

# MARKET SQUARE PARK BRINGING LIFE TO THE CROSSROADS OF A HISTORIC DISTRICT PARK

HOUSTON MARKET SQUARE

## CONCEPT DIAGRAM #1

### PROS

- Larger consolidated lawn area for more flexible uses, i.e. small scale recreation, bigger programming & events.
- Art pieces maintain their location.
- Main plaza at corner is more visible, integrated with the sidewalk, and likewise a better area to showcase the history photo tiles and remnant masonry materials.

### CONS

- Formal “center” and symmetry is lost.
- Some corners of the park have more prominence than others.
- Highest activity area is closest to Preston Street redevelopment site. Potential future construction may cause disturbances and pollution on this high activity area.

## CONCEPT DIAGRAM #2

### PROS

- Circulation patterns and art piece locations are maintained - working with the original layout of the artists' vision.
- Each corner has equal prominence.
- Fewer infrastructure changes - two of the grass triangles can be maintained as is.
- The square's history is better dispersed throughout the park, with the history photo tiles spread throughout the garden areas and remnant masonry pieces at each corner gateway.
- Garden areas provide an attractive, but permeable edge to the east and west sides of the park, also buffering the dining plaza from traffic.

### CONS

- Lawn space divided and decreased - fewer opportunities for bigger recreational and/or programmatic activities.
- More garden areas will require more maintenance.
- Main Plaza is disconnected from the sidewalk.

## CONCEPT DIAGRAM #3

### PROS

- Re-interprets the four equal quadrants of the current design.
- More greenspace overall, although divided into two areas.
- Active plaza is in highly visible location that supports existing retail concentration.
- Four art tiled benches maintain their locations, and are showcased more as focal points with the new circulation patterns.
- A north-south promenade showcasing the history photo tiles and remnant masonry pieces become a major attraction of the park.

### CONS

- Slight relocation of center art piece deviates from original concept of artists.
- Lawn space divided - less opportunity for bigger recreational and/or programmatic activities.