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PRELIMINARY BANK ALLEY CONCEPT

- BERNIE MILTON PAVILION
- LAWN
- SHADED SEATING
- 10'X10' VENDOR PLOT
- PLANETWALK
- RECLAIMED GRANITE FROM OLD FOUNTAIN

WATER ELEMENT/SEATWALL
FOUNTAIN MECHANICAL
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PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Trees & Planting
• understand challenges of keeping or transplanting trees
• petition to save the trees
• questions about Urban Arborists’ evaluation
• use local experts to select new plant material
• show colorful planting in pots

Pavilions
• obstruction, rather than gateway
• traffic noise at north end of Bank Alley
• too ‘removed’ from the center of the Commons
• lawn at pavilion not usable (for dancing) or maintainable
PUBLIC FEEDBACK

LIGHTING
- Concerns with cable-hung lighting and:
  - Trees
  - Emergency access

UTILITIES
- Flexibility for future repairs and installation
- Possible district heating

FOUNTAIN
- Questions about long-term maintenance & sustainability
- Like concept design’s attempt at flexibility (i.e. fountain = sculptural seating element when water is off)
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PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Surface Materials & Furnishings
• prefer raw/rugged for special elements
• prefer warm/traditional paving and materials

Commerce/Retail Strategy
• need for the create and support its mission as a thriving retail district

Other
• How does the design address harsh winters? What will the space feel like then?
• harvest graywater from runoff
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AGENDA

STRUCTURE

- Existing Utilities
- Tree Assessment and Recommendations
- New Structure Strategy: Utility Zone | Soil Zone

SURFACE

- Palette
  - Planting
  - Paving
  - Furnishing
  - Lighting
- Special Features - Pavilions, Fountain, Play
  - Option 1: Elements as Gateways
  - Option 2: Elements as Dispersed