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This journey, that started back in 1977 as an Architectural Technologist, carried me to the University of Manitoba for a brief period to study in the Faculty of Architecture, Environmental Studies, and finally in 1995 to the RAIC Syllabus Program. This was a path not recommended by anyone but one that I chose to follow. I cannot express in words the gratitude to my wife Maria, who started this journey with me when she was in the Syllabus program. Also, my son Markus, who though only two years, came to the understanding that "daddy is busy", whenever I retreated to my office to work on this thesis. Sacrifice is expected by a student of the RAIC Syllabus program, but all my loved ones, they too walked the path that never seemed to end. Though I have now completed my thesis, I realize my journey has simply passed another milestone. As hard as this was, I have accomplished what I had promised myself in 1995- to complete what I had started, an Education in Architecture.

Introduction

This design of a "Gathering Place Market for a Winnipeg Community" intends to provide a community focal point, a marketplace, and a gathering center all integrated into one facility. The community is made up of urban families and individuals who have the potential to interact on an intimate level - in a sociological sense a neighborhood. A gathering place (a scenic and circulation center - nexus) is provided around where the community can carry out a variety of activities or other functions. One primary function is the marketplace where by its character reinforces the social interaction of the community. Its basic scheme includes both built and natural environments and offers a venue of escape from the doldrums of everyday life. The context of this facility is in an urban setting.

Early civilization of Humankind has had a predilection to gathering places: they exhibit one such place in markets. Marketplaces through history had a social connection to the community, such as the Agora in Greece, the Plazas in Spain, and the Piazza in Italy. This thesis intended to respond to a present day need for a sacred community focal point and gathering place in a urban setting, by creating a Gathering Place Market that harbours and inspires valued social connections.

Abstract

Primarily, Architecture should be about the people and the community it serves. It should reflect passions of experience, beliefs, and socialization, and it makes a conscious effort to offer a nexus to all of that. With these in mind, and a Gathering Place Market as the subject, the objectives for this thesis project were to create an environment that:

- Creates a nexus point for the community to the city, for the individual to the community and for the individual's experiences to ones self.
- Offers the way point for an individual to fortify ones emotional state of mind as the opportunities are offered in such a Gathering Place Market for a community.
- Reinforces a sense of community revitalization sociologically and spiritually. It incorporates all this with the revival of a space that was once sacred to the community and is once again sacred. In the case of this thesis it is an automotive plant, a book binding plant, and a wonderfully ornate brewery. All three of these buildings now either forgotten or altered to the point where their character is all but lost, is the sacred anchor for the facility.

Between these buildings there is the opportunity to create a space for exploration and socialization. The city's rectilinear grid geometry is offset in this facility, while the polymorphic expression of fluid meandering paths, vistas and venues intertwine with the rectilinear facades of the existing Nobel structures - so long standing in the community and sacred to the memories.

When entering from the community side (Mulvey Avenue, Osborne Street or the Foot path) one is reassured with a promise of a personal moment awaiting them. Likewise when one enters from the city side (Metro transit route) one is allowed to decompress along the path through the facility. As a result, they return home reassured that there is a sense of community here.

The facility offers a meandering path of sights, sounds, and smells, that change seasonally, and keeps those that chose to use it engaged in its excitement. The opportunity for tranquil people watching is in this facility. It encourages those who chose to spend their time in conversation with an old friend or make new ones, while replenishing their daily needs for food. The facility offers a place to nourish your soul and your body.

Design Solution

The Design solution of this thesis is a "Gathering Place Market for a Winnipeg Community." The intent is to provide a sacred community focal point, a marketplace, and a gathering center integrated into one facility, this was resolved in the following:

- The community demographic base for this design is made up of urban families and individuals who have the potential to interact on an intimate level in a sociological sense a neighborhood. The number of communities and potential impact is based on the site location. The selected site nests in the borders of River-Osborne, Fort Rouge Ward, Lord Roberts, Earl Grey, Mac Millan, and Riverview, and all are interrelated.
- The facility will offer the community a variety of activity options and a nexus point for all of those activities from a community scale to the most intimate personal scale.
- The Community identity is strengthened by the proximity to all of the neighborhoods and Osborne Village. The facility is the link with Osborne Village and becomes part of the current market urban scene.
- The facility's proximity to the river can extend linking it to the river taxi already in use further down river, further south on the Red River. Exploration of the meandering bends of the Red River are reflected in the meandering paths of the Market Place Gathering facility. Spaces of intimate backwaters are incorporated to ensure the scale of experiences from large to personal are maintained.
- This Marketplace by its character, primarily functions to reinforce the social interaction of the community, and has the potential for a dramatic success thanks to the businesses around the site, such as the restaurants on Corydon Avenue, Osborne Street, and Pembina Highway.
- The facility envelopes both built and natural environments, and makes it possible for year round indoor and outdoor markets complete with unique restaurants and unique food vendors. Community based businesses can locate within the existing buildings. The revived characters of the surrounding buildings (the automotive parts assembly plant, book binding plant and brewery) offer an aura of sacredness through historical

presence, when the site was a bee hive of activities of producing for the community and the city.

The structural design expresses and sustains the historical relevance of the site. This is accomplished by reflecting the type of structure found in the railway facilities, that serviced the site many years ago. An adjacent rail overpass abutting the site is still constructed in the same manner. As a result the sacredness of the site is carried into the structural design and hence the overall design. The people experiencing the spaces will be cognoscente of this history that creates magical moments for those that enter.

The structure also expresses respect for the community character by embracing the gathering areas with bough-like structures in the gathering place atrium, that creates a canopied avenue for all to explore throughout all the seasons.

Experiential scope

The Facility offers the following experiential scope, that supports the success of a Gathering Place Market:

- The primary experiential scope of a successful Gathering Place Market is one of interaction with a group of caring individuals who provide unique services and products.
- The provision of a social gathering place for the community where people talk, share memories, exchange new ideas and experiences.
- A place to find and explore exotic delicacies from around the globe.
- A sacred environment based upon historic, romantic, social context to the community and the urban environment as a whole.
- A sacred environment of caring vendors who were looking to continue their traditions and customs. Thus, the Market becomes a place for both business and for socializing. This is very much like the workings of a piazza as illustrated in the historical research.
- Merchants and vendors are very much a part of the experiential scope of the

gathering place market. These are family owned and operated businesses that include butchers, bakers, fruit / vegetable mongers, delis, restaurants, candy shops, news stand, florist, coffee shop and prepared food stalls.

Contextual Scope

The Facility has the following contextual scope that support the success of a Gathering Place Market:

- The pre-existence of a historical and significant "sacred" place that act as a supportive backdrop and focal point for the Gathering Place Market.
- A shared environment with a historical element will contribute to the success of a market, such is the case in the St. Norbert Farmer's Market.
- The Gathering Place Market connects with existing circulation routes such as the River, Foot Paths, Osborne Street, Corydon Avenue al of which interconnect the facility with other communities and the city.
- The Gathering Place Market provides a community space for indoor / outdoor market.
- The meandering aisles of the market become one with the outside, a continuation of the pedestrian paths (sidewalks) in the city, and the meandering river, and the undulating footpath that traces its shores, around it. In the case of this thesis the meandering paths incorporated into the poetics of the Architecture, promote the sense of lingering and exploration of the market place.
- For this facility sufficient parking that makes allowances for outside community influx was provided. This was accomplished by moderating consumption of available land shared parking facilities of the adjacent business "Darkzone" and the Masonic Temple made this possible.

Community Scope

The Facility, offers the following community scope that supports the success of a Gathering Place Market:

- Communities with a strong traditional basis tied to merchant / vendor economies, that wish to perpetuate traditions, hold a Gathering Market Place dear to their way of passing on traditions.
- Communities with a diverse cultural base also exhibit a supportive basis for markets. They tend to be more open to exploring new ideas traditions and foods other than their own.

Image Scope

The Facility offers an image that supports the success of a Gathering Place Market:

- Image of social spaces interactions between vendors, a balance between boisterous and relaxed spaces.
- The coming together of a wide range of products, traditions intermixed allowing for combinations whose limits are only bound by imagination.
- A place for people to watch, and experience different aspects of socialization both passively and actively.

The Site for Gathering Place Market

Based upon the site selection criteria and the community base population review of potential community based impact, the "Old Canadian Brewery" site was selected.

- The site is most likely to aid in the successful overall impact on the communities. It impacts a total of five communities.
- This site satisfies the criteria and model profiles outlined previously.
- Also, it has the potential for linking and already existing market of many shops

 (Osborne Village) and allows the potential to expand and link into a new community.
- The re-use of the Brewery site buildings reinforces a meaningful sense of "sacredness" to the site as a gathering place.
- The links to other river developments such as the Forks Market development, river taxi, river walk, all strengthen the link of this site to the surrounding communities.

Area Analysis

All programmed net area space requirements have been achieved within the established acceptable range of +/- 10 %; the majority provided on the plus side of the range. The total gross floor area requirement for Administration / Ticket/Office, Gathering Place Market Spaces, Facility support, and Common Spaces was programmed at 20,162 m². An additional 3,900 m² was programmed for parking with a shared parking assumed by the Masonic temple and adjacent daytime facilities of the "Darkzone" and 390 m² for outdoor plaza spaces. The Gathering place Market Facility total gross area as designed provides approximately 25,740 m² resulting in an increase of 5% over programmed requirements.

Components of Design	Total	Total	Total	Vari.
	+/-	Program	Design	%
	(m^2)	Area	Area	
		+/-	+/-	
		$(m^2)^1$	(m^2)	
Administration/Ticket/Office	771		900	1.4
Gathering Place Market Spaces	13020		13900	6.3
Facility Support Spaces	3325		3400	2.2
Common Spaces	3046		3100	1.7
Total Gross Area for Facility	20162	21300	5.3	
Parking +/- (300 stalls)		3,900	3990	2.2
Outdoor Plaza		390	450	1.3
Total Concept Gross Area Requirements	24452			
Total Design Gross Area (m²)		25740	5	

¹Total Gross area +/- 50 m² variation

²Total Concept Gross Area Requirements do not include River Bank re-development for River Bus transportation/Stop. Nor does it include negotiated shared parking at Masonic Temple +/-(300 stalls).

Code Analysis

In a facility such as this, it is difficult to implement traditional building code measures.

However, equivalences in a number of areas will be required to be negotiated in order to meet the intent of the code. Alternatives in such cases were provided and the level of safety was increased beyond the letter of the code. The key design focus on "Assembly" type facilities are,

Life/ Safety, fire detection and suppression, and containment of the fire and smoke. All were incorporated in this design.

Building Classification

Under the requirements of the 1995 National Building Code, the Design is classified as a Group E, Division E and Group A, Division 2. As stated under Article 3.2.2.37 and 3.2.2.23, this classification permits a sprinklered, noncombustible constructed building of any height and any area. Floor assemblies are required to be fire separations with a 2 hour fire resistance ratings, while mezzanine while and roof assemblies have a 1 hour resistance ratings. Load bearing devices are required to have a fire resistance rating of not less than the assembly they support.

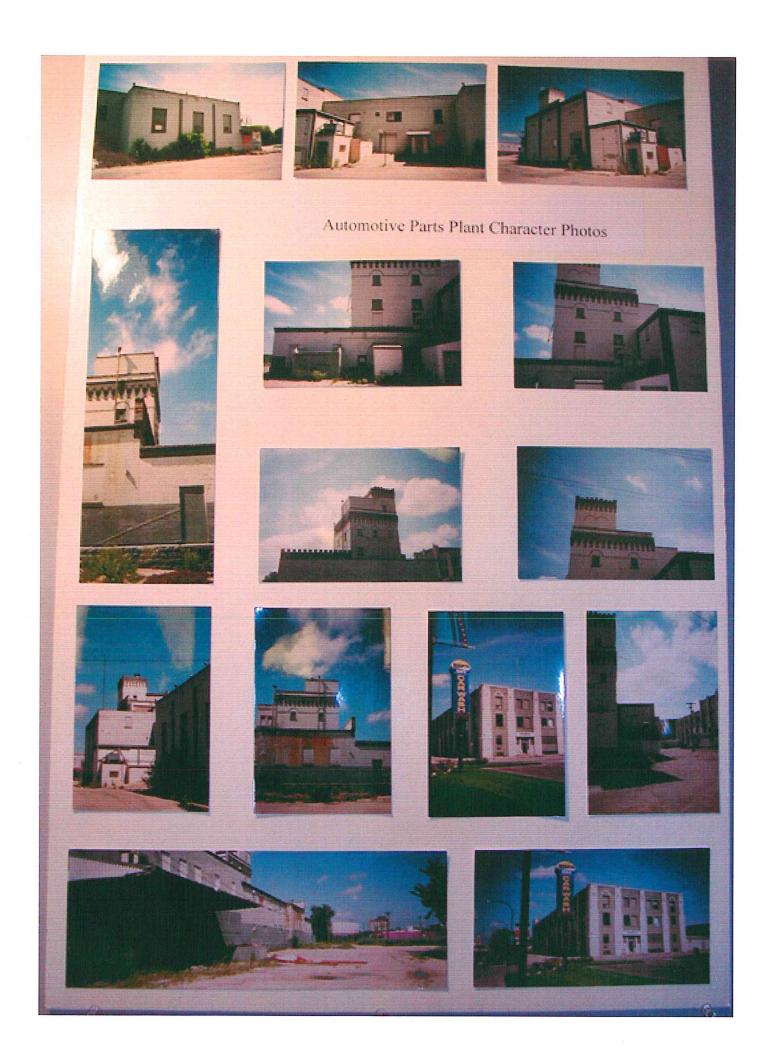
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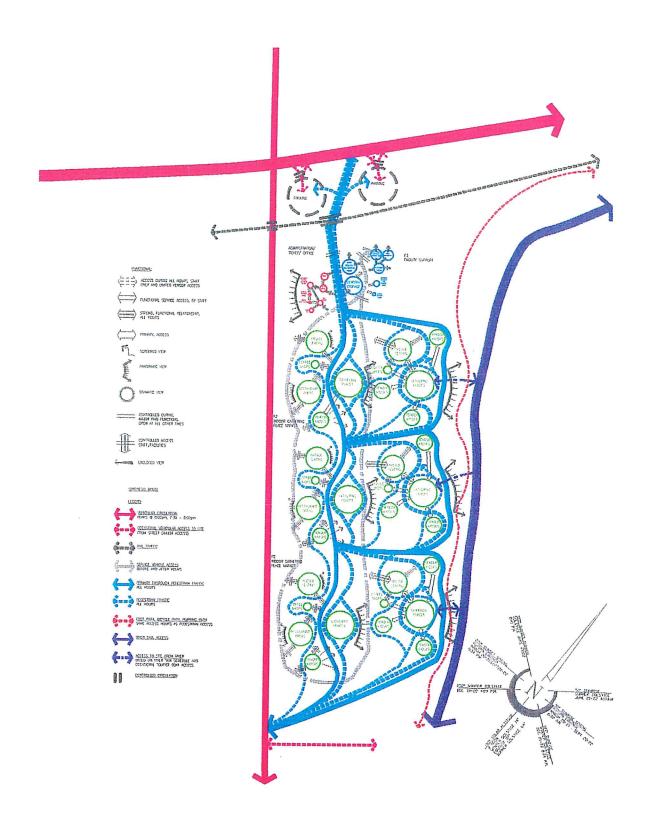
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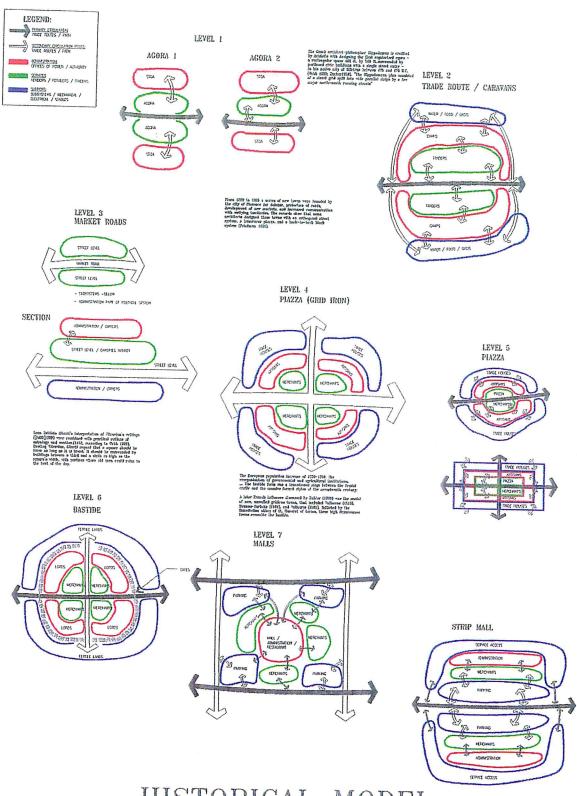




