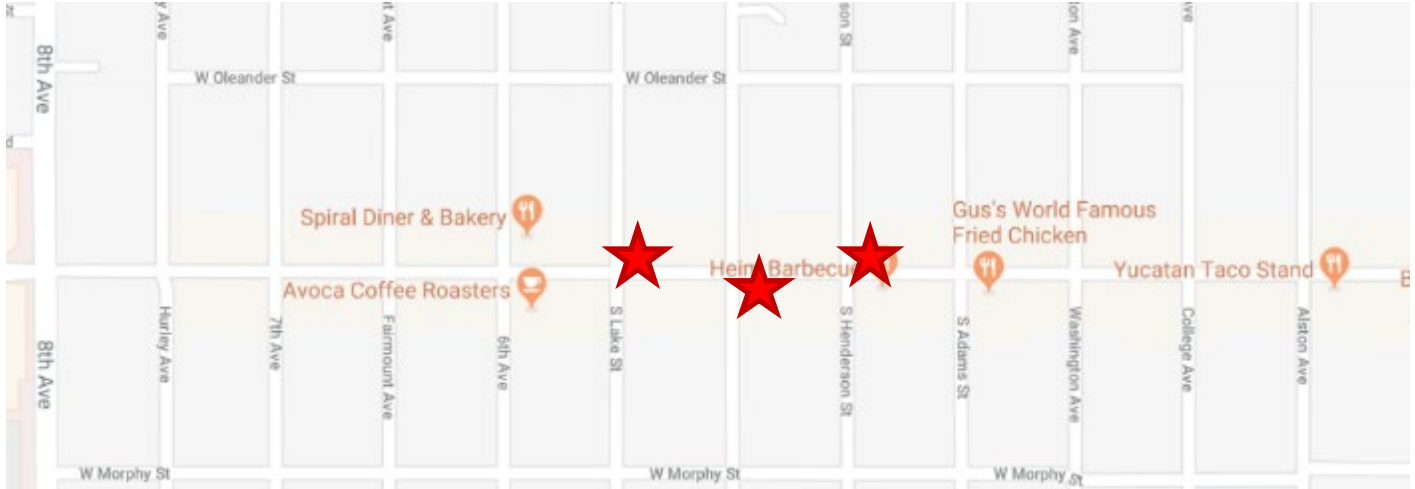


West Magnolia Avenue Public Art Project

Site: West Magnolia Avenue at South Henderson Street, 5th Avenue, and South Lake Street, 76104



Artist's Statement

The sculptures are symbols and metaphors from nature that remind us of the potential within all of us and the potential within an active community. They remind us of the very slow and methodical conversations between organisms. Each are unique examples of adaptation and how environmental triggers can activate a new kind of response to inspire growth.

"The whole of the contemporary forest is contained within its many seeds."

The project will represent the innate ability within community to work together towards the potential of a diverse and vibrant future. The history of the Near Southside neighborhood is rooted in this collaborative ability and the legacy of hard work and the growth of the industries that fueled the 21st century. The area has evolved over time into a diverse community of creative and innovative doers that have endured hardship at times, adapted to new norms, and continue to cultivate an incredible part of this city.

