Site Description

Minneapolis: South 3rd St & Portland Ave
Emergency shelter & services for homeless
Programming for children & adults
90 families seeking refuge

Interior spaces:
- 10-story, 99-room facility, avg 345 people
- welcoming, comforting & supportive

Exterior spaces:
- ~9000 sq ft parking (64 ft x 144 ft)
- kiddy park / playground
- utilitarian & deteriorating

History

Renovations completed in 2002
Rapidly evolving neighborhood
Condominiums, sport stadiums, new hotel
Building value low vs. increasing land value
Adults share 3/4 of common area w/ children

Vision

Improve welcome space & curb appeal
Change outside perception of homelessness
Change identity for people supported
Relieve pressure & support life balance

Multiple options - triple value matrix:
- social
- environmental
- economic

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Design Needs & Opportunities

Retain
- Loading dock access
- High resiliency to foot traffic & unintentional abuse
- Lockable playground fence

Remove:
- Approx ½ of current parking

Redesign:
- Paver walls & beds
- Adult social space w/ view of children
- Bicycle storage
- Vehicle drive-thru access
- Natural / organic elements
- Large-muscle activity area
Concept Development

- GABION WALL
  - RECYCLED MATERIAL FILL
  - MULTI-FUNCTION
  - SEATING
  - SPACE-DEFINING
  - GREEN SPACE

CONCRETE, WOOD & POLYCARBONATE CANOPY
- SHELTER FROM RAIN & SNOW
- INTEGRATED SEATING
- VIEW OF PLAY AREA

GABION WALL & GRASS
- RAISED EDGES TO DEFINE EDGE
- SEATING FACING TOWARD & AWAY FROM SITE

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- SHELTER FROM RAIN & SNOW
- INTEGRATED SEATING
- VIEW OF PLAY AREA

SOFTEN EDGES AT PERIMETER WITH GRASSES AND SEATING

PERMEABLE PAVING
FLEX SURFACE FOR PLAYING & DRIVING

PLAY HILLS
FLEX SURFACE FOR PLAYING & DRIVING

SOUTH THIRD STREET

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ALTERNATE LAYOUT
COMPLETELY REMOVE VEHICLE ACCESS ACROSS PLAY AREA WITH NEW CURB CUT

PLAY GROUND
CANOPY
RUBBER PLAY SURFACE
PERMEABLE PAVING
GRASS
SEATING WALL WITH PLANTINGS

EXISTING BUILDING
PORTLAND AVENUE
SOUTH 3RD STREET

CANOPY

PLAY GROUND

RUBBER PLAY SURFACE

PERMEABLE PAVING

GRASS

SEATING WALL WITH PLANTINGS

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- LARGE CANOPY TO PROTECT GUESTS FROM WEATHER
- VIEWS OF SEATING AND PLAY AREAS
- RAISED WALKWAY GIVING PRIORITY TO PEDESTRIANS
- LARGER PLAY AREA
- GREEN SPACE

VIEW FROM THIRD STREET