Civic Center Plaza Playgrounds
imagining a new place to play

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What We Heard: A lot
Civic Stage
Flex-Rec Spot
Playscape

How do we fit in?
Develop Plaza ‘Synergy’ zones
Playscape project goals

- play for all ages
- give them a reason to come
- give them a reason to stay
Playscape Elements

playgrounds
Existing playgrounds
Playscape Design

Proposed Playground Footprint and Area of Work
Civic Center Playground Goals

- Create an inviting, inspiring, fun and safe place for families
- Create unique and artful play spaces that fit with the scale of Civic Center
- Increase programming opportunities with cultural institutions
- Engage and activate children’s sense of play
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA PLAYGROUNDS

imagine a new place to play

surprise + delight
retreat + escape
explore + roam
experiment + investigate
challenge + thrill

How does this feel? How might this look?
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Playground Design / What We Heard

- **Equal**: Two Equally Great Play Areas
- **Inclusive**: Play for all, each playground includes all ages and abilities
- **Safe and Secure**: Playgrounds are enclosed and well lit with open sight-lines
- **More Fun!**: Play experiences are enriched
- **Location**: Playgrounds are next to other key destinations
- **Key experiences**: Include swinging, sliding, connection to nature
- **Comfort**: Add seating, picnic tables, shade
Design Exploration:

natural phenomena
light. wind. fog. hills. water. shadow

culture
language. arts. music.

spatial context
scale. proportion. symmetry
1. Inspiration
1. Cloud Forest
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main play feature: slide ribbon
1. Cloud Forest
   main play feature: climbing cloud

inspiration images
1. Cloud Forest
smaller play features

inspiration images
1. Cloud Forest enclosure + canopy
1. Cloud Forest

trees + planting
1. Cloud Forest site diagram
1. Cloud Forest play diagram
2. Inspiration
2. Discover Island
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main play feature: Crow’s Nest
2. Discover island main play feature: Farallones

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thank you