

NORTH GATEWAY

OPPORTUNITIES:

A number of desirable programs for development were identified through the YourTown charrette:

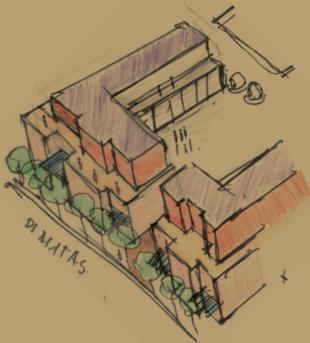
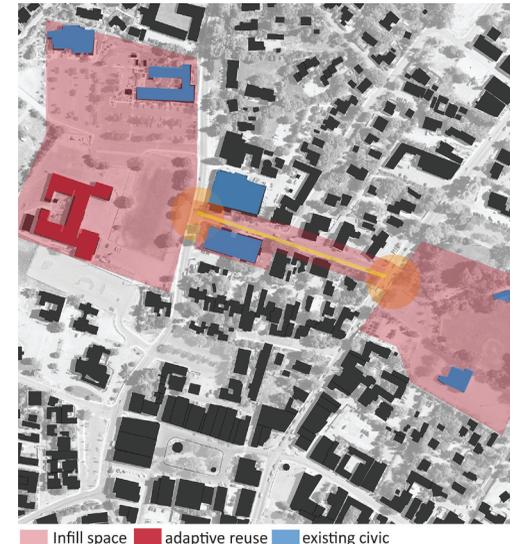
- A 'learning center'
- Open event space
- Mixed-use building types
- Community education resources
- Recreational amenities
- Residential studios

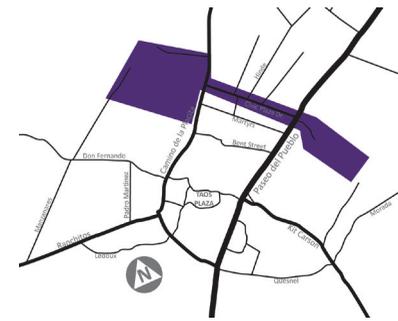


Existing Conditions:

- Civic Plaza Dr.** and the Intersections with Placitas and Paseo are an opportunity to define the entry into the Arts and Cultural District.
- Parking lots** sprawl across sites adjacent to intersections.
- Civic buildings** such as the Town Hall, Library, UNM Taos, and the TCA hint at a Civic Corridor but lack connection and fail to define a street edge.
- Open spaces** are under-utilized and break apart the more dense urban fabric found around the Plaza.
- Adaptive reuse** is considered for the old elementary school and Parr Field.
- Public realm** of the street is dominated by the automobile.

Existing Structure:





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The North Gateway is composed of three design visions: the Civic Center and Trade School, Civic Plaza Dr., and the eastern edge of Kit Carson Park. Together, these sites work to create, through infill and adaptive reuse, a vibrant gateway to the town from the north.

Youth Engagement

The future of Taos depends on our ability to provide opportunities for student education, and free expression. Taos already has a rich cultural heritage and artisan legacy. Instituting a system for passing on this knowledge to the next generation will foster a self-sustainable ethic

Parking Nodes

Parking structures allow for development of sprawling surface lots into active buildings. The structure becomes the mechanism for pedestrian dispersal and generator of Arts and Cultural events.

Mixed Use Programs

Building Types that integrate residential use with commercial, civic and institutional use will create a synergy of compatible activities that invigorate the public realm for locals and tourist alike .



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Town Hall Drive is realigned to connect with Civic Plaza Drive. A section of Parr Field is enhanced to become the central open space of the Civic Node. A parking structure replaces surface lots, allowing for the Town Hall to expand and encompass a processional forecourt on axis with the park. The structure itself is wrapped with a Youth and Rec. Center as well as Civic meeting halls. The south part of the site where the elementary sits is developed into a UNM Taos Trade School for the study of both contemporary / traditional Taos crafts.