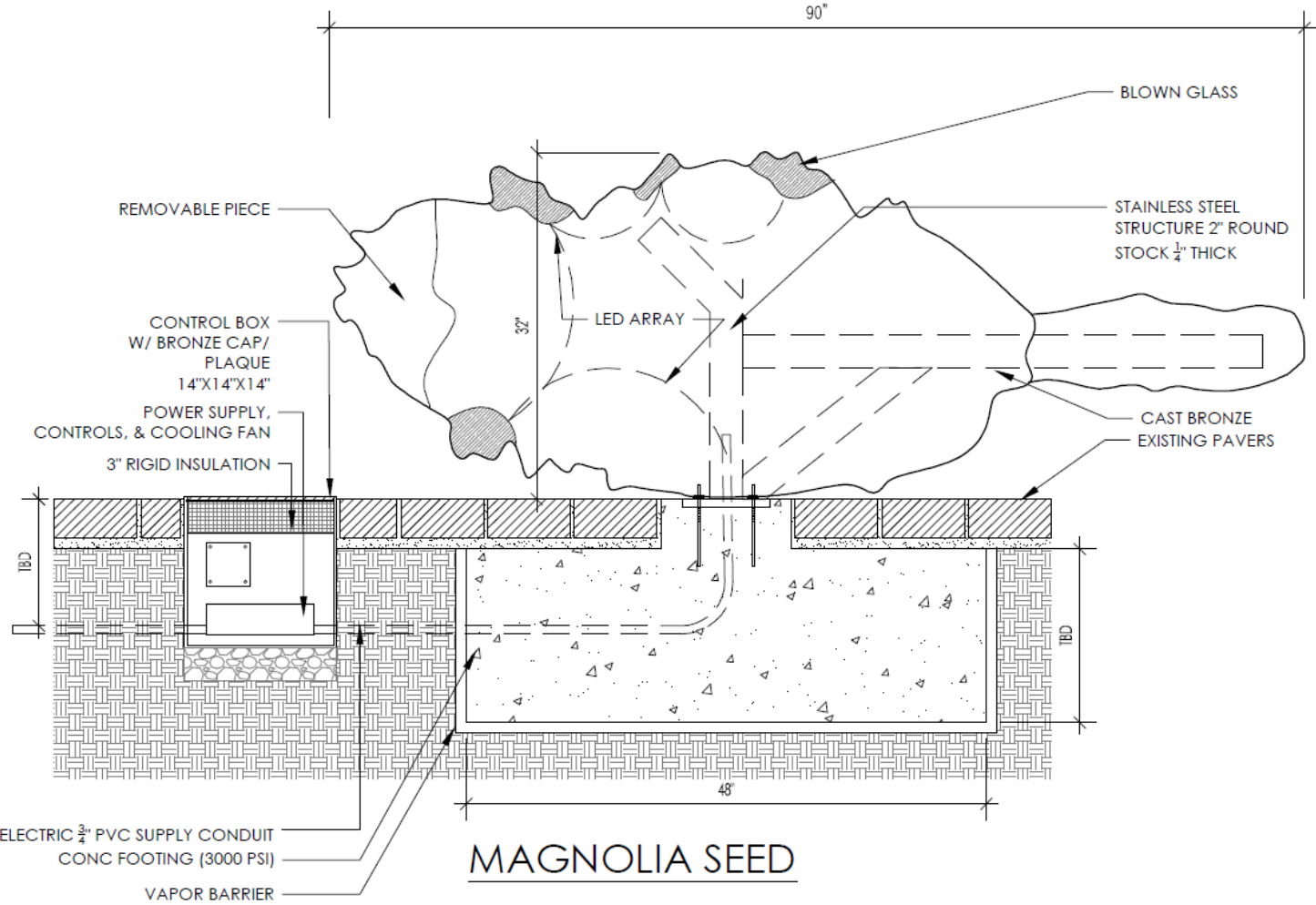
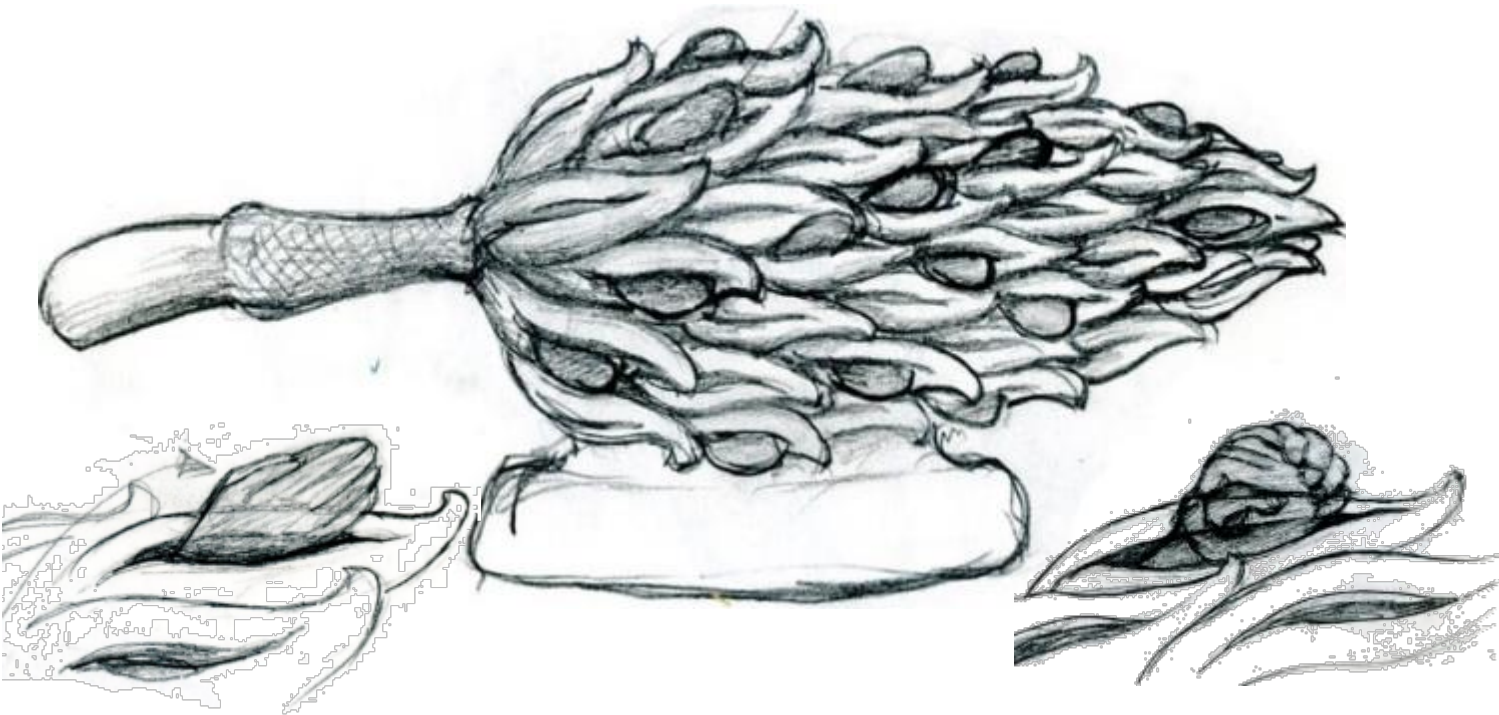
The concept is to bring people together and utilize their individual impressions and compose this metaphorical statement. To literally put their hands in the project and for us all to have a role in the creation of this message. Especially now, this project will be a catalyst for our community and an opportunity for us to cultivate the seeds of a new season.

The human hand is the ultimate symbol of humanity and a very important part of the design. We all use our hands! We use them to create, teach, embrace, heal, celebrate, defend, and to ultimately to make a difference. These three pieces will be a metaphor of our capacity as makers, and cultivators of tomorrow.

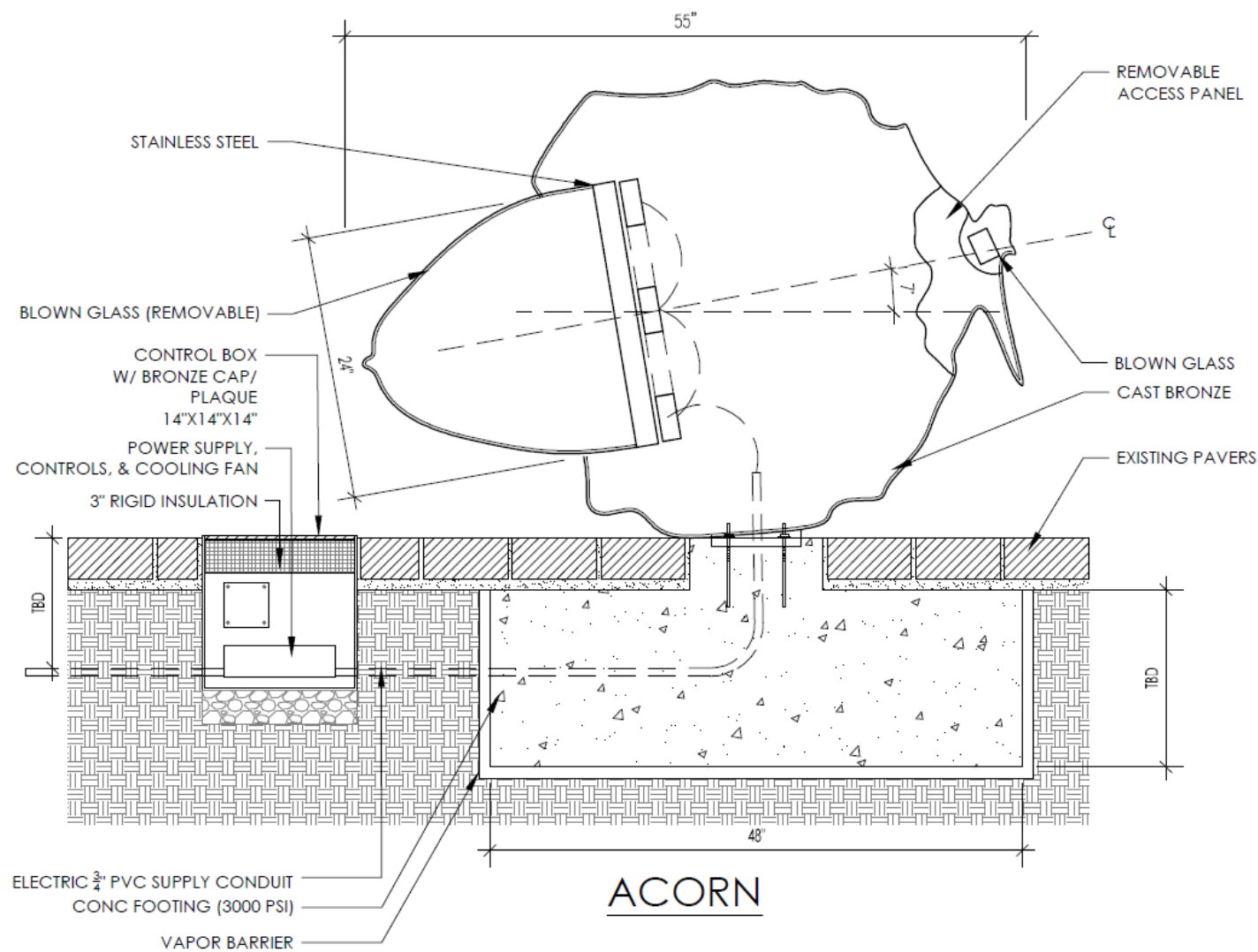
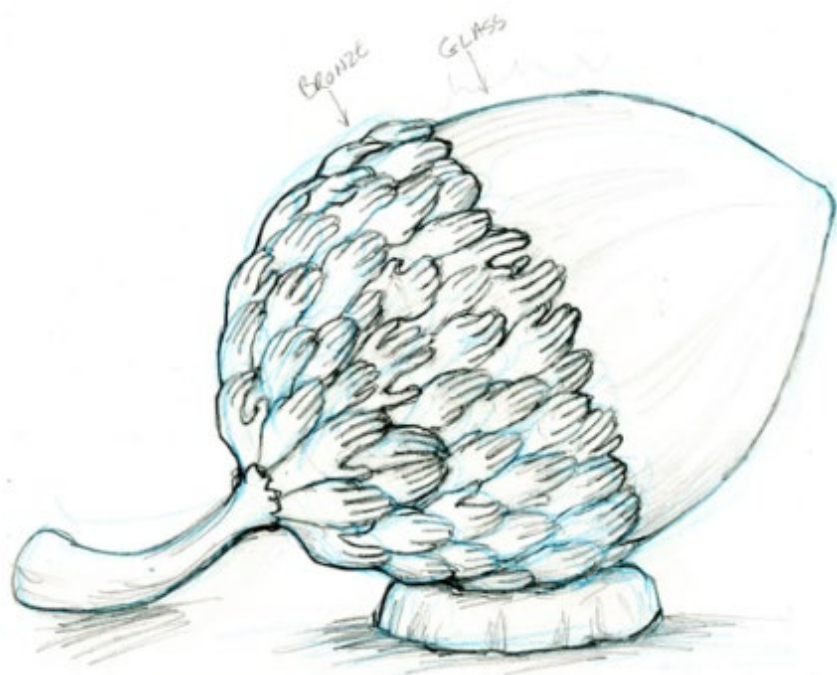
These three Bronze and glass sculptures will represent that the smallest of ideas can grow into great knowledge, and that there is, in each of us, a substantial potential to be discovered. They will also be reminders that as a community united we have the strength to endure, adapt, and grow regardless of the most challenging of seasons.