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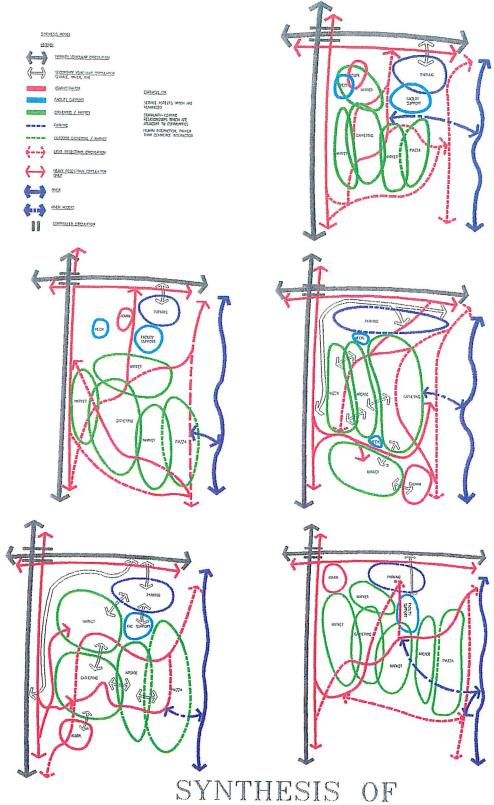
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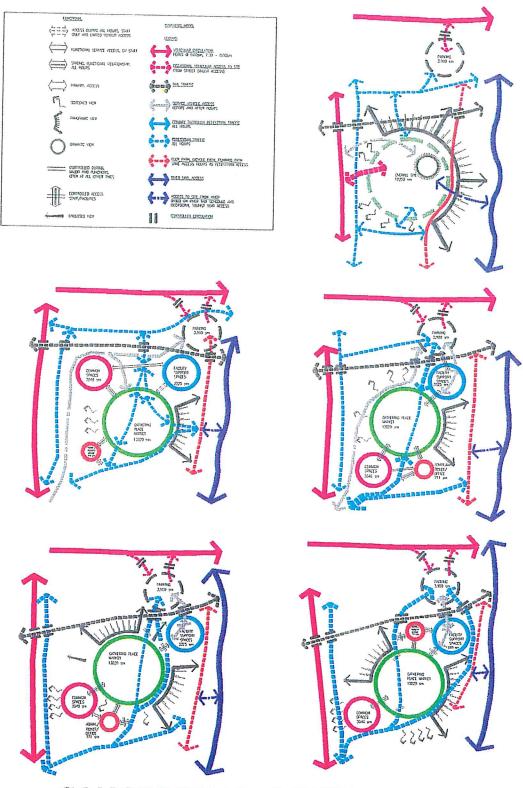
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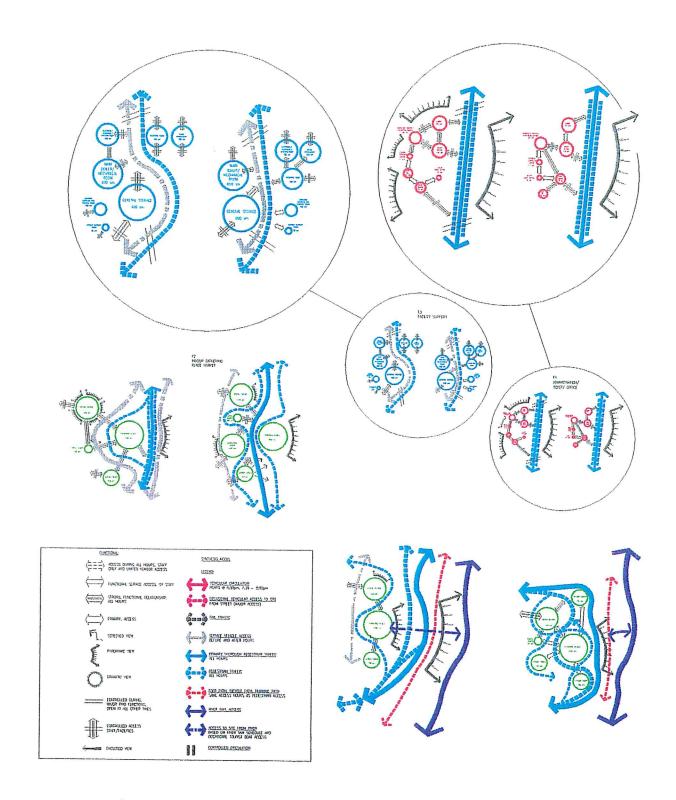
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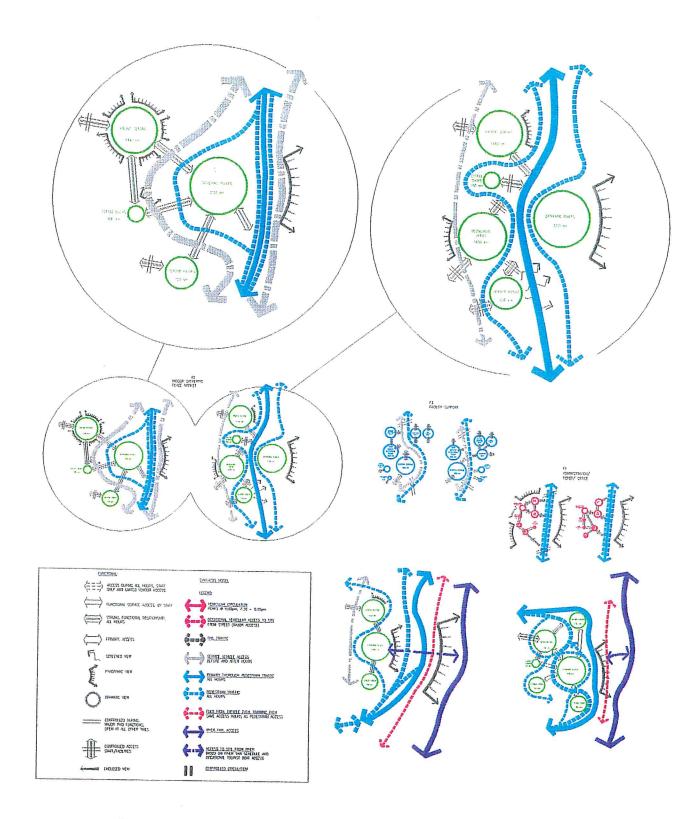
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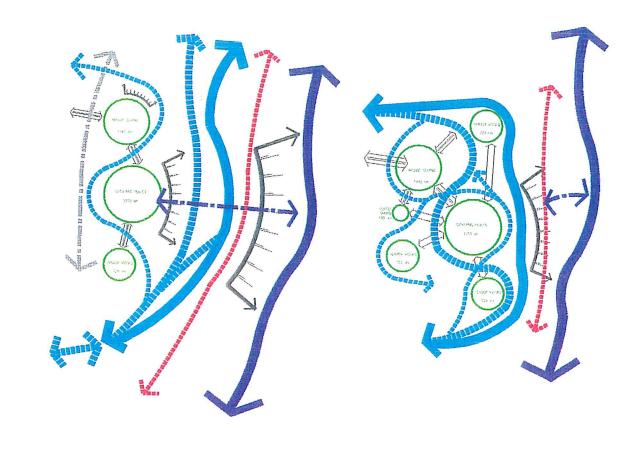


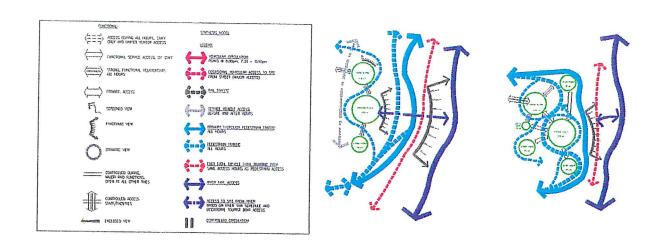
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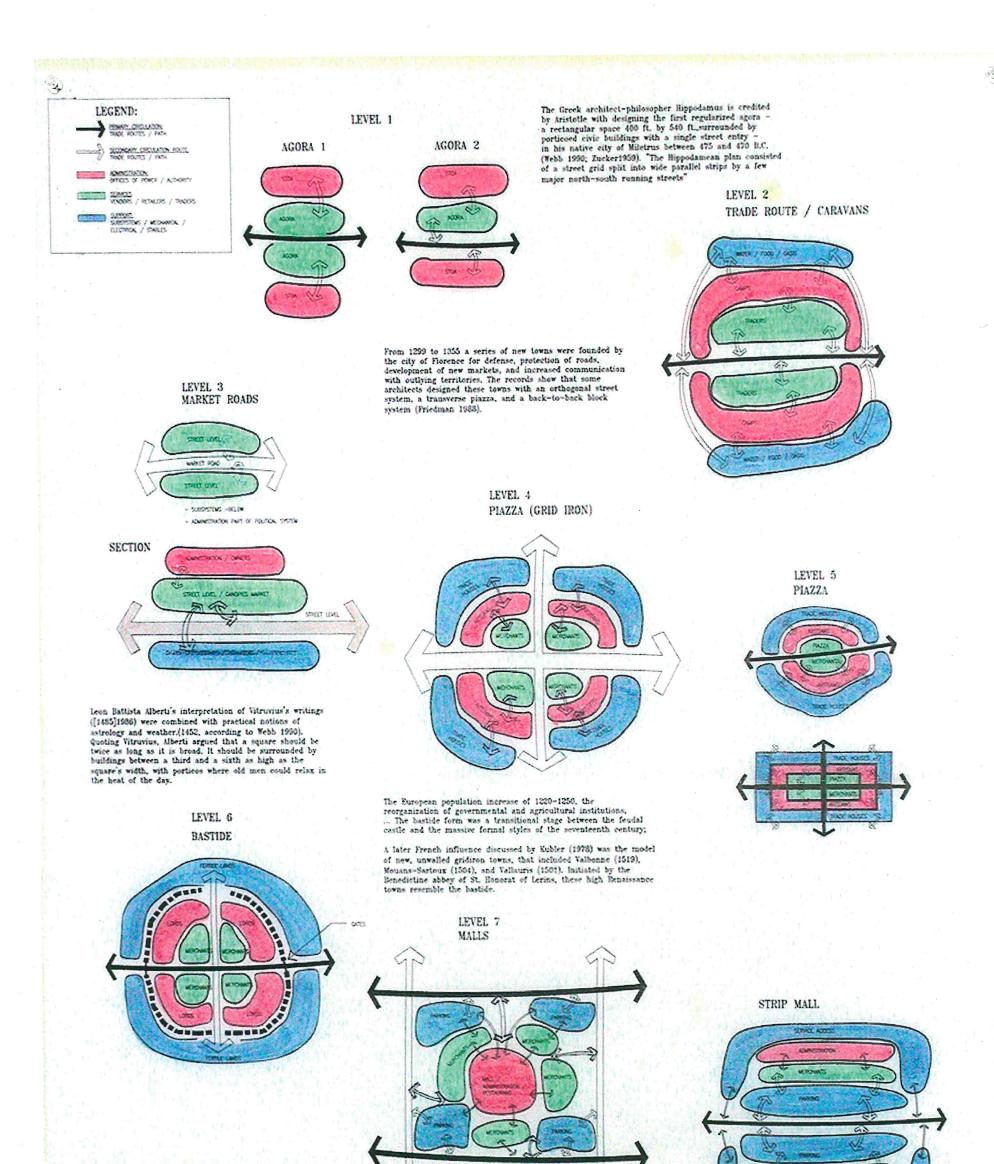