Civic Plaza Park

Civic Center

- A. Town Hall Expansion
- B. Convention Space
- C. Youth Center
- D. Rec. Center
- E. Parking Structure
- F. Library Expansion
- G. Skate Plaza

Trade School

- H. Craft Houses
- I. Factory
- J. Craft Studios
- K. Parking Structure



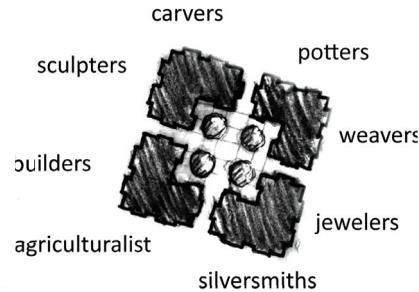
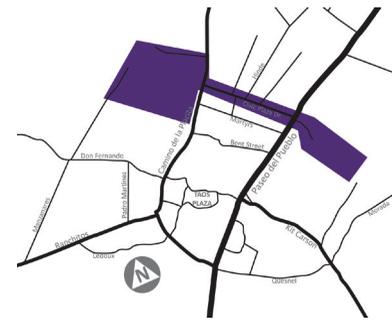
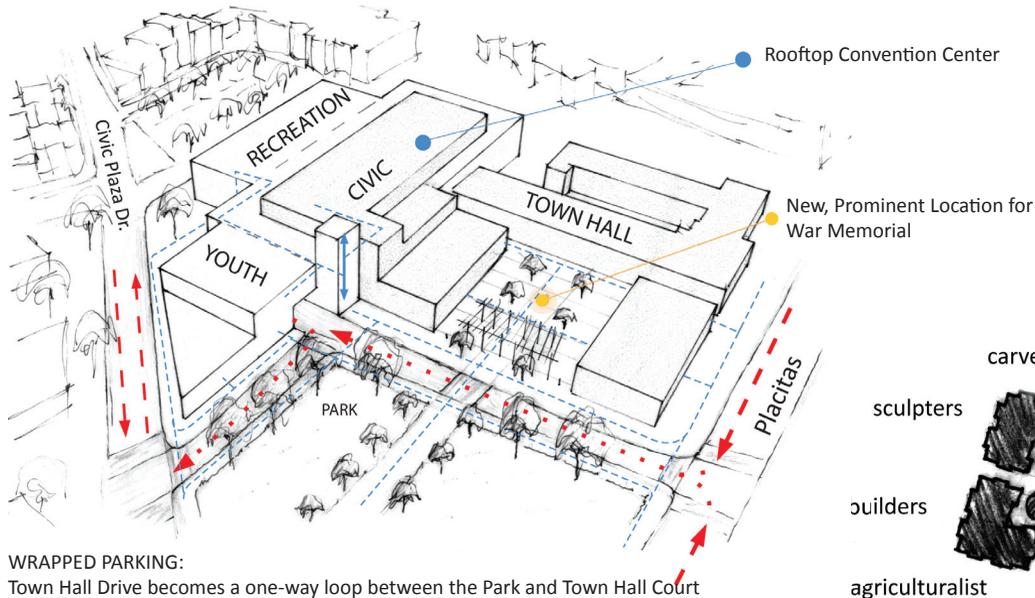
1. CIVIC AXIS:
The Civic Node opens onto the corner of the Trade School, and the park, with the vertical circulation tower marking entry to the parking structure

MIXED USE LEGEND

Gallery

Workshop

Faculty / Student Apts.



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As the old elementary gets converted into a community Fabrications Factory, the adjacent site is developed into communal 'Craft Houses' which integrate student living quarters with shared workspace and gallery. The school will initiate apprentice mentorship programs based on traditional Taos crafts. The houses form an interior Plaza that serves as an open-air craft market. Students will be directly engaged with competitions to design and build various elements of proposed street furniture which will then be fabricated in the converted factory.



