HAWTHORNE IDEA EXCHANGE

January 28, 2023

ICONIC PLACEMAKING

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I. Outdoor

- a. Most popular: multiuse park / open space / green space
- b. Second most popular: outdoor performance space, amphitheater, or stage
- c. Third most popular: promenade, pier, and/or cliff walk
- d. Sculptures and other interpretive elements that explain the history of the site / Swampscott's fishing heritage were about as frequently requested as lodging and retail opportunities.
- e. A few suggestions for **native plantings** to be incorporated in gardenesque green spaces, and **multicultural space** that would recognize indigenous peoples.
- f. A couple of requests for a skating rink.

II. Indoor

- a. Most popular: boutique **hotel** or **inn**, though this idea was less frequently requested than park, performance space, and cliff walk.
- b. Second most popular: **retail** options such as pop-ups, farmers market, flea market, and other local vendors
- c. Third most popular (tied): performing arts center, community or senior center, lighthouse, event space
- d. General: structures should be low-profile, should not take over the site.

III. Food & Amenities

a. A few requests for restaurants, though these were less requested than lodging and retail

IV. <u>Performance Criteria</u>

- a. Views: no high-rise buildings blocking views of the harbor; don't overdevelop waterfront
- b. Accessible
- c. Day/night, multi-season (e.g. skating rink)
- d. Highlight natural beauty of the site, native plants

V. <u>Outstanding Issues</u>

a. Parking: desire for additional parking

VI. <u>Precedents Referenced</u>

- a. Newburyport boardwalk
- b. Chandler Hovey Park
- c. Rockport Music