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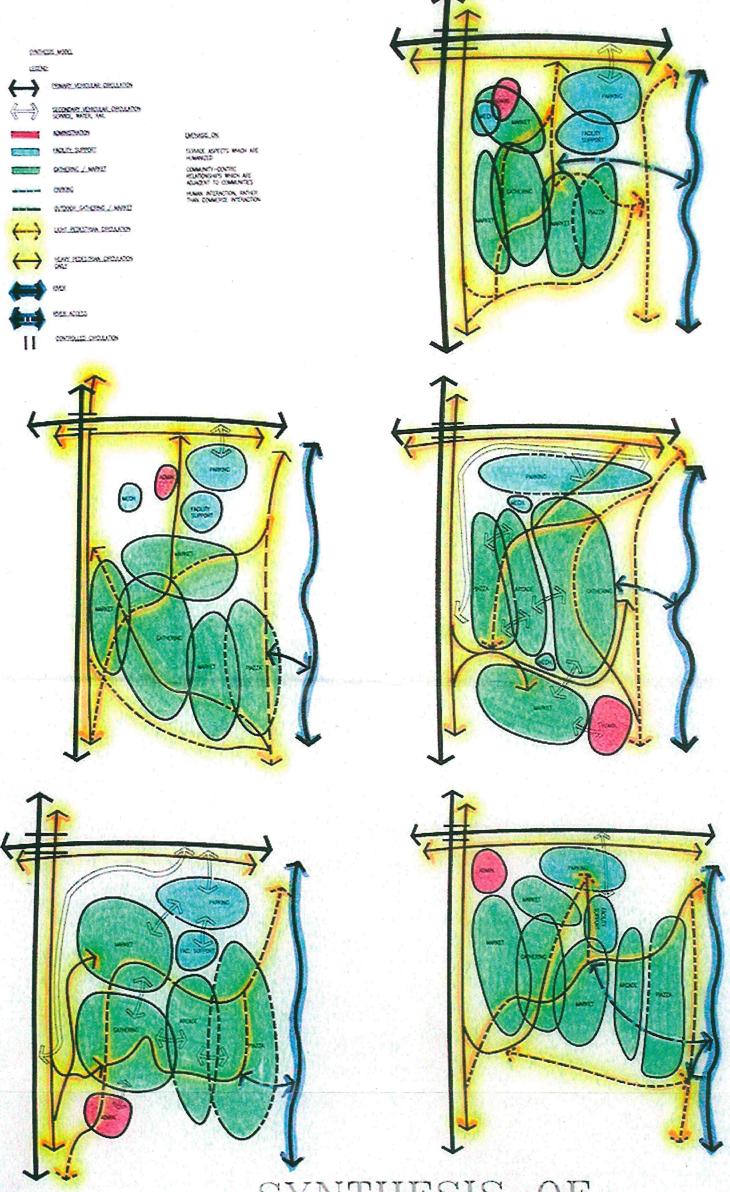


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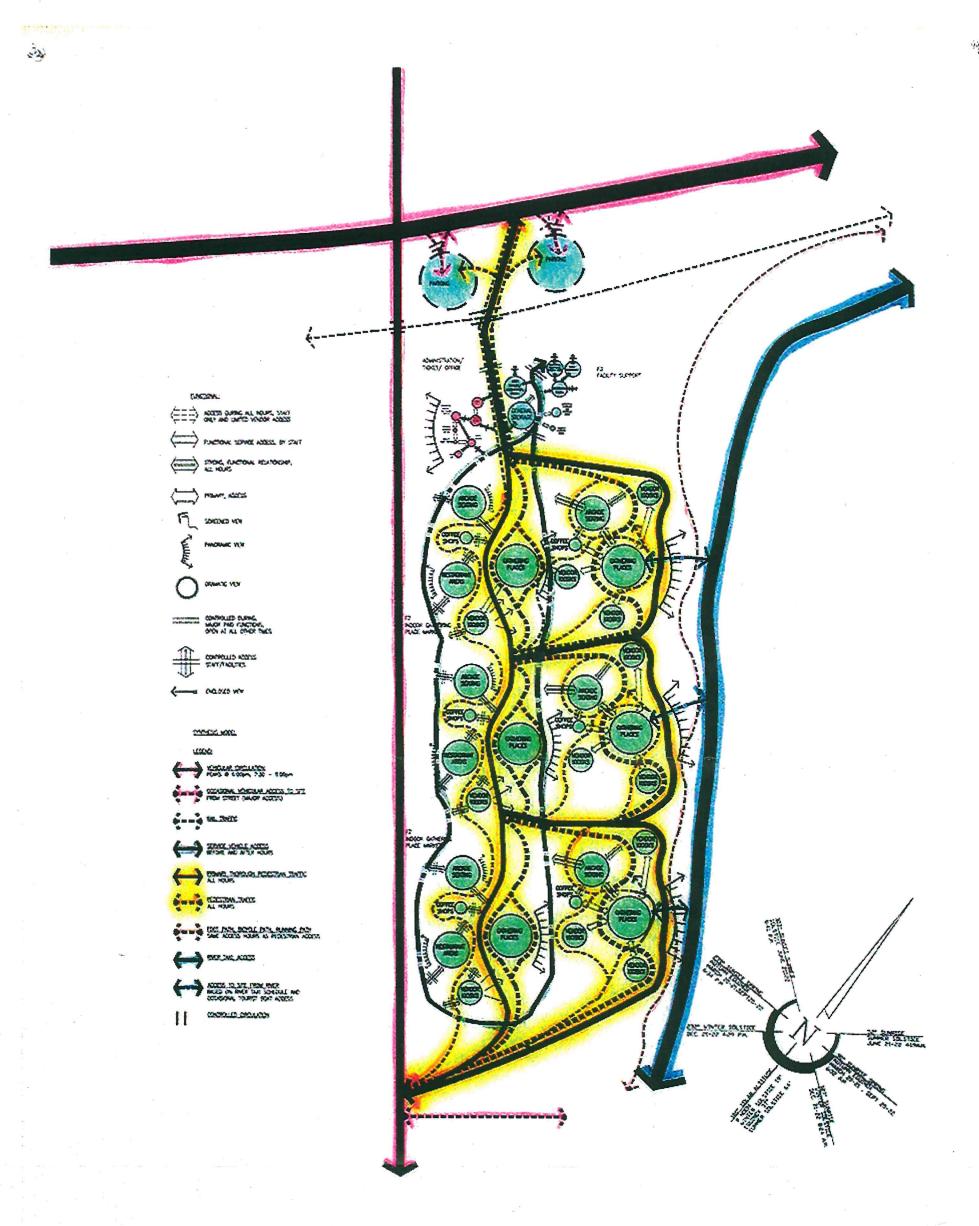


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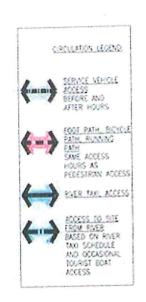
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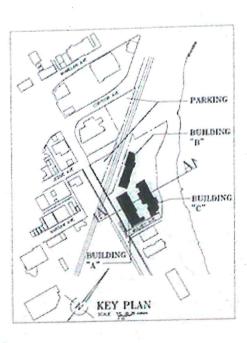


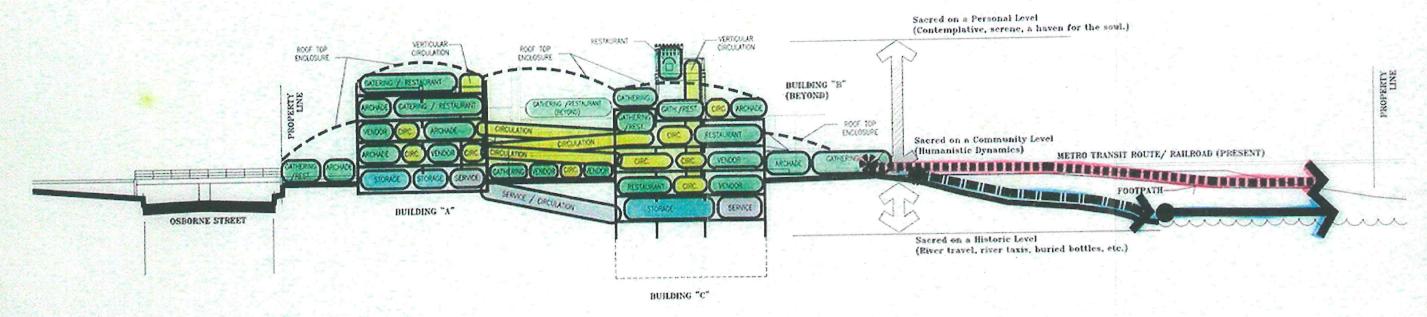
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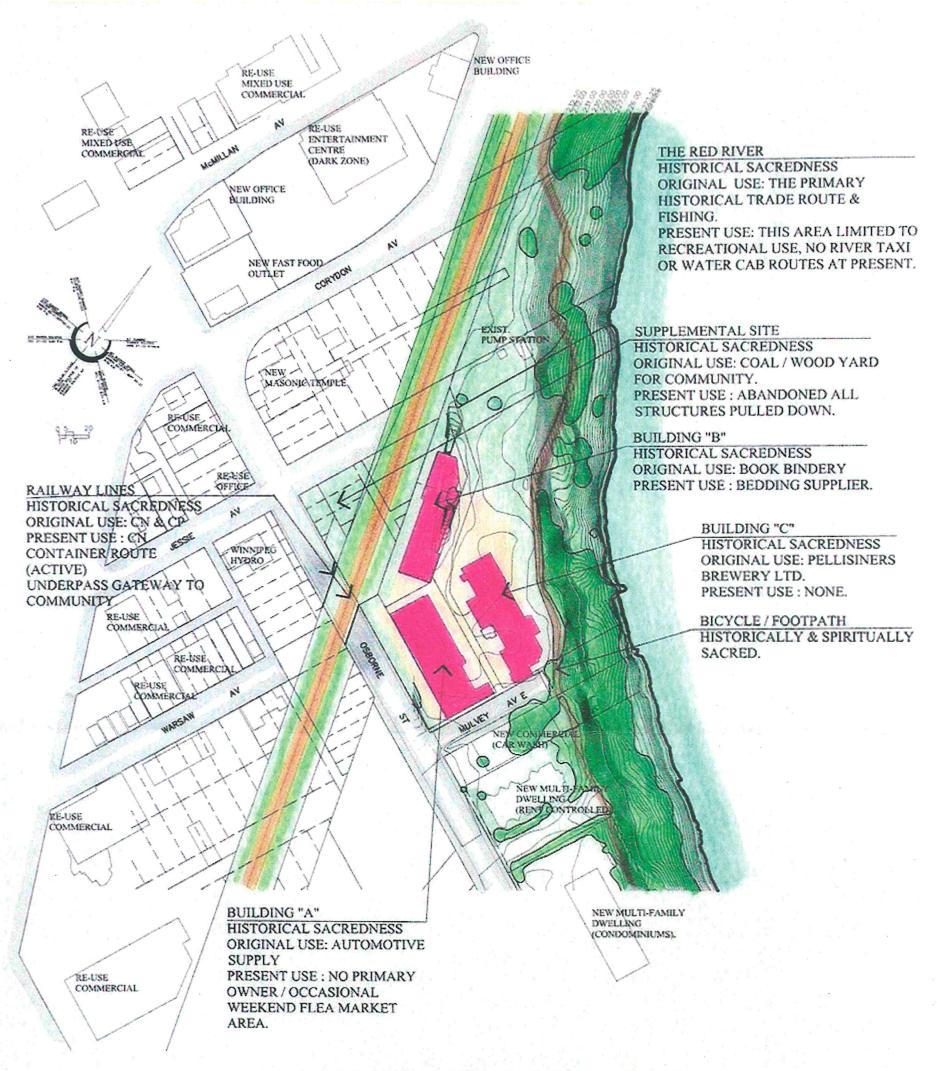
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NEXUS - "Bond, Link; connected group or series." Outlind Dictionary