2. LIVE / WORK STUDIOS:
2 - 3 story live / work studios line the west side of the Fabrications Factory, accommodating long-term faculty / students

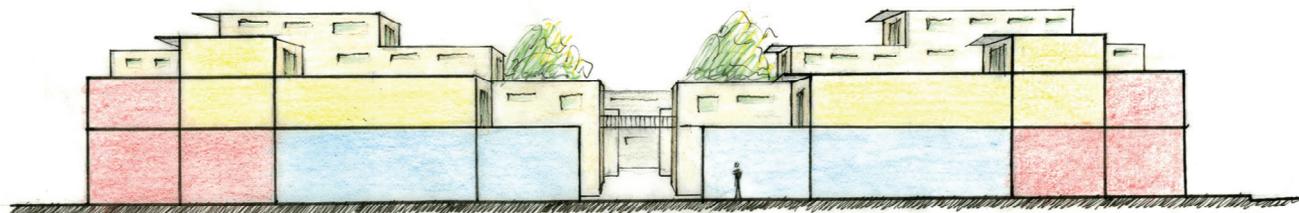
Appx. 15,000sf / house:

10,000sf:

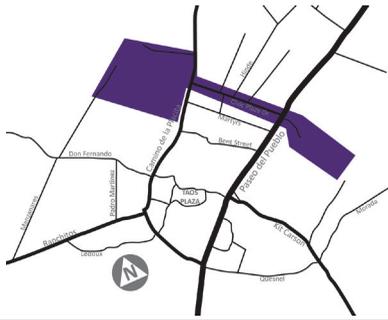
- workspace
- gallery
- amenities

5000sf:

- studio apts.
- appx. 25 residents



Section through Craft House showing usage division (legend at left)



Kit Carson Park

Gateway Center

- A. Media Center
- B. Retail Amenities
- C. Parking Structure
- D. Event Space
- E. TCA Alleyway

Performing Arts

- E. TCA
- F. BlackBox Expansion
- G. Studios
- H. Entry Court



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An Event Parking Structure will anchor the North entrance to the Arts and Cultural district along Paseo, beckoning drivers to park their vehicles and walk. An extension of the Craft School is then integrated with the TCA to create a Performing Arts Center. The structure is wrapped by Commercial Spaces and a Media Center where event offices are located. As it peaks above the facade, the structure itself becomes signage for the Arts and Cultural District.

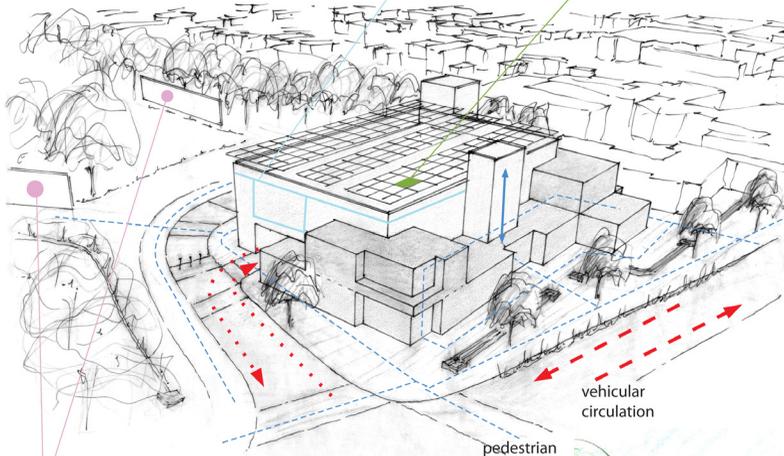


2. EVENT SPACE:

The back facade of the structure is outfitted with a flexible stage area and perforated metal panels which act as a screen for film events that spill into the park

LED Information display and image projection

PV shade structure on the upper level powers LED display



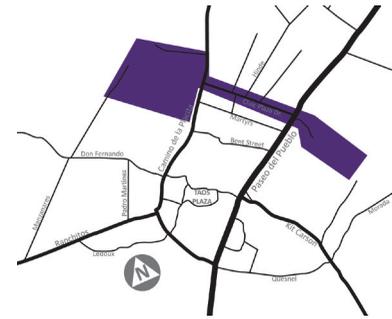
Park Art Walls provide free urban canvases for community expression, while buffering Kit Carson Park events from the TCA auditorium.

