COMO LAKESIDE PAVILION –
A VISION PLAN for IMPROVEMENT

1905 - view of north side of pavilion

2023 – view of west side of pavilion
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Project Goal: Create a vision for the Como Lakeside Pavilion to upgrade the public facility to better accommodate public use and operations

Design Goals:
- renovate & relocate bathrooms for accessibility
- maximize all space for public use
- add vendors and services for year-round use
- appropriately size spaces to meet community needs
- maintain the historic quality of this landmark building and upgrade overall aesthetics
- promote community events and connection to lake
- direct amplified sound toward natural sound breaks

Project participants: Department of Parks and Recreation Design and