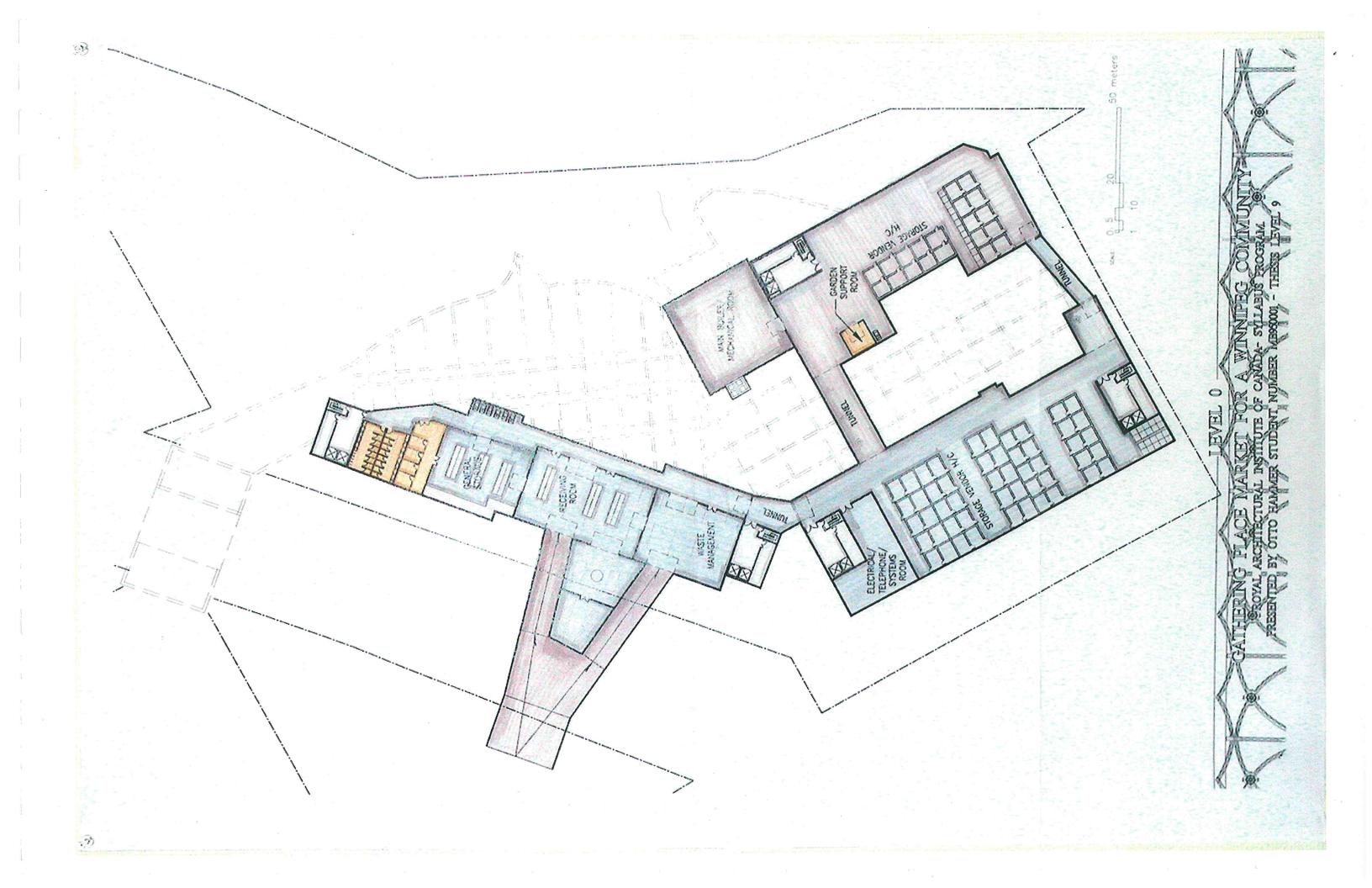
Troughout this thesis the theme of the nexus can be seen as the facility is a nexus point for the community and the city of Winnipeg. The Gathering spaces within the facility as a nexus point to drink in the sacredness of the experiences, both personal and global. The transition from one level of experiences which may be public to intimate levels, of one on one, or even just one.

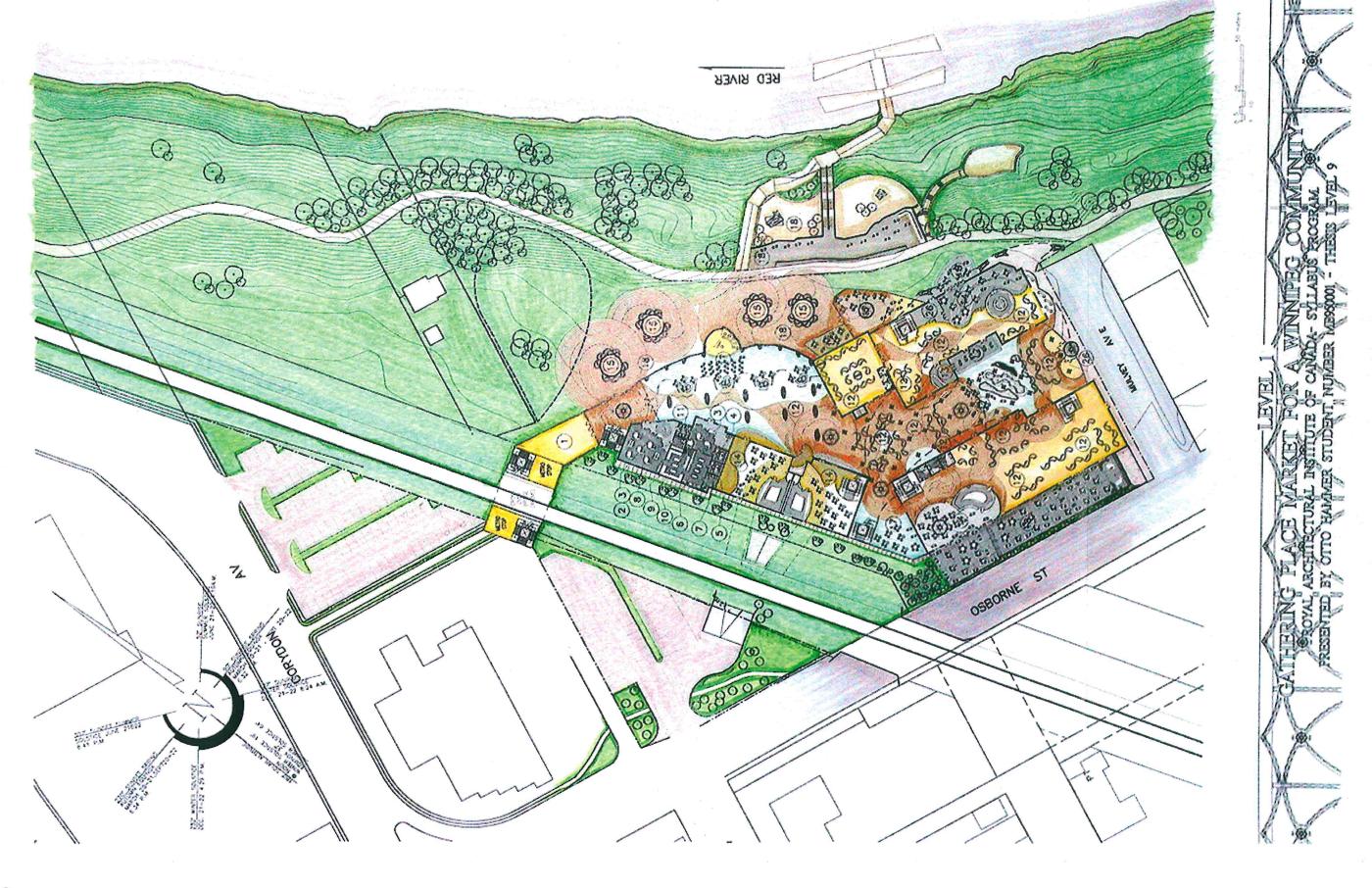


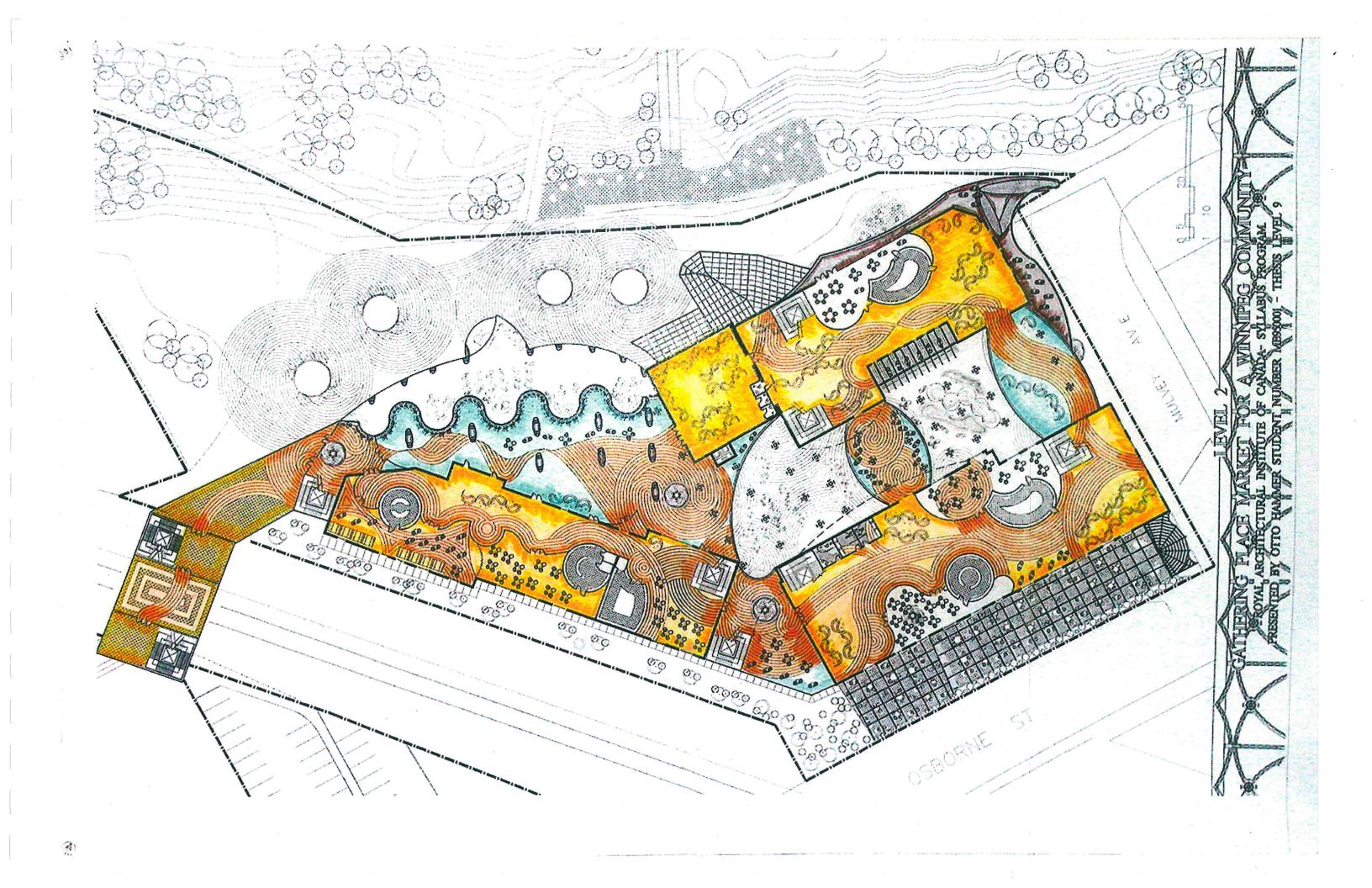
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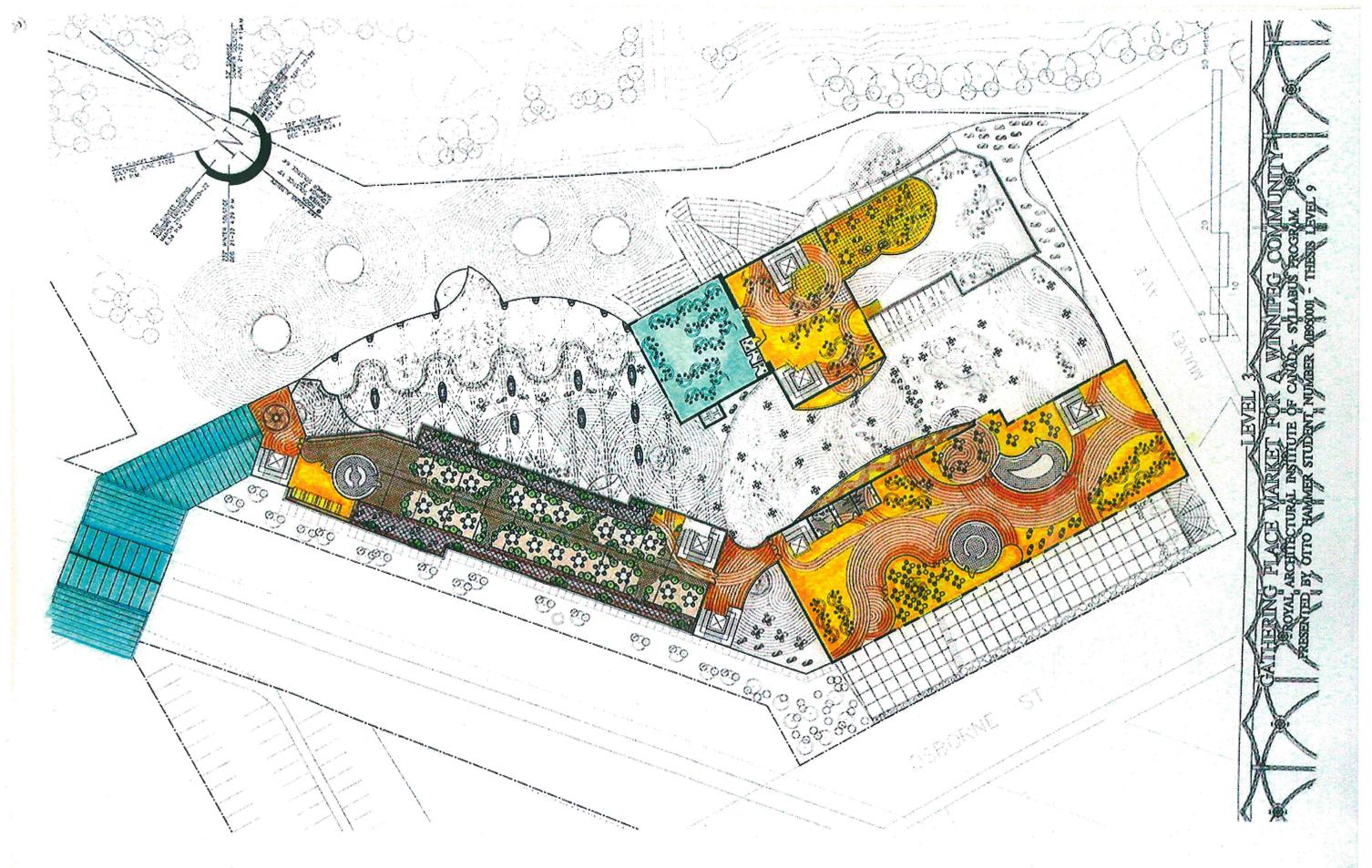