pedestrian circulation

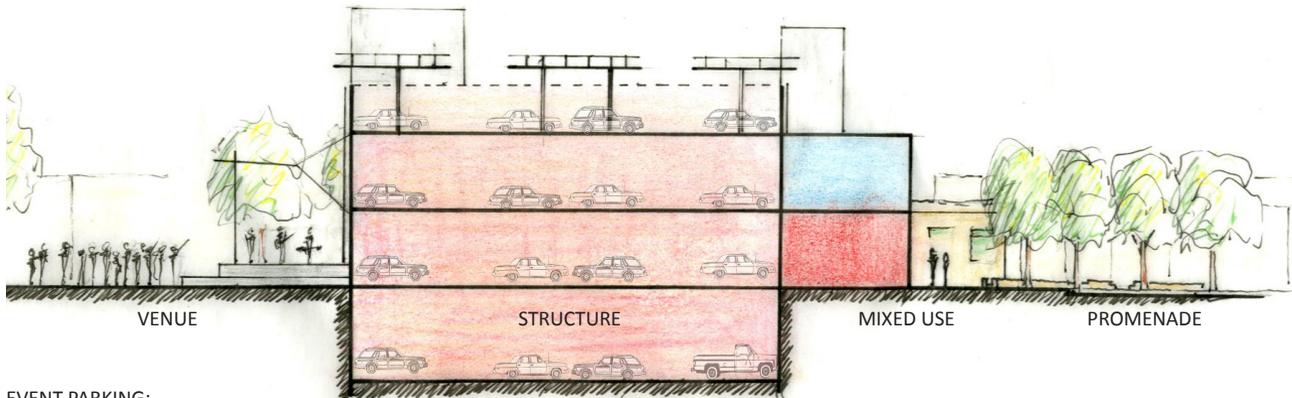


1. TCA ALLEYWAY:

The Gateway Center kisses the Stables Art Gallery with a broad alleyway on axis with the TCA's existing entry way.

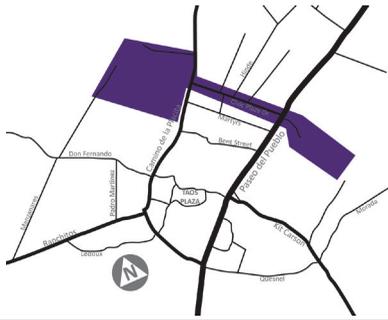


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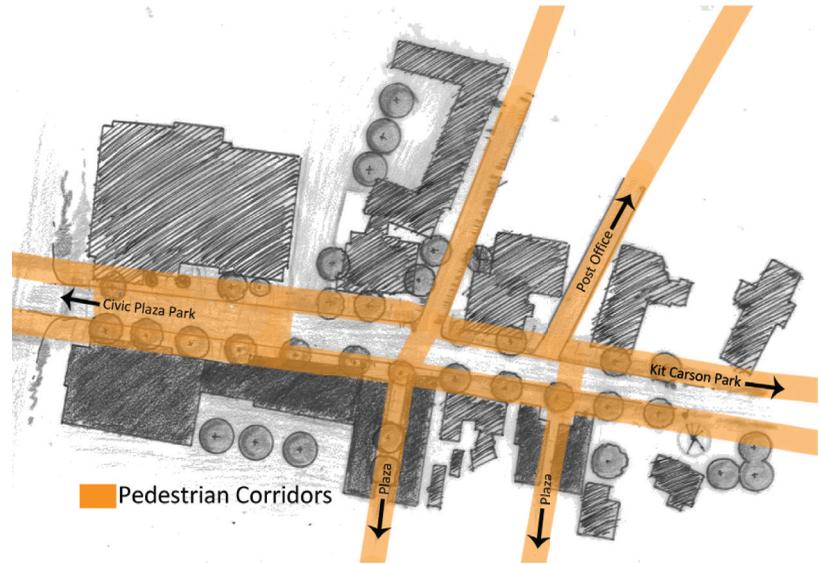


EVENT PARKING:

Structure will supply 150+ parking spaces, while creating active street and park facades for commerce and performing arts events.



