

**CITY OF LA VISTA  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT  
JUNE4, 2024 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
DISCUSSION: REFLECTION PLAZA	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE	RITA RAMIREZ ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

## **BACKGROUND**

At the May 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting a request was made to include a discussion item on the June 4 City Council agenda regarding a potential location for the Reflection Plaza project. The following is an outline of the previous discussions and meetings held regarding this topic:

In June of 2023 following a presentation prepared by staff identifying several potential sites for the project, along with the pros and cons of each location, Council held a discussion in an effort to select a site. They did eliminate a couple of the sites presented as options. Councilmembers had varying thoughts regarding the remaining sites and ultimately it was determined that without some sense of what the project was going to represent and the types of amenities that might be included, it would be difficult to select a location. The Mayor indicated that the La Vista Community Foundation had done some work on this and they would be the main fundraiser for the project. Ultimately, the Mayor instructed staff to put some information together about potential amenities and indicated he wanted the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to make a recommendation.

Staff did research on other memorial type projects and a follow up meeting was held with the Mayor to review types of amenities that could be included in the project. At that time it was determined we should wait until the campus planning project was further along and a potential site or sites on the City Hall campus could be identified as one of the location choices. It was anticipated we would have something shortly after the first of the year. RDG ultimately did provide a map with several potential sites at City Hall as part of their campus planning project.

Another meeting was held with the Mayor and Anissa Visty from the Foundation in early spring where staff was asked to review some photos and websites provided by Anissa and identify things they would like to see in a project. Staff was told that the Mayor had someone from Mulhall's who was willing to create some basic design sketches pro bono. Involving the Park & Rec Advisory Board was again mentioned in this meeting. It was agreed that the Recreation Director would advise the Board at their next meeting about the project in anticipation of the Board being asked to make a recommendation in the near future. It was also indicated that a site had not been chosen by Council and after some discussion another option was proposed for consideration along with the previous sites presented.

Attached to this staff report are maps of the sites still under consideration:

- Central Park in the area of the previous #3 green near the new access road off of Park View Blvd.
- Champion Park along Park View Blvd. between approximately 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- City Hall Campus – several locations on the campus identified during the campus planning process.
- Central Park just west of the tennis courts