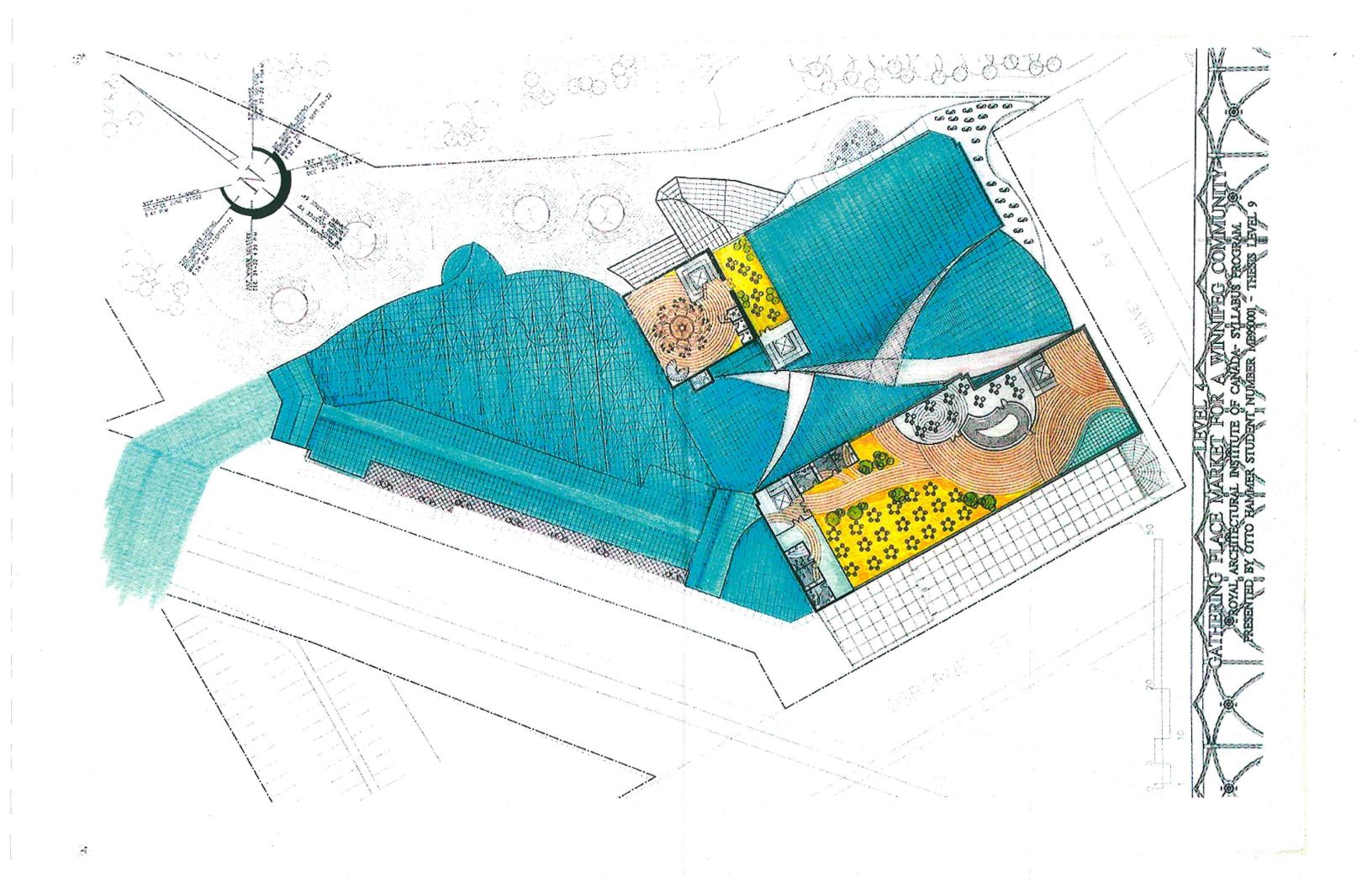
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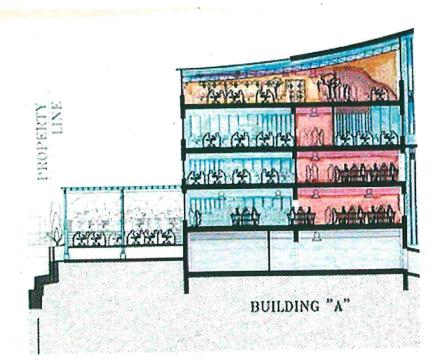




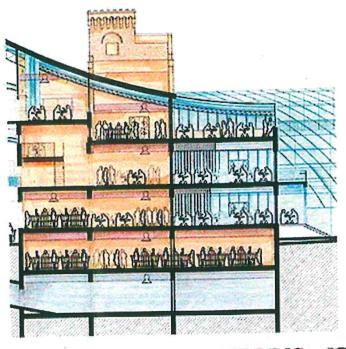




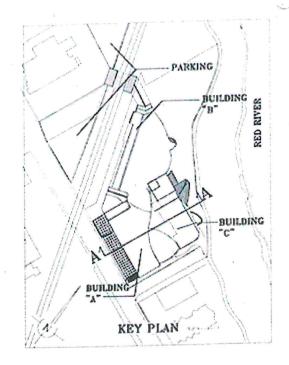


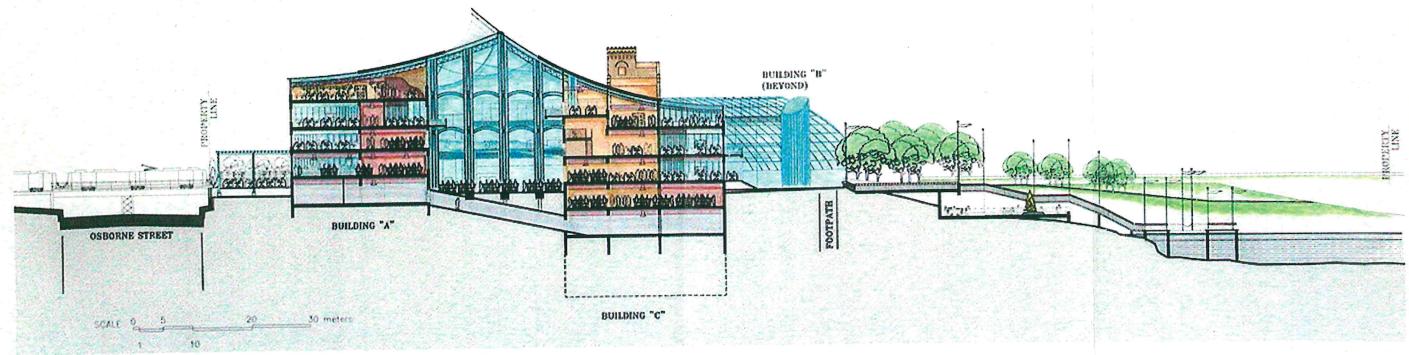


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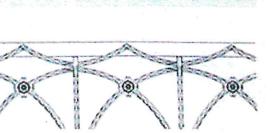


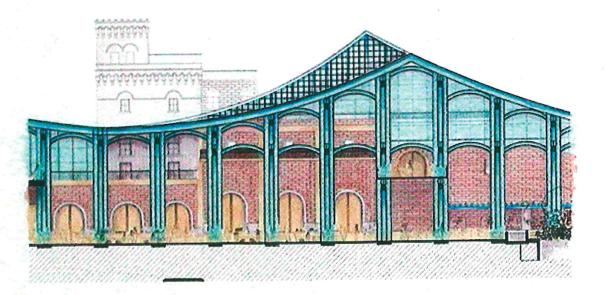
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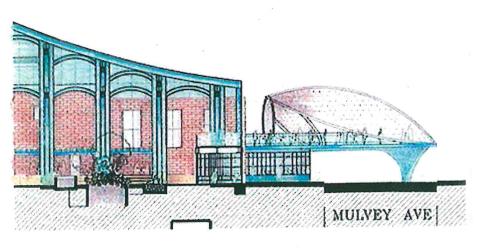




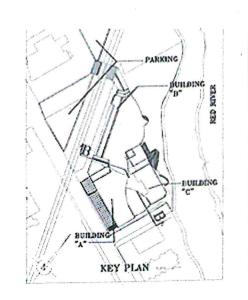




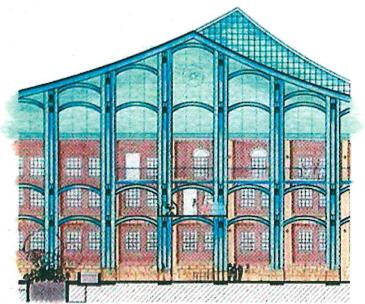




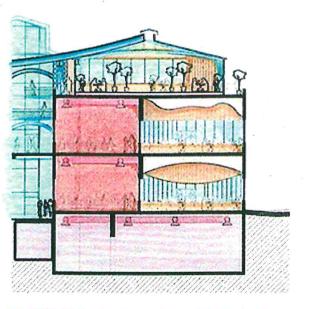
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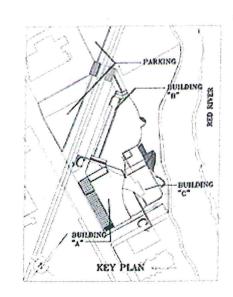
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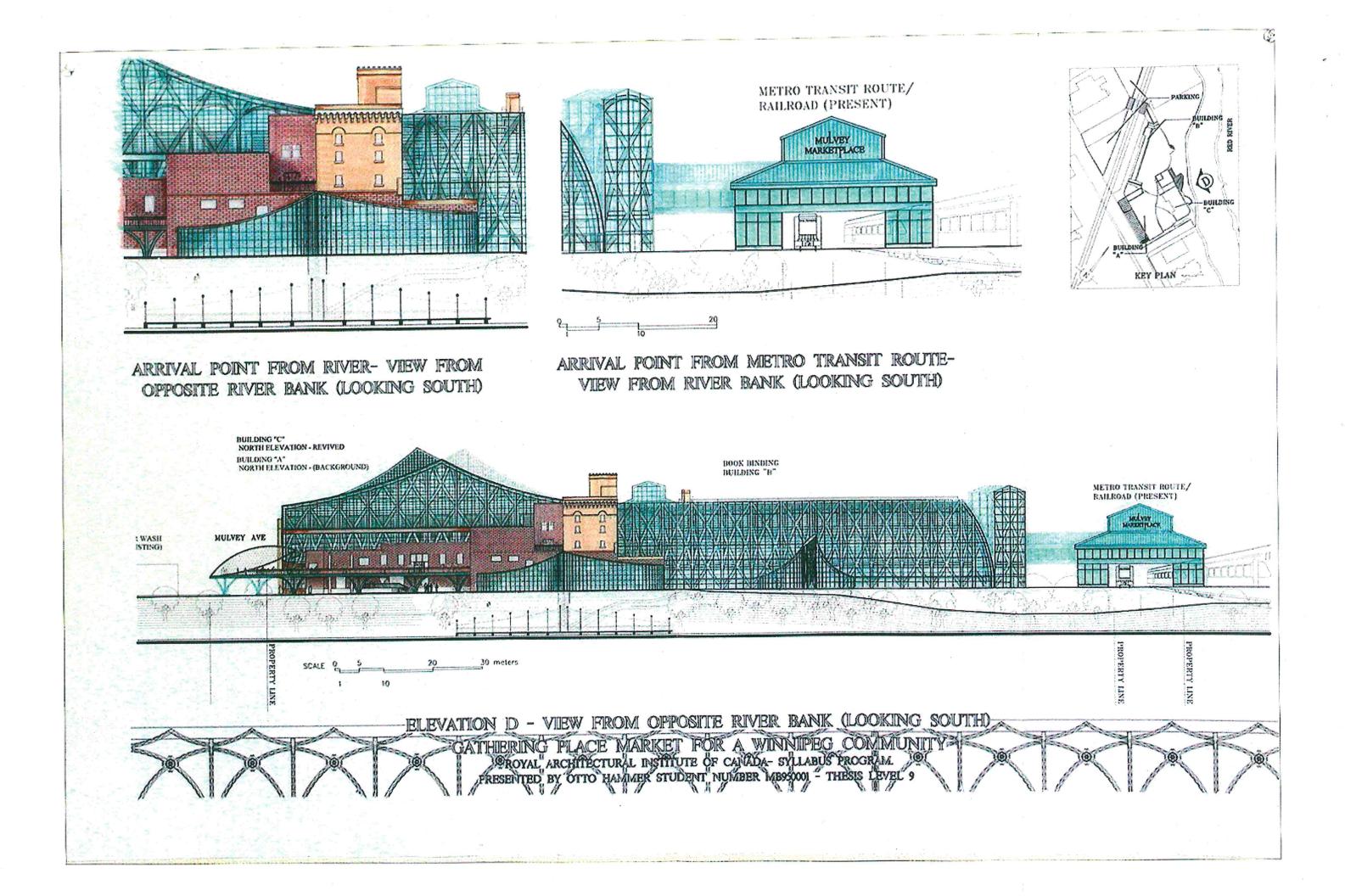
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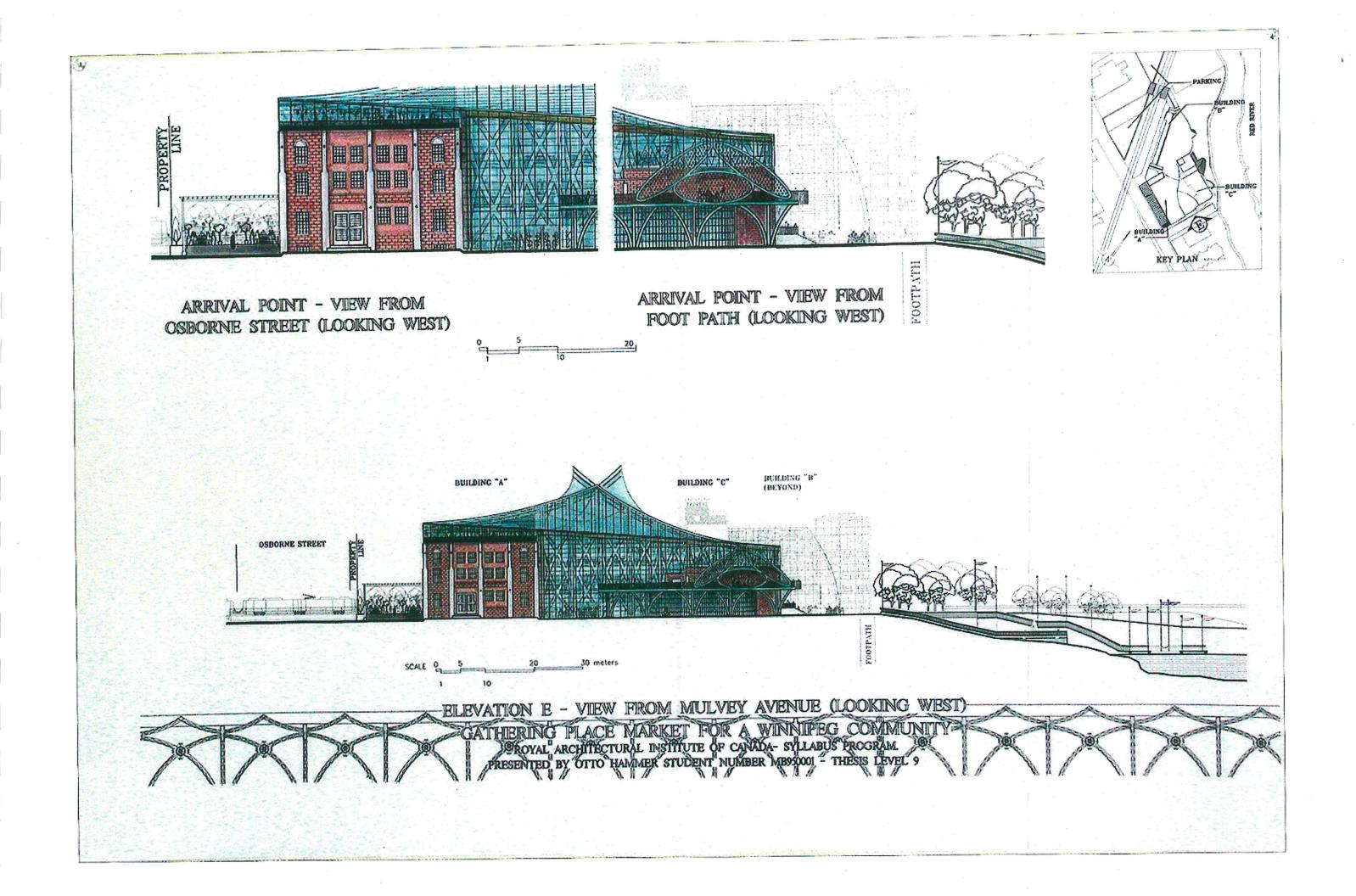