Civic Plaza Drive

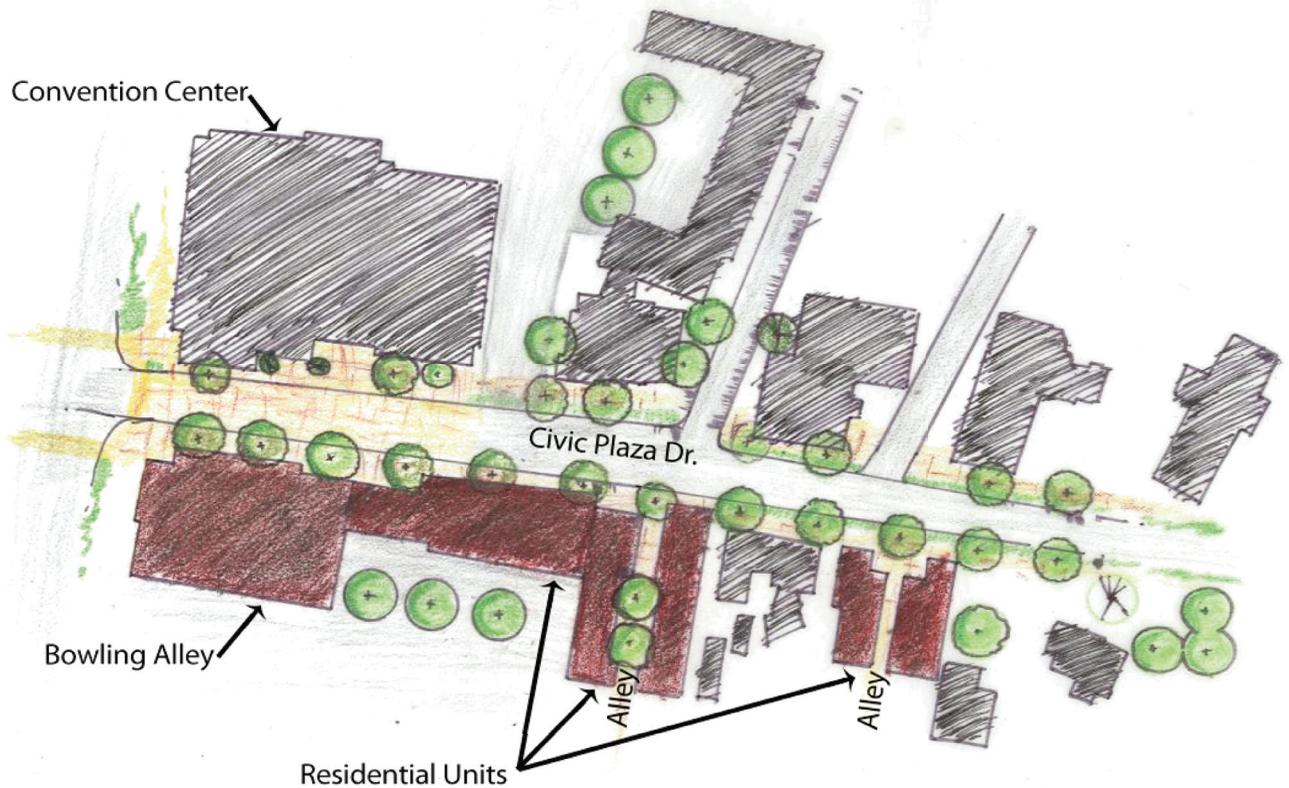


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The intent for Civic Plaza Dr. is to create a strong connection between existing Civic buildings and the Arts and Cultural District. The realignment of the street creates an immediate connection with Town Hall and parking.

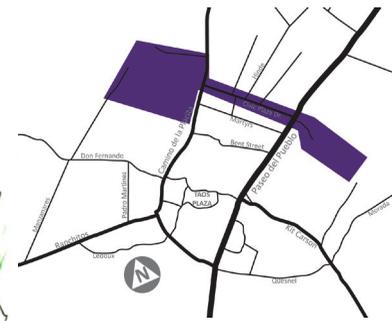
The Infill buildings include residential units and a community bowling alley. The new units allow for more residents to live within the District. The bowling alley is a source of entertainment for the youth of Taos.

All new structures create a strong presence along the street and alleys, defining pedestrian circulation and connections through the area.





LOOKING SOUTH, PLACITAS AND CIVIC PLAZA DR.



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LOOKING WEST ON CIVIC PLAZA DR.