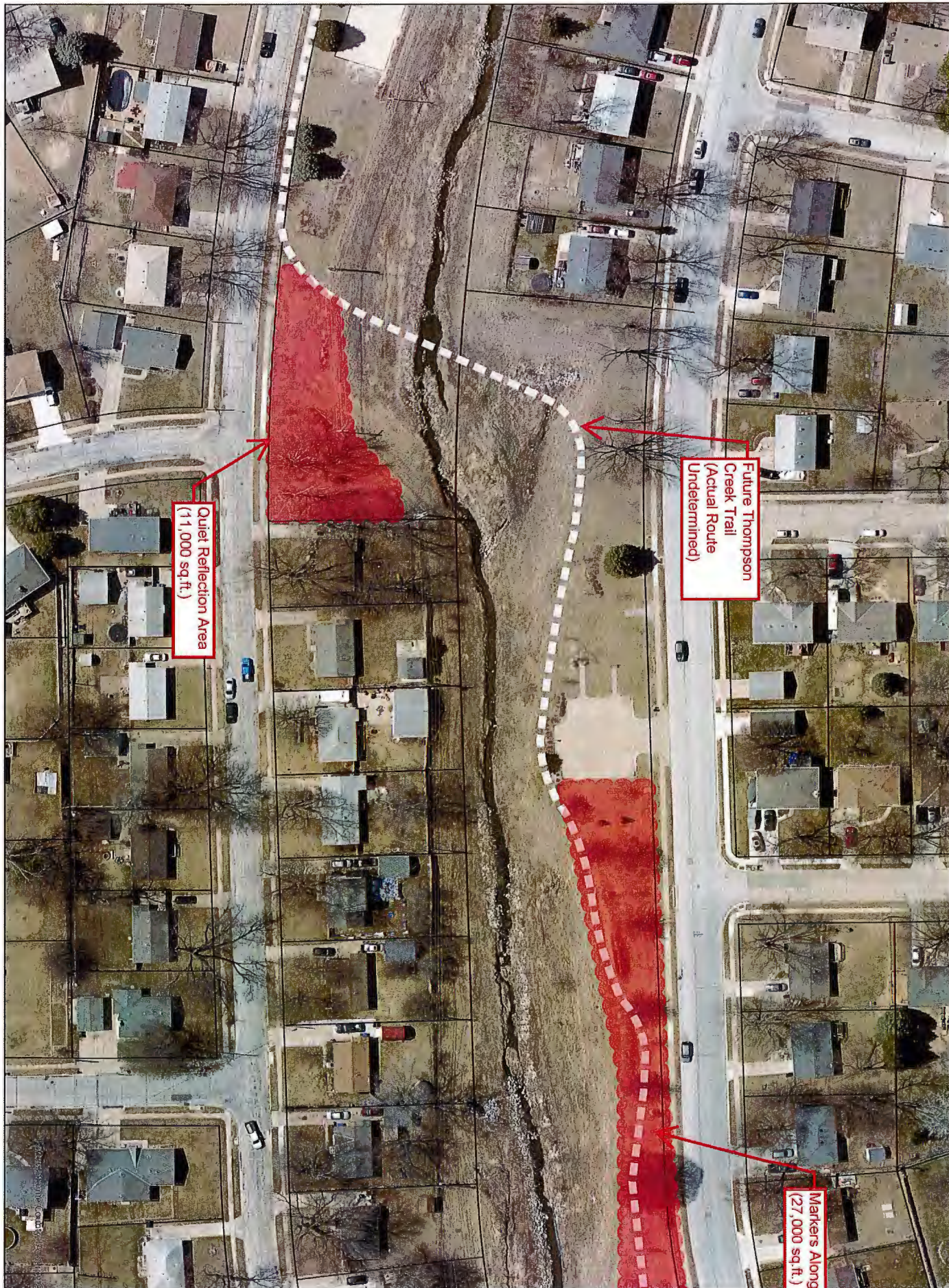


# CENTRAL P PARK





# CHAMPION PARK



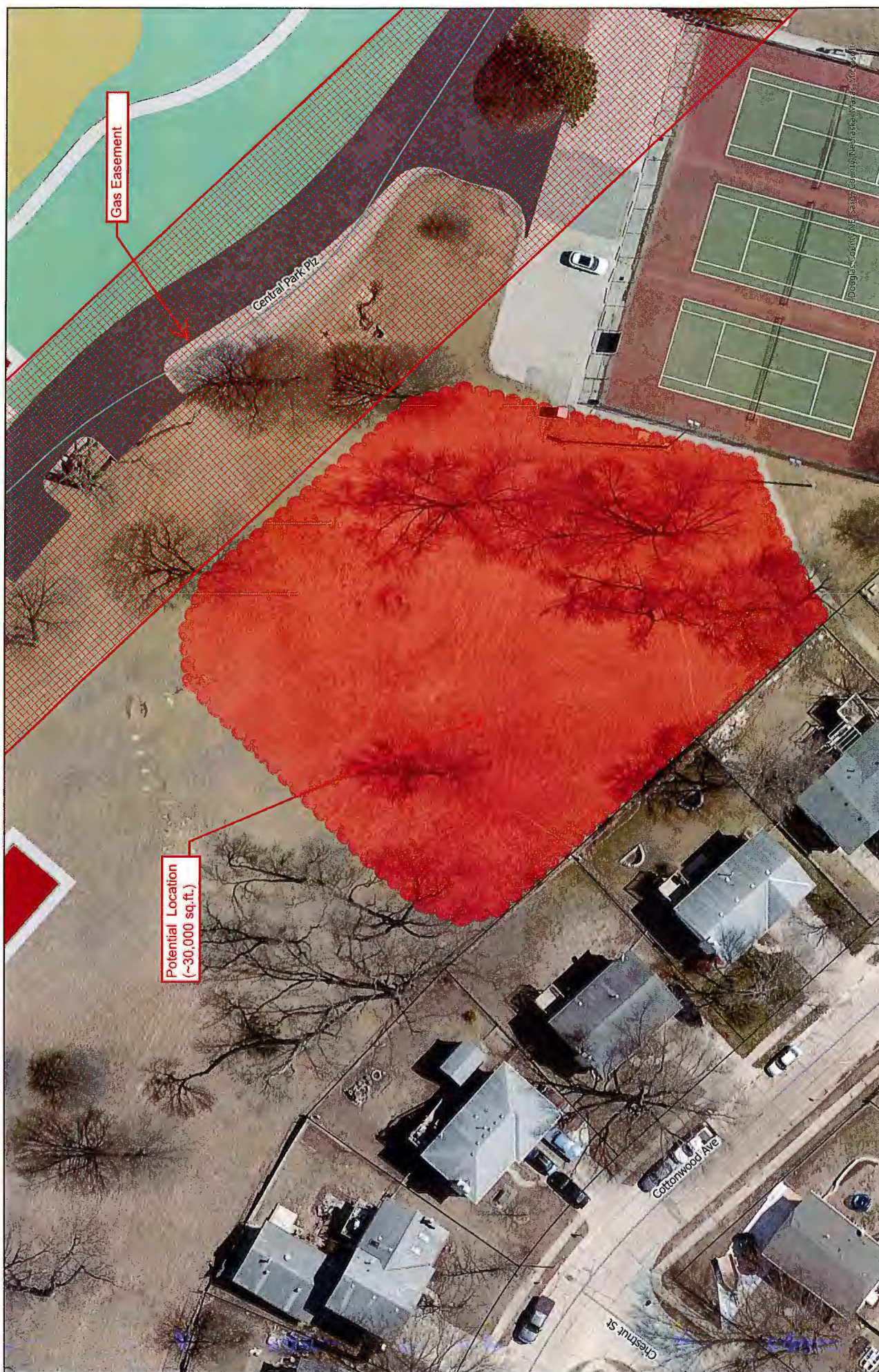


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**E: BUILDING ANCHOR SOUTH**

- Alignment with previously investigated option (using topography for small amphitheater/plaza).
- somewhat more secluded between buildings.
- Direct/axial connection to City Hall bldg.
- Potentially restricted by building addition





Gas Easement

Central Park Plz

Potential Location  
(~30,000 sq.ft.)

Cottonwood Ave

Chestnut St

Douglas County, NE Planning and Development Department