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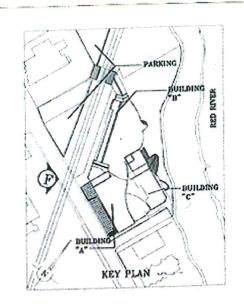


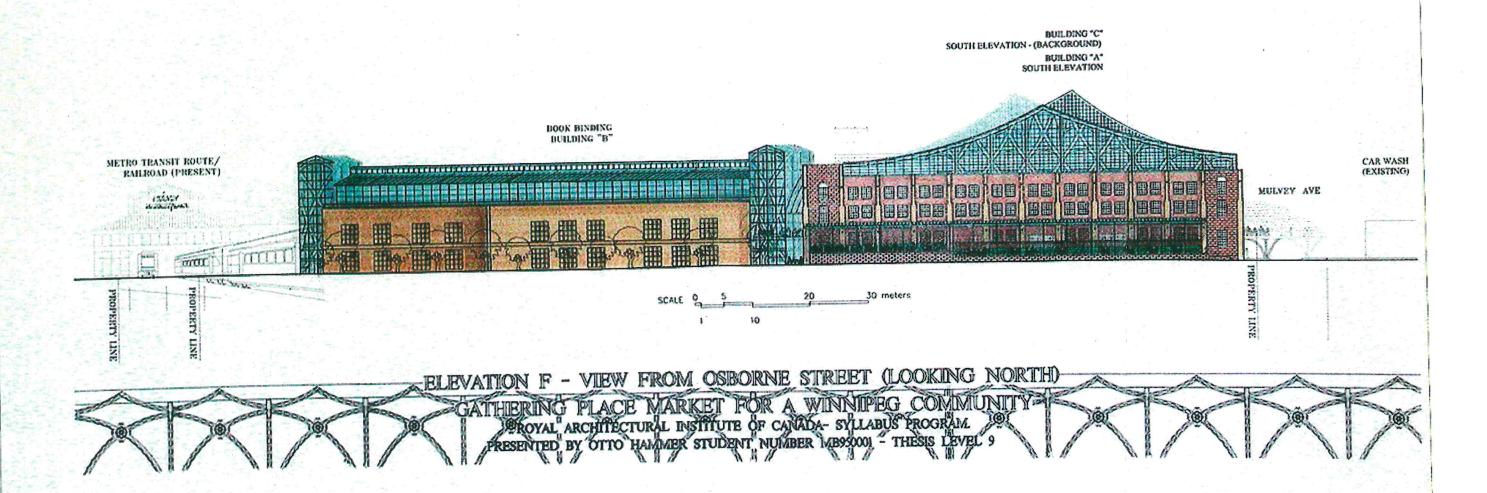






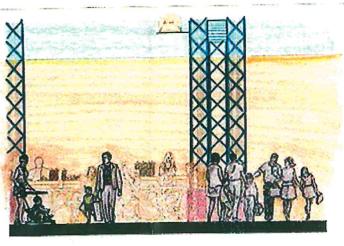
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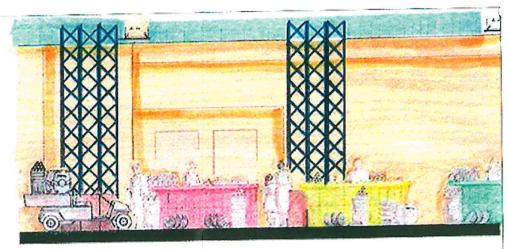




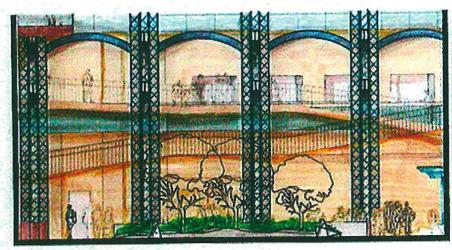
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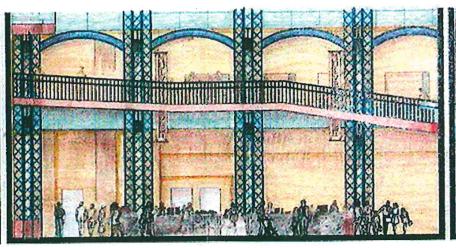
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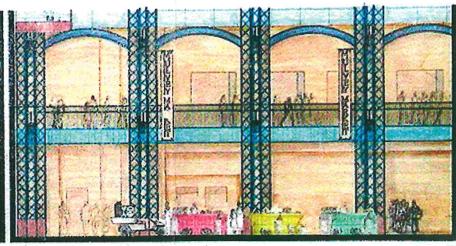
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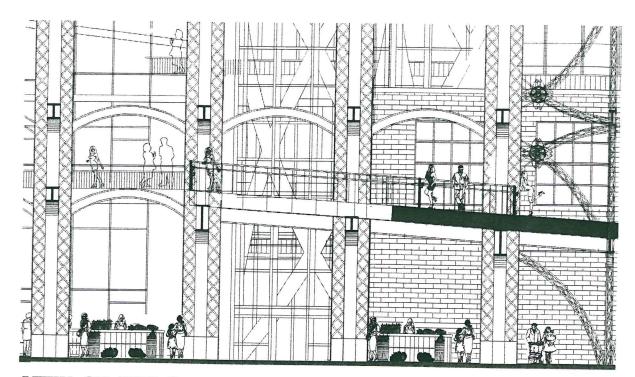
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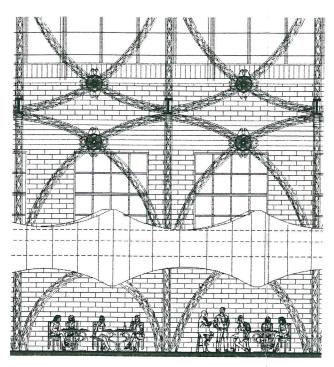
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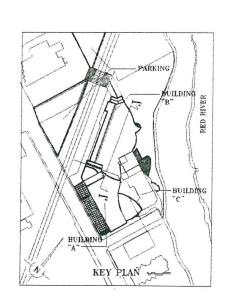
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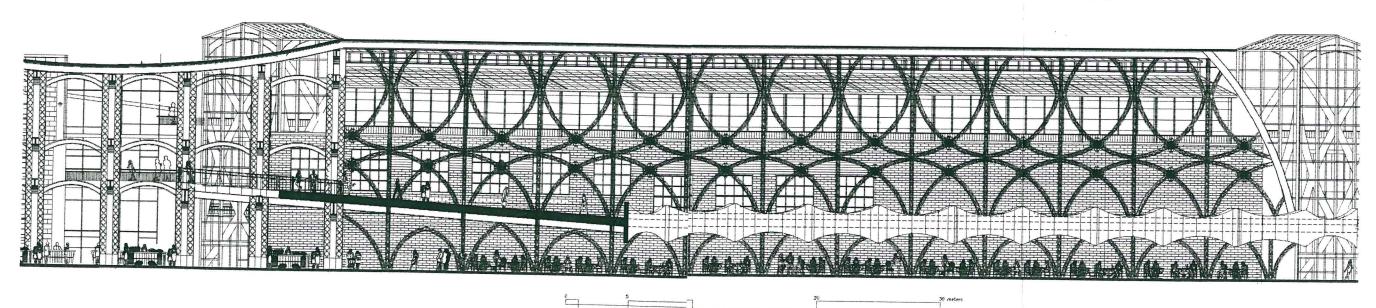


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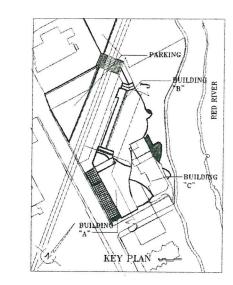
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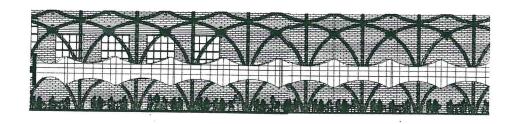




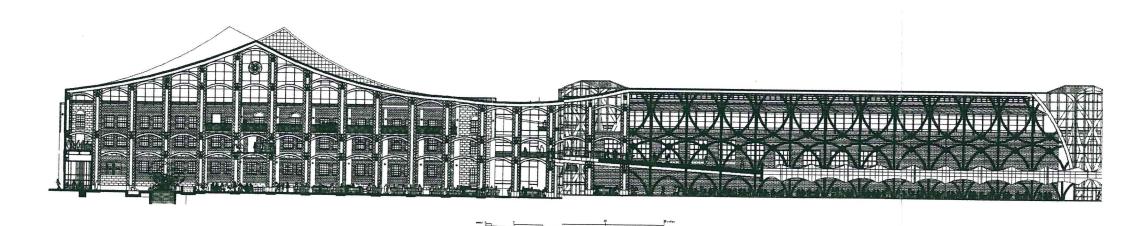
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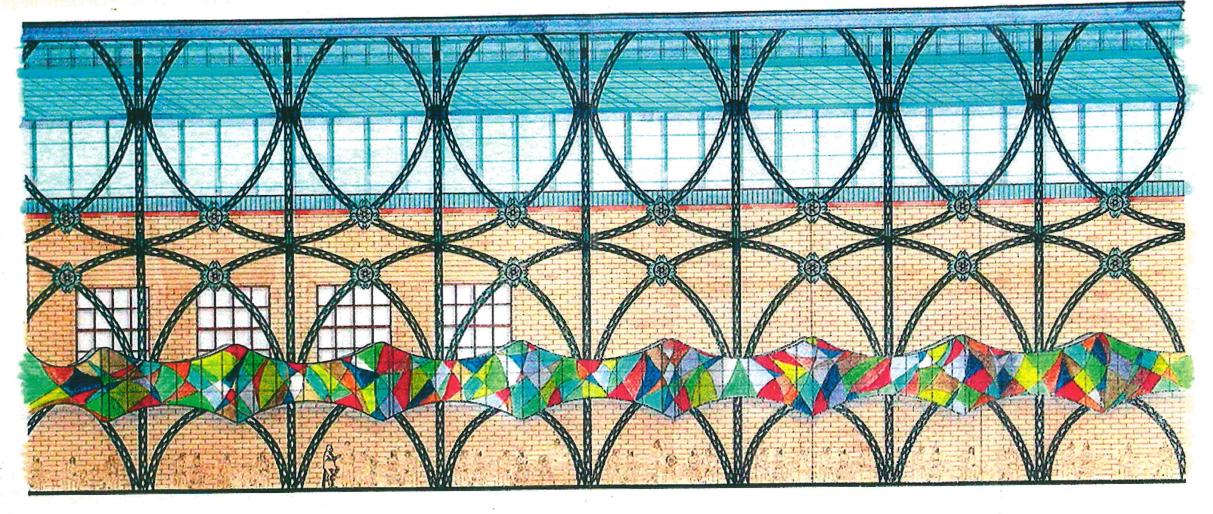


