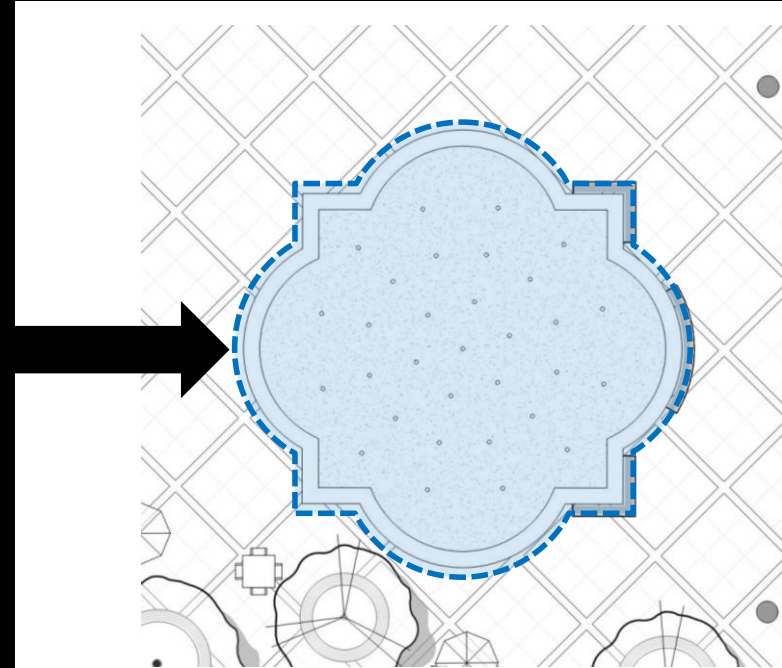




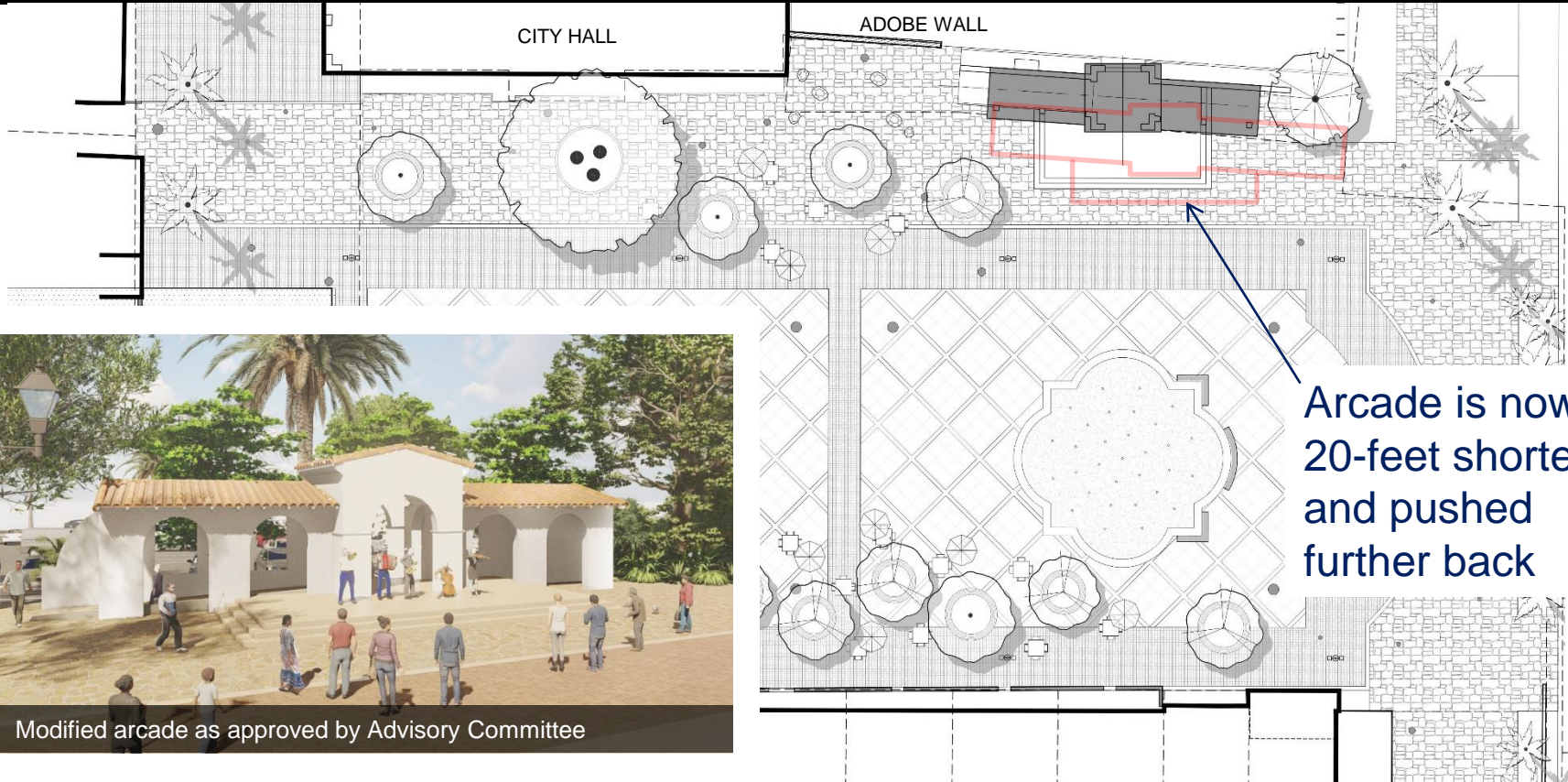
Detail courtesy of Steve Hausz

## Street in Spain





**Paving at Water Feature**  
Opportunity for art (such as a mosaic)





# Design Concept



View of arcade  
looking toward News  
Press Building

# Design Concept



View of water  
feature with News  
Press Building in  
background





# Design Concept

View of Storke  
Placita looking  
towards State Street  
with new restrooms



# Design Concept

View of renovated  
City Hall landscape  
with demonstration  
gardens







# Design Concept

Birds-eye view of  
Plaza looking west



# Input from Advisory Committee Members



# Public Comment



- **Questions from HLC**
- **Moderated Group Discussion**



# Next Steps

1. Create a Sub-Committee for Art in the Plaza
  - Art
  - History and Interpretation
2. PRT Process
3. HLC Concept Review



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