

Hi Heather,

Last year, I was invited by Will Hathaway and Sally Petersen to come up with some ideas for how to approach innovative *temporary* designs for what could be created at the new Center of the City space and I happily agreed to put some thought into it. While this space is highly problematic from a permanent design standpoint, as a temporary “stage” or “exhibition space” for non-permanent innovative public art pieces, and community art spectacles/performances, I could see this space becoming a magnet for tourists and locals alike to gather to experience episodic creative programming and/or temporary art installations. Activating the space, sooner than later, while more permanent plans are being drawn up, would also help the public to re-envision what this space could become and offer a place for continued dialogue and community input. I can only imagine that creating a “culture” of a gathering space now would only help to populate any more permanent designs that your commission recommends in the future.

If I can be of any help with any of this, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thanks,

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