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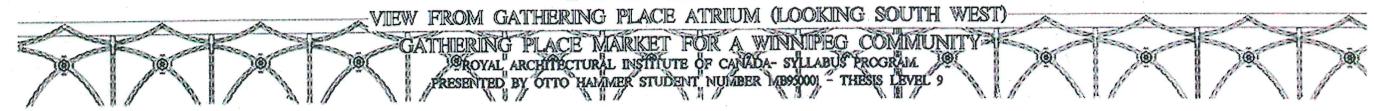
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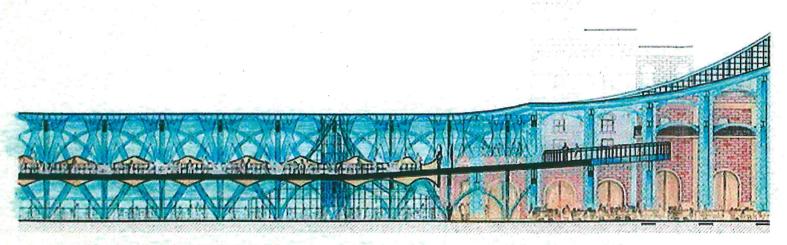
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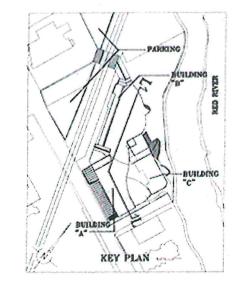




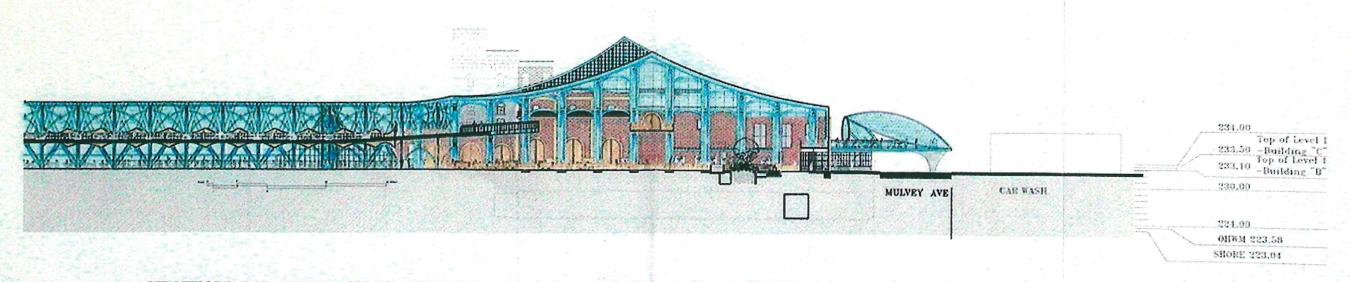
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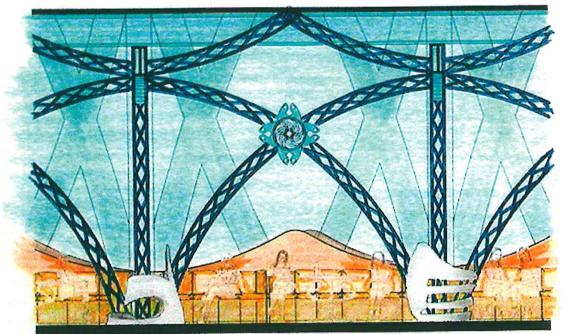


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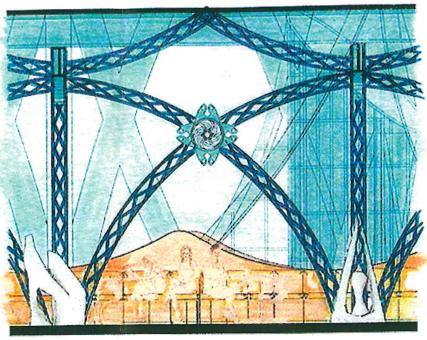


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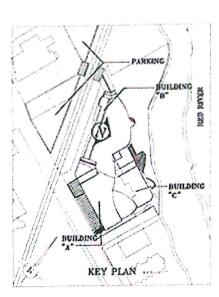
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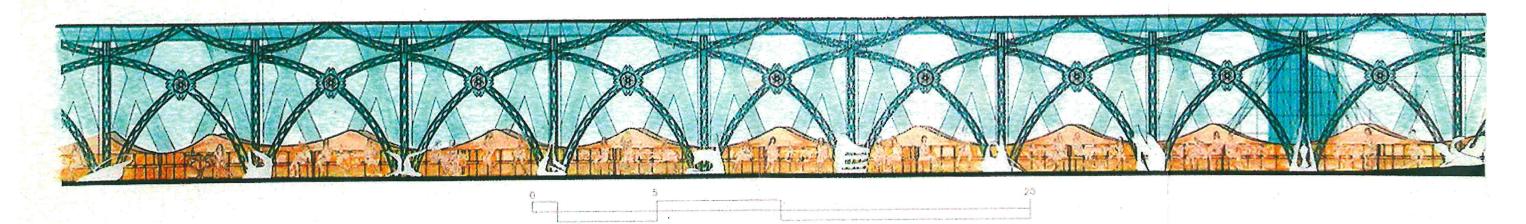


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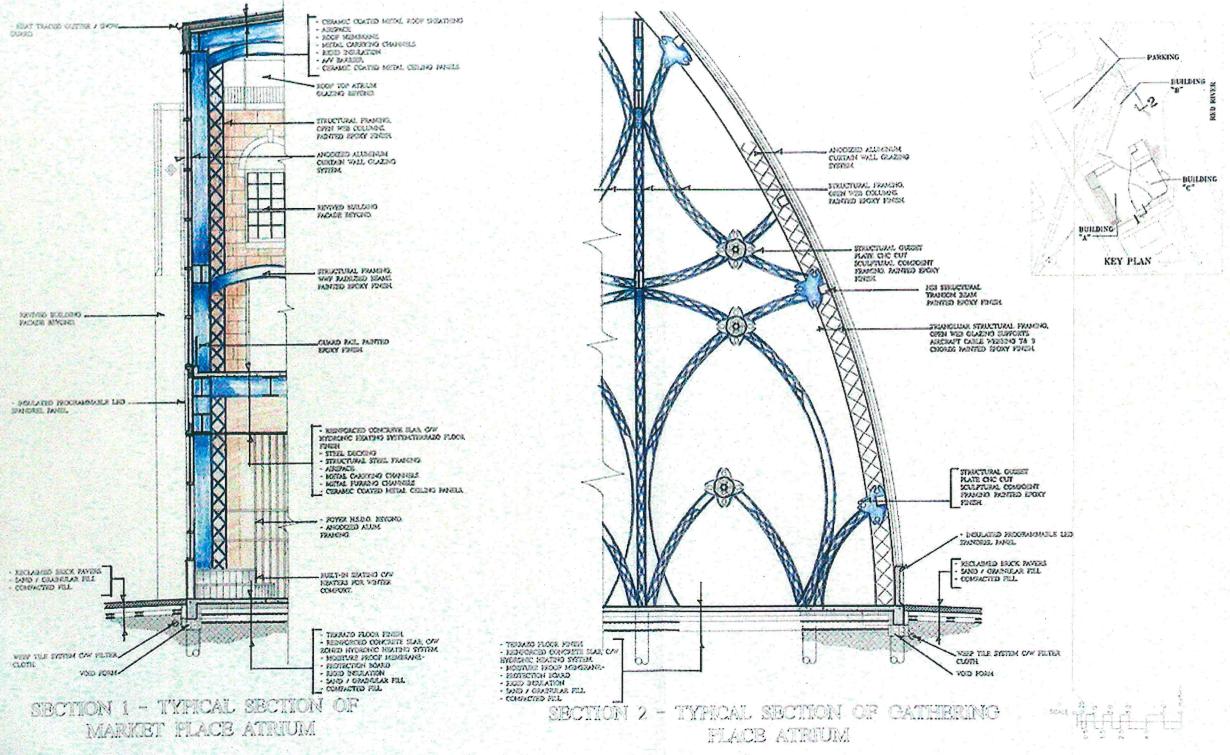
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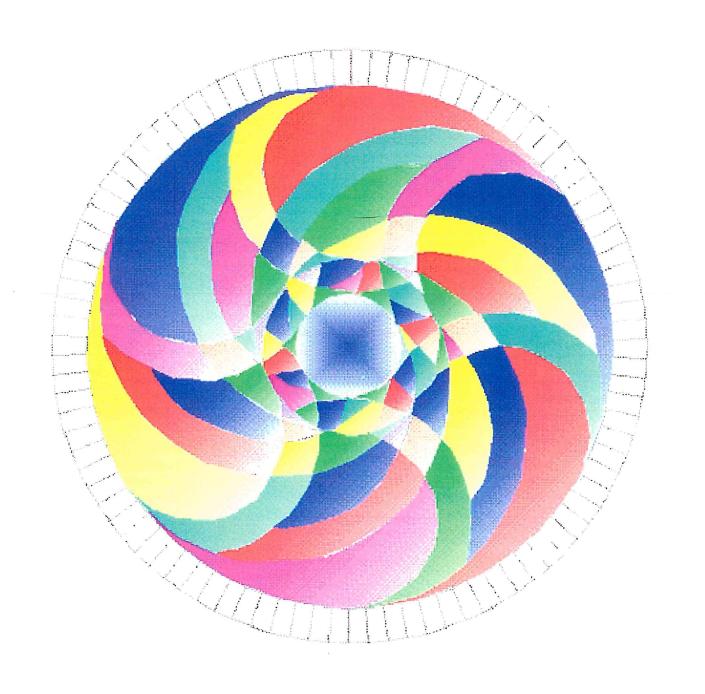
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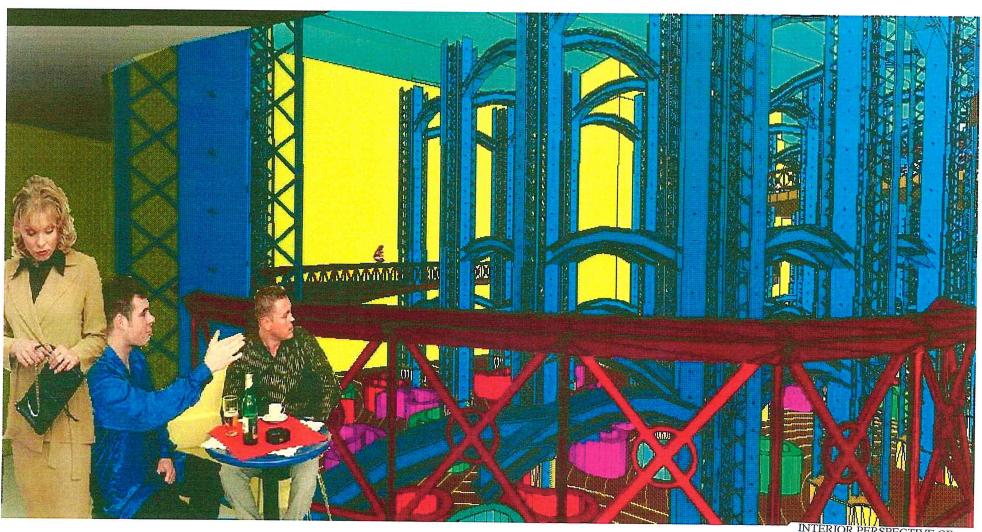
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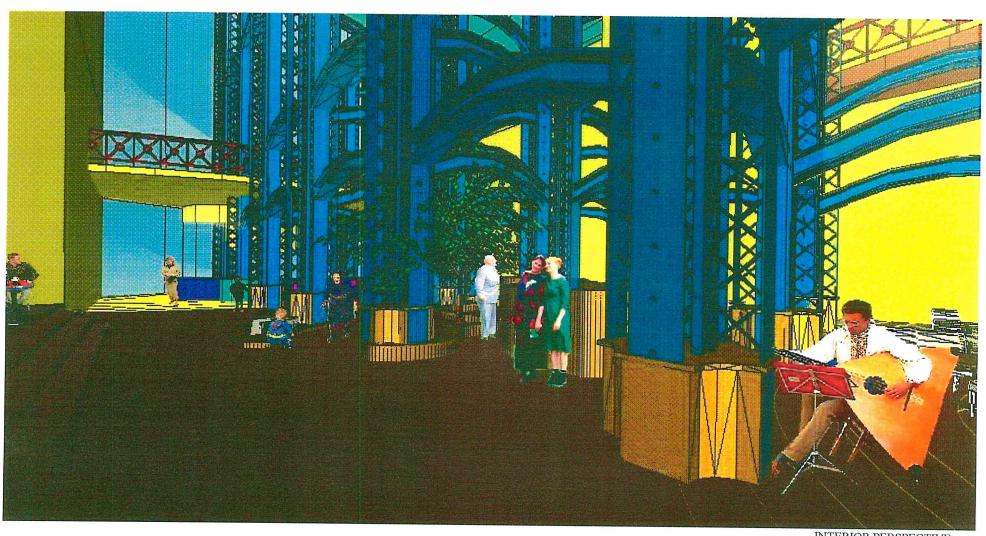


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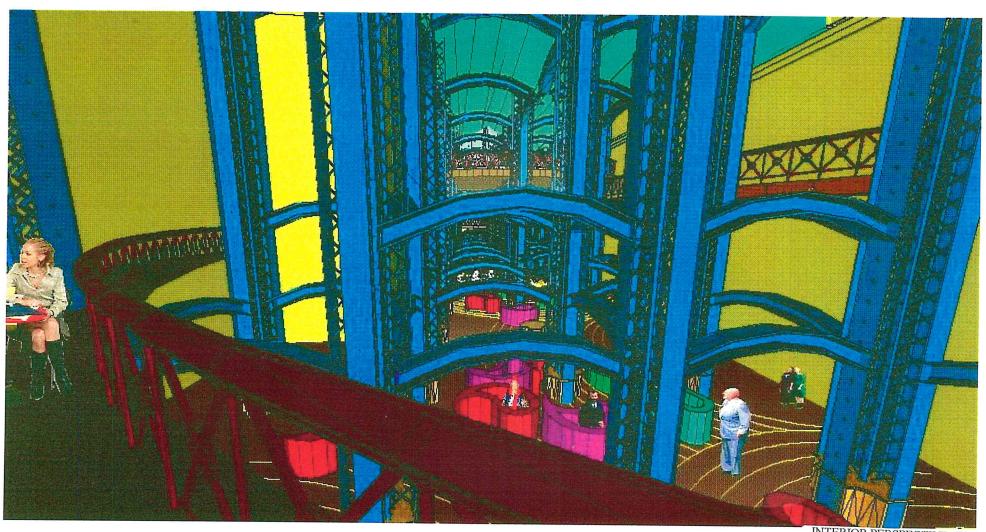




