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Re: McNab House & Botanical Gardens Project Description

The McNab house and botanical garden project is the creation of a restaurant, special event and botanical garden destination. the proposed improvements will be a transformative public space designed to enrich the community by offering a unique, immersive experience in nature and a restaurant destination and is intended encourage economic investment in the surrounding community.

The botanical garden portion of the project will include gardens based on the five senses - sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste - creating an inclusive environment that caters to people of all ages and backgrounds. this vibrant garden will be more than just a place to stroll; it will serve as a cultural and educational asset to the city, blending natural beauty with opportunities for community engagement, wellness, and learning. this botanical garden will serve as an important asset to the city, providing a multifunctional space that promotes environmental stewardship, community wellness, and cultural enrichment. the sensory gardens will offer a peaceful retreat for city residents and visitors alike, enhancing mental well-being through nature therapy and offering a break from the hustle and bustle of urban life. the educational and recreational components will attract visitors of all ages, making it an ideal place for families, tourists, and local schools. the event pavilion will become a premier venue for cultural events and community gatherings, further integrating the garden into the social fabric of the city. within the gardens, the user will find playgrounds that will be designed to encourage outdoor play and exploration in a natural setting and be artistic and monumental. these sculptural play structures will foster a sense of adventure and imagination.

At the heart of the botanical garden, there will be a restaurant that will provide a unique botanical dining experience. with expansive views of the surrounding gardens, the restaurant indoor and outdoor spaces will offer a peaceful, dining atmosphere. the outdoor dining area will allow guests to enjoy meals al fresco while surrounded by the beauty of nature, further enhancing the sensory experience. public access to the restaurant shall be from Atlantic boulevard.

Additionally, there will also be an event pavilion and event lawn which will serve as a venue for community events, seasonal festivals, educational programs, performances, concerts weddings, and private gatherings. these event spaces will have easy access to the gardens, offering a flexible space that can host both small intimate gatherings and large public events. the event pavilion design will reflect the natural elements of the garden, blending seamlessly with the environment. public access to the event pavilion shall be from southeast 22nd avenue.

The main entrance into the botanical gardens is the at the northeast intersection of southeast 22nd avenue and southeast 2nd street. at this location there will be a dedicated classroom building that will serve as an educational hub, offering workshops, classes and programs. the space will host school groups, adult learning, and community members interested in deepening their connection to nature. also at the botanical garden entrance is offices, a garden shop, public restrooms and the maintenance facility.

the project is designed to flexible and accommodate multiple events at the same time. for example, the restaurant could be open to the public while there is a wedding at the event pavilion and the botanical gardens open to the public or rented out for a corporate retreat.

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