Artwork Design

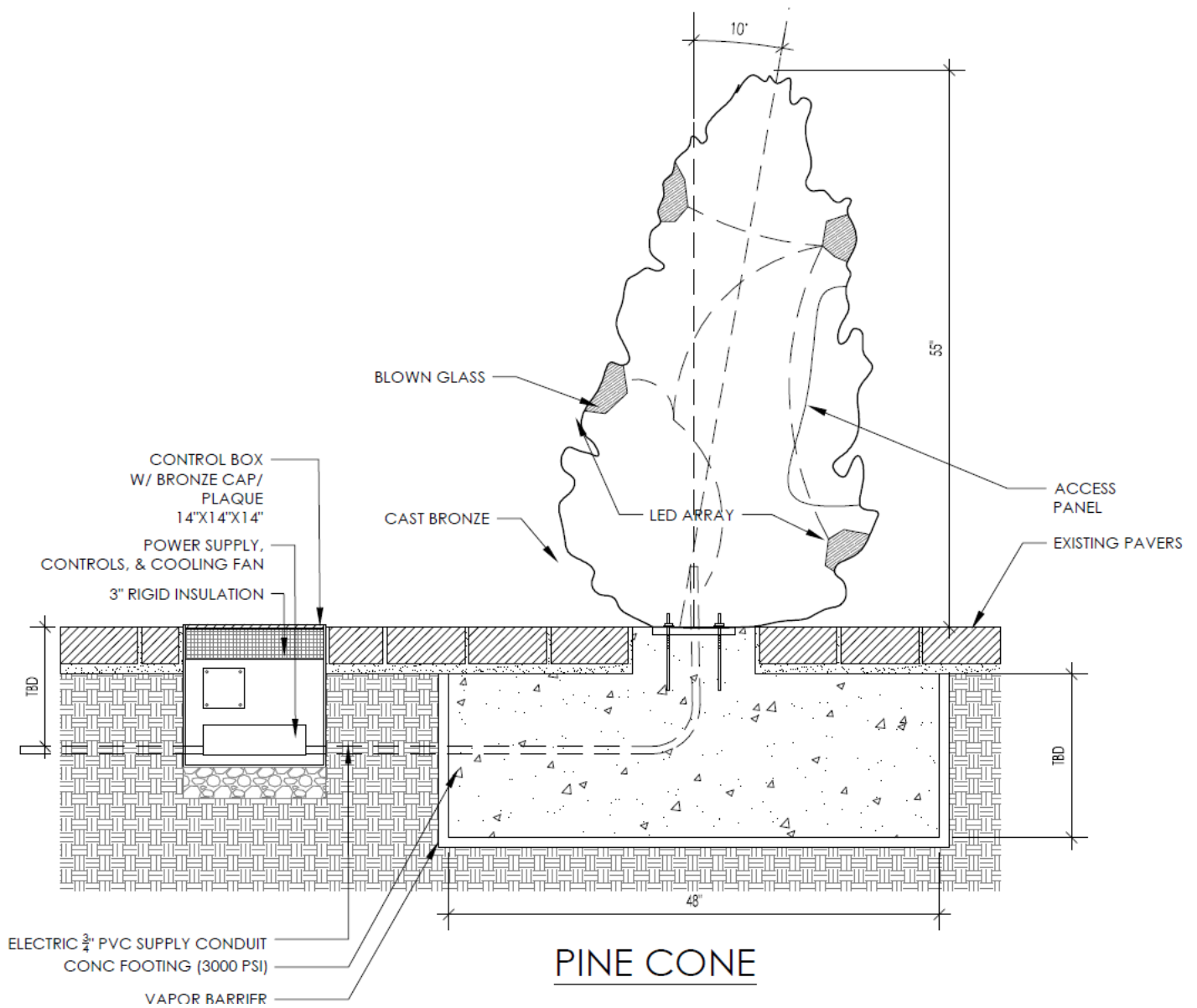
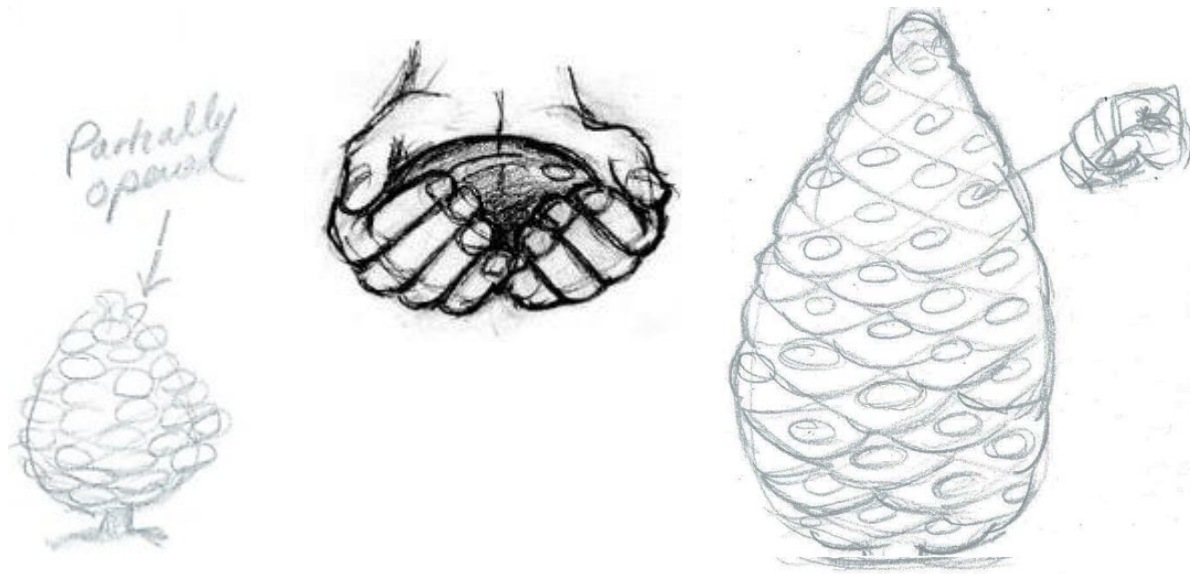
Site 1: North East Corner - S. Lake Street and Magnolia Ave. (The Magnolia Pod)



Site 2: South West Corner - 5th Ave and Magnolia Ave (The Acorn)



Site 3: North East Corner - S. Henderson St and Magnolia Ave (The Pine Cone)



Artwork Design Materials Tests



Blown glass will be used for the nut seed of the acorn, with hands cast in bronze for the cap. Similarly, the pinecone petals will be cast bronze.



Protruding from the cast bronze magnolia seed pod will be cast glass seeds, made from molds of community members' hands. Similarly, small elements of the pinecone will be cast glass.