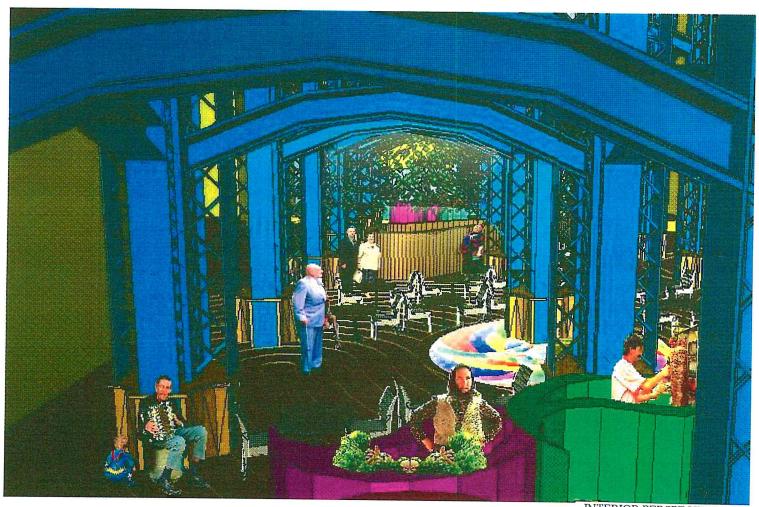
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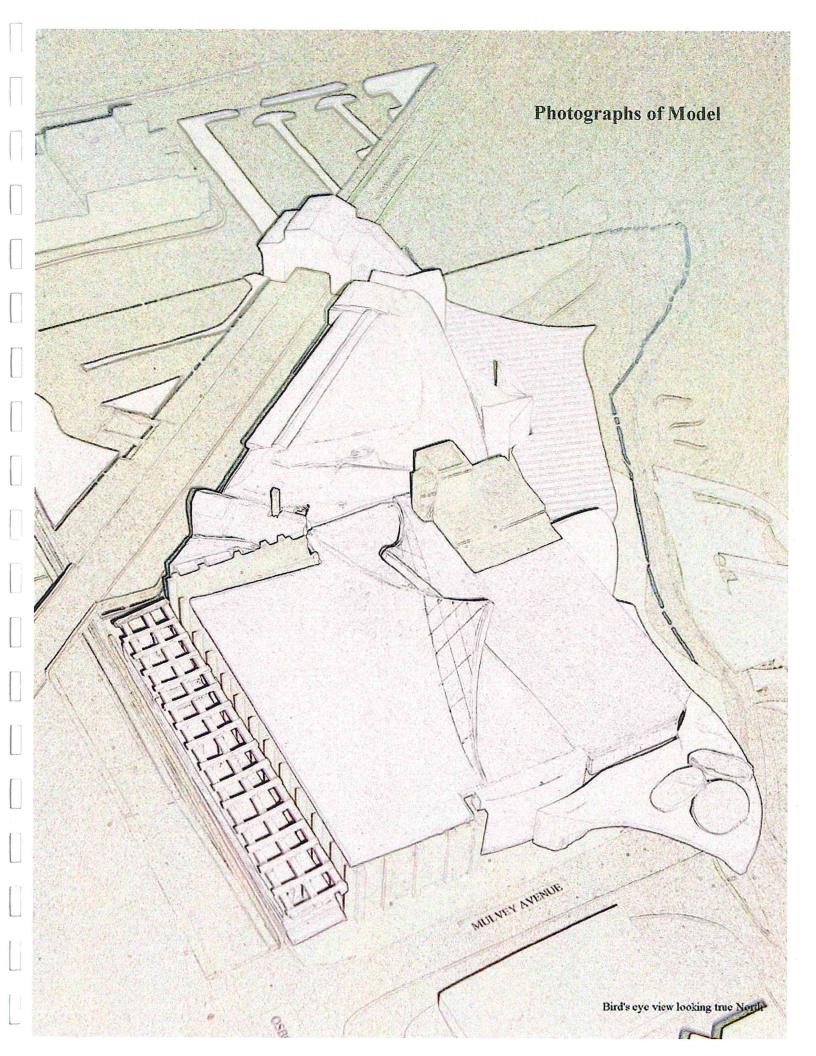
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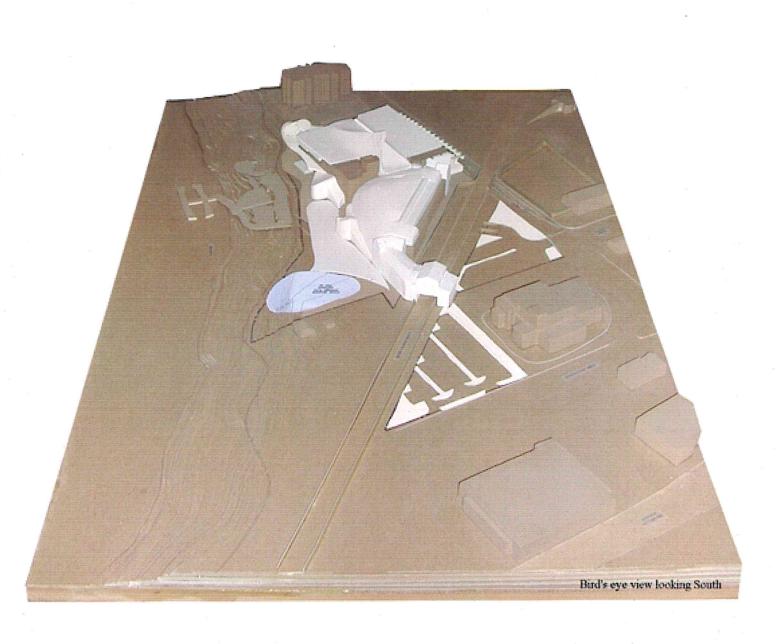
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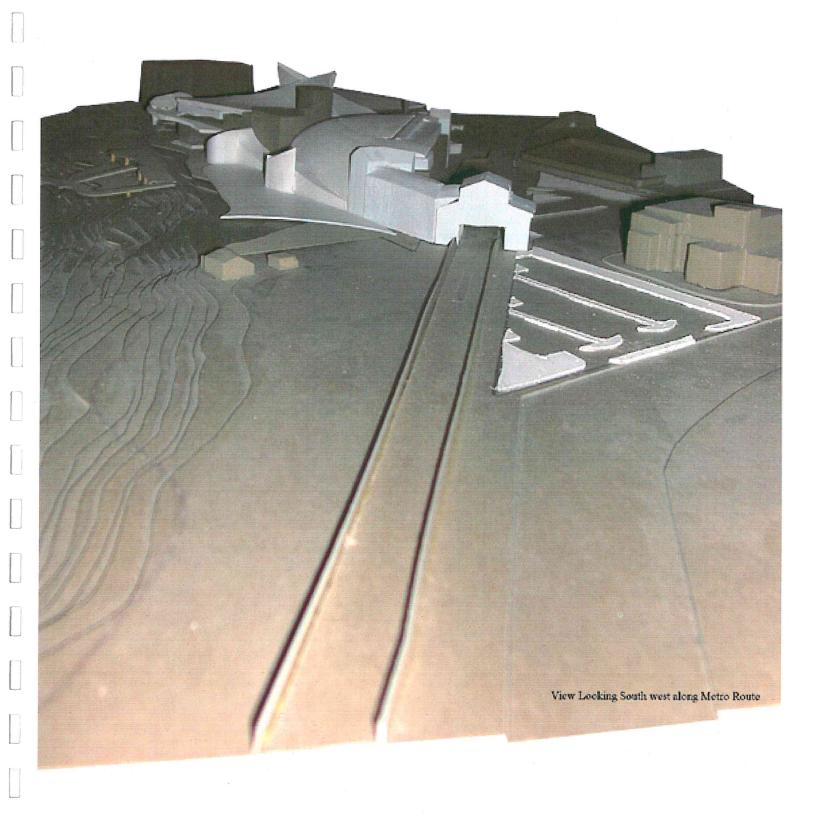


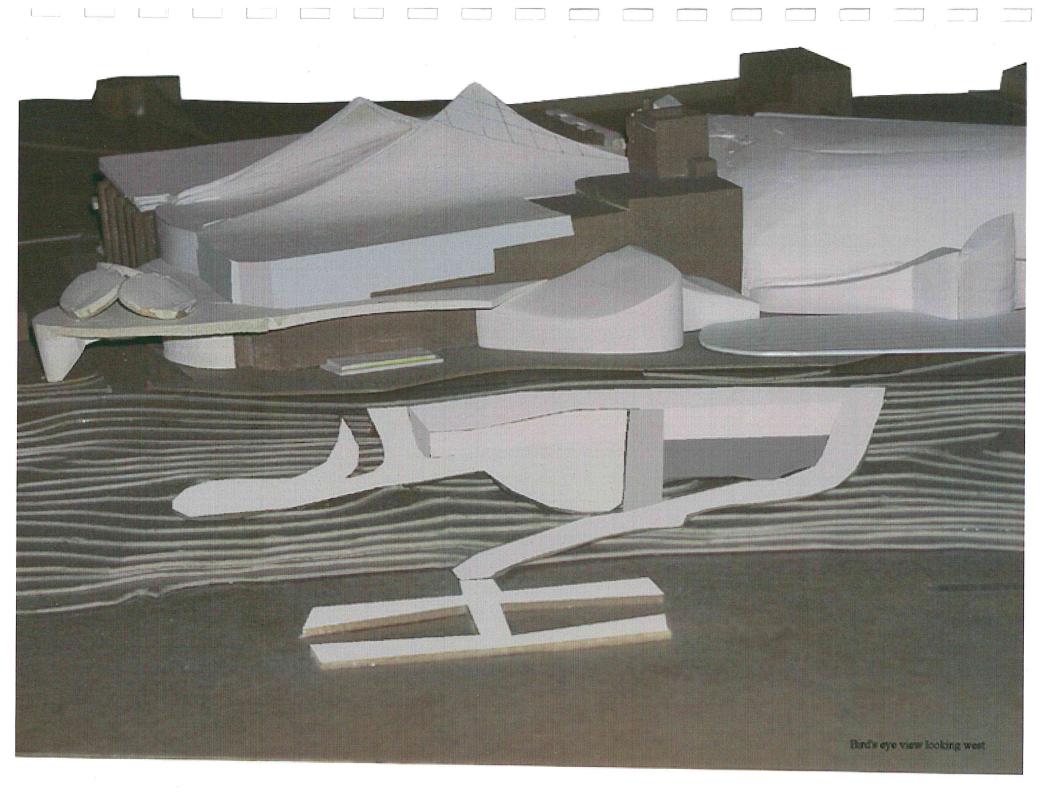












Letters of Certification

April 06, 2005

Re: Gathering Place Market for a Winnipeg Community

D9 Design Thesis for Otto Hammer

To Administrators of RAIC Syllabus program:

Acting in the role of professional advisor since February 2002, I have had the opportunity to review and comment on Otto Hammer's architectural thesis, entitled 'Gathering Place Market for a Winnipeg Community'.

In my opinion, based on review of the final project, Otto has successfully satisfied the originally stated project objectives.

Yours truly,

James Hutchings, M.Arch., M.A.A.

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Re:

Gathering Place Market for a Winnipeg Community

D9 Design Thesis

Message:

To Whom It May Concern

This is to confirm that I have provided structural consultations to Otto Hammer throughout the preliminary development, final design and completion of the Gathering Place Market for a Winnipeg

Community project.

Throughout the project, I have met with Otto to discuss and review structural matters. Included in the review were primary structural elements for the substructure and superstructure as well as more conventional secondary framing systems.

Based on our meetings and the final review of the completed drawings. It is my opinion that all structural systems are feasible and could be constructed in Winnipeg.

R. L. Steele, M.Sc., P. Eng. Structural Engineer

April 5, 2005

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Re: GATHERING PLACE MARKET FOR A WINNIPEG COMMUNITY

D9 Design Thesis

Presented by: Mr. Otto Hammer

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

With regard to Mr. Hammer's project, the Gathering Place Market for a Winnipeg Community, I am pleased to have acted as his mechanical advisor. Throughout the stages of this project, Mr. Hammer consulted with me to develop feasible mechanical solutions.

As the project advanced, Mr. Hammer returned to me and again before his final presentation to verify the systems. In conclusion, it is my opinion that Mr. Hammer has created a project that utilizes existing facilities and incorporated feasible mechanical systems as required.

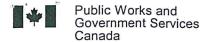
I wish him the best of luck in his endeavors.

Yours truly

R. Sukhan, P. Eng.

Mechanical Engineer

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April 5, 2005

RE: GATHERING PLACE MARKET FOR A WINNIPEG COMMUNITY - D9 DESIGN THESIS BY OTTO HAMMER

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

With regards to the above mentioned project, I have acted as Mr. Hammer's electrical engineering advisor. He has consulted with me throughout the various stages of the project to develop feasible electrical solutions.

In my opinion, based on the final review of the complete drawings, the overall project appears feasible for the city of Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

Bob Chernish P. Eng. Senior Electrical Engineer



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RE:

GATHERING PLACE MARKET FOR A WINNIPEG COMMUNITY

D9 Design Thesis

Presented by Otto Hammer

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In regards to Otto Hammer's project, the Gathering Place Market for a Winnipeg Community, I have acted as his civil engineering advisor. Throughout the stages of the project, he consulted with me to develop feasible civil engineering solutions.

In my opinion, based on the final review of the completed drawings, the overall project is feasible for Winnipeg.

Millin APR. 06/05

Sincerely,

Lawrence McMillin