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SUBJECT: ALPINE RECREATION CENTER - PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF BRUCE LEE MEMORIAL STATUE AND PLAQUE

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board grant conceptual approval for the installation of one memorial statue and plaque at Alpine Recreation Center.

SUMMARY:

Alpine Recreation Center is a neighborhood park located at 817 Yale Street, within the Chinatown community. The facility features an auditorium, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, children's play area, indoor gym, and volleyball courts. Programs at this park include baseball, basketball, Chinese martial arts, flag football, golf, soccer, tai chi, chuan, and table tennis as well as ballet, Chinese folk dance, piano and summer day camp among others. This is a heavily used facility, central to the surrounding community.

On July 29, 2009, the Department received an application from the Bruce Lee Project Committee (Committee) requesting permission to erect a statue of Bruce Lee at Alpine Recreation Center. Bruce Lee is arguably the most recognized Chinese-American in the world. In 2008, Bruce Lee was named among TIME Magazine's 100 Most Important People of the Century. Born in San Francisco and raised in Hong Kong, Bruce Lee pursued his Hollywood dream living in the Los Angeles area from 1966 to 1971. During that time he maintained a martial arts studio in the Chinatown area at 628 College Street, approximately one block from Alpine Recreation Center.

On December 8, 2009, Department staff met with the Committee and Council Office staff to review the proposal. Several items were discussed including the approval process, community outreach, maintenance, and installation footprint and location. At that time it was suggested that the proposed location at Alpine Recreation Center was not the most appropriate.

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On January 5, 2010, Department Region staff met with Committee members and Council Office staff at Alpine Recreation Center to review possible locations for the statue. They were also joined by Shannon Lee, daughter of Bruce Lee and President of the Bruce Lee Foundation. At that time all present concurred that the best location of the statue would be on the lawn, located at the west side of the Recreation Center, in front of the gazebo.

Attached are several proposed designs of the monument. Exhibits A-C reflect possible locations of the statue. Exhibit D shows the proposed statue. The statue was fabricated in Guangzhou, China. Made of bronze it stands 8' tall, 5'5" wide and 2'2" deep, and weighs approximately 1600 lbs. Exhibit E shows a model of the statue as well as the text intended for a plaque in front of the statue.

The Bruce Lee memorial statue proposal will need to be presented to, and approved by, the Cultural Affairs Commission. Community outreach will begin upon conceptual approval of this installation.

Staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (6), of the City CEQA Guidelines.

The Councilmember of the District and Metro Region management and staff have no objection to this project at Alpine Recreation Center.

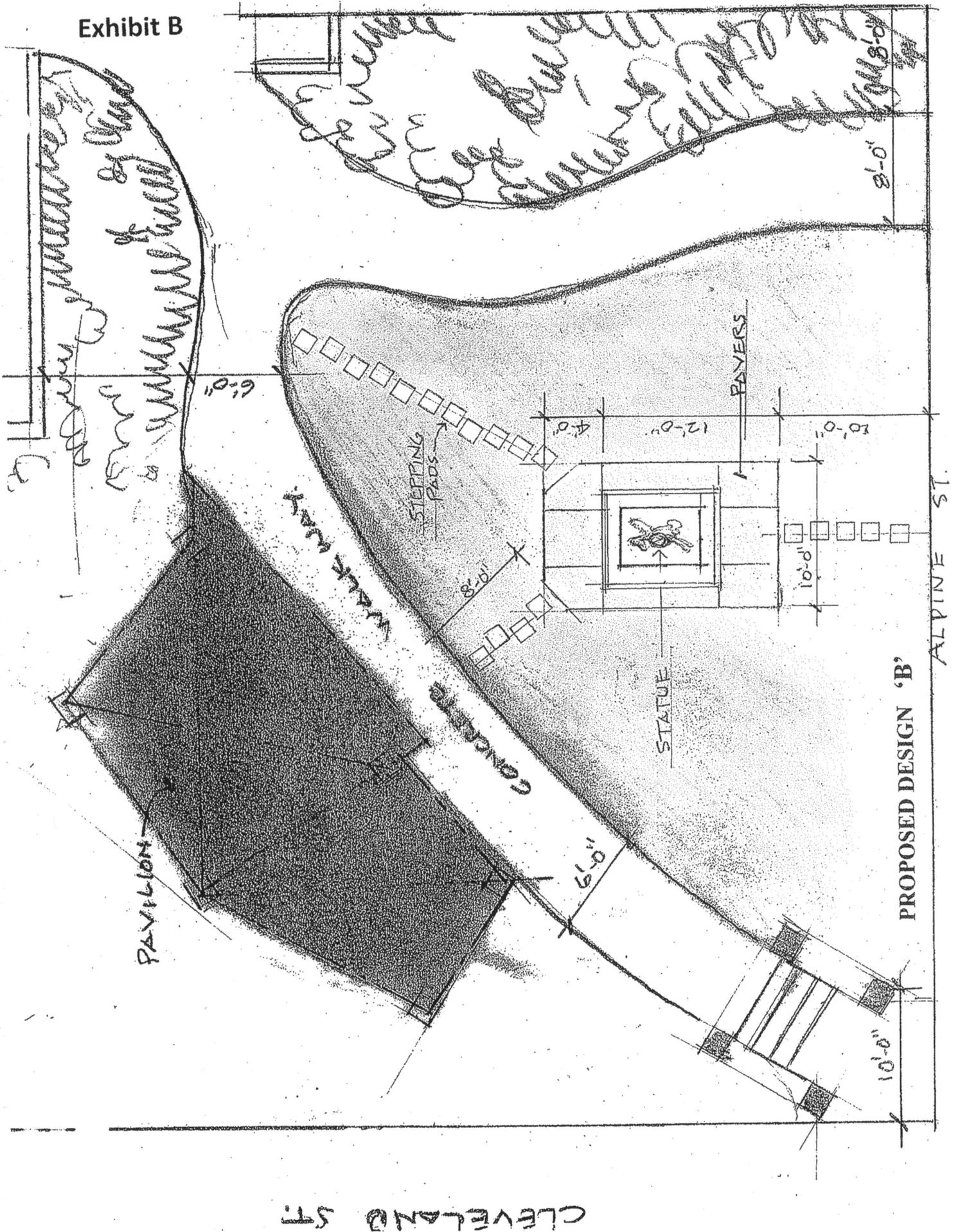
### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Installation of these items will have negligible impact on the Department's General Fund, as the cost of the sculpture, plaque, installation and maintenance will be funded by the Bruce Lee Project Committee. Required maintenance for the upkeep of the sculpture and the plaque will be the responsibility of the Committee. An agreement addressing issues regarding installation and required maintenance of the sculptures will be developed by staff.

This report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning and Construction.



Exhibit B

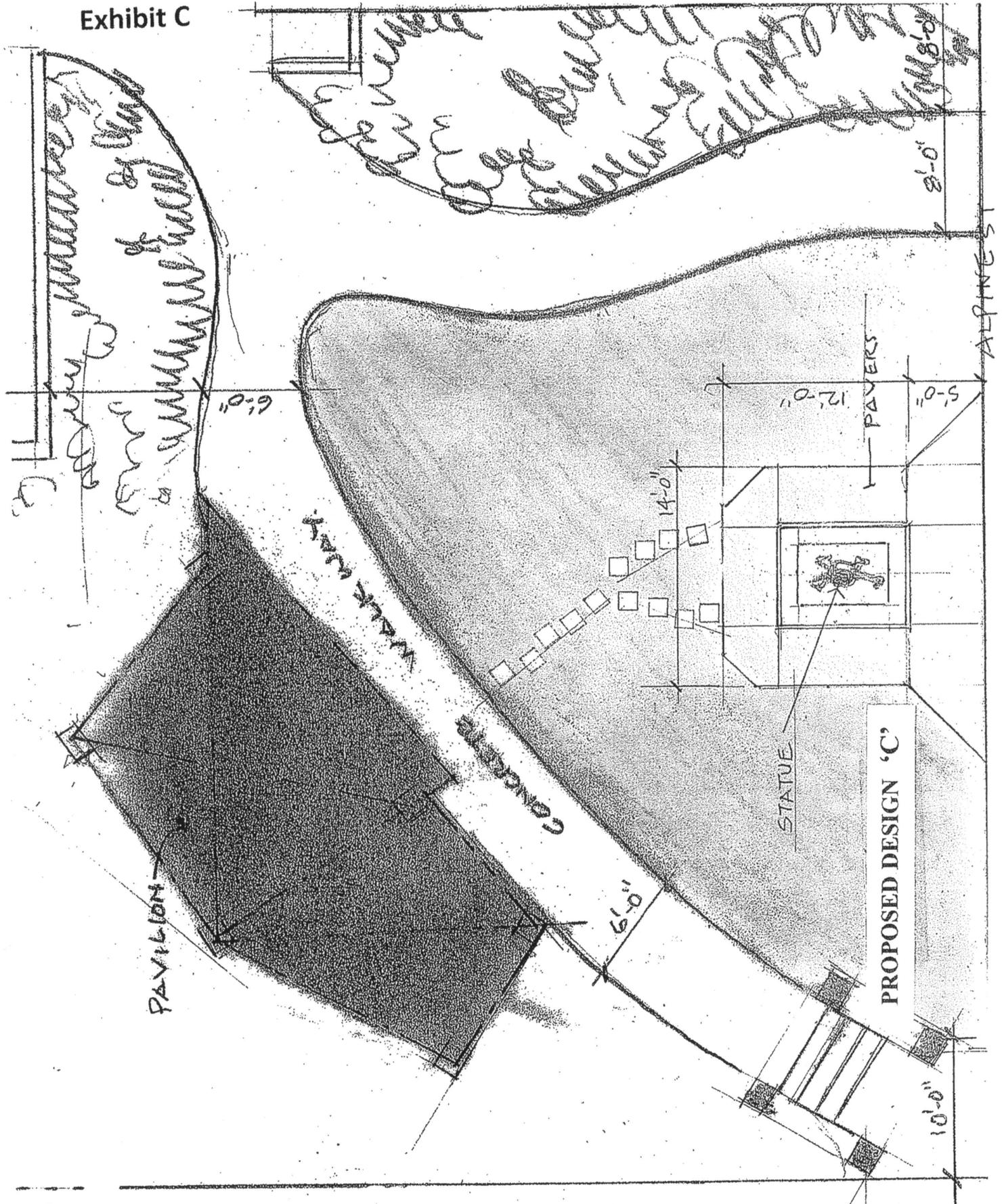


CLEVELAND ST.

PROPOSED DESIGN 'B'

ALPINE ST.

Exhibit C



CLEVELAND ST

PROPOSED DESIGN 'C'

STATUE

PAVERS

WALKWAY  
CONCRETE

PAVILION

6'-0"  
11'-0"  
6'-0"

14'-0"

12'-0"

5'-0"

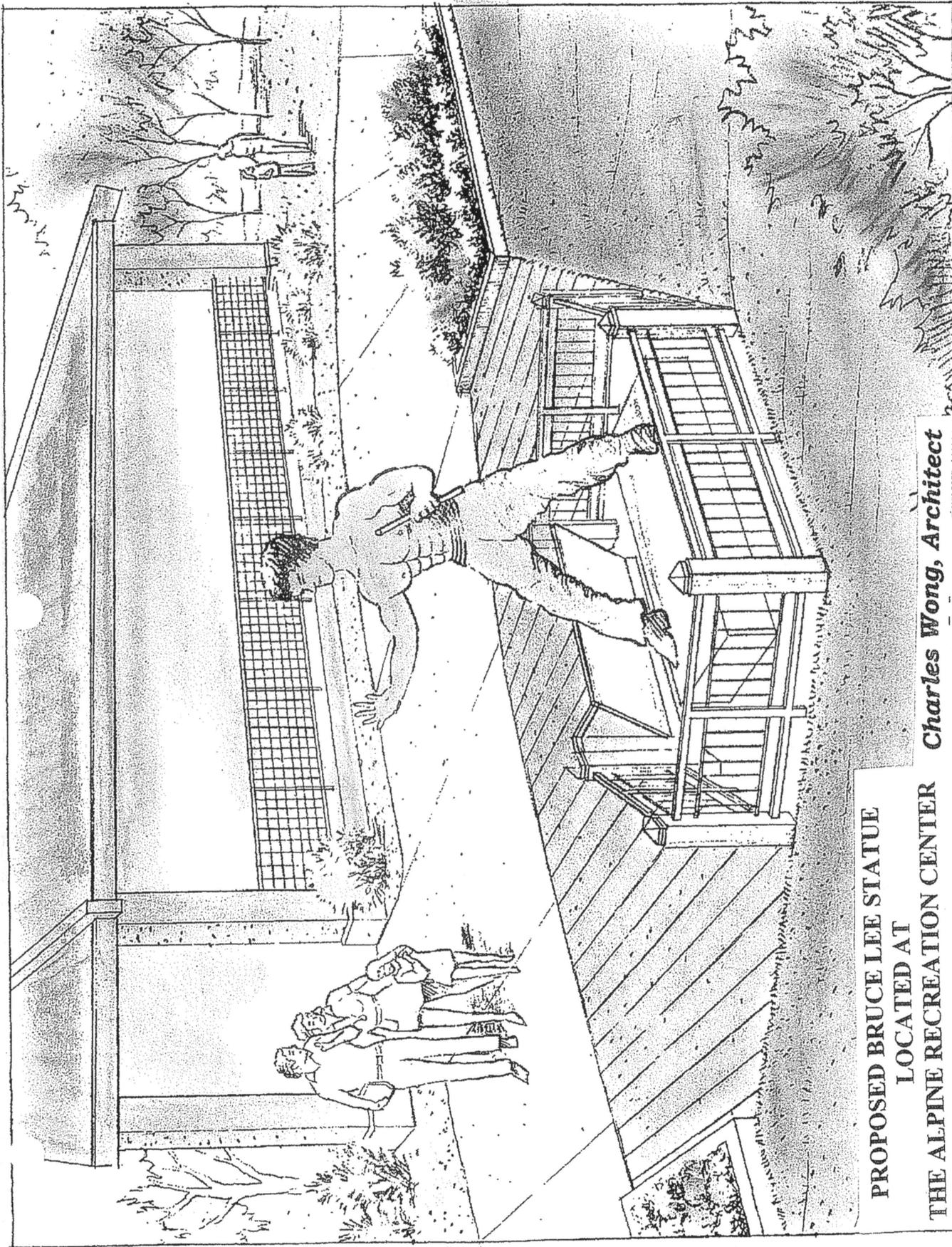
6'-0"

10'-0"

ALPINE ST

6'-0"

See drawing 11/10/86



**PROPOSED BRUCE LEE STATUE  
LOCATED AT  
THE ALPINE RECREATION CENTER** *Charles Wong, Architect*

**SKETCH OF PROPOSED DESIGNED 'A'  
DESIGN 'B' AND 'C' WILL BE SIMILAR**

'D'

## Exhibit E

### The Statue of Bruce Lee



*Picture showing Shannon Lee Inspecting and Okayed the 8' Clay Model of Bruce Lee in Guangzhou, November 2008.*

The front Statue Plaque will read as follows:

**BRUCE LEE 李小龍**

Martial Artist • Actor • Philosopher • Teacher

November 27, 1940 – July 20, 1973



*“Using no way as way; having no limitation as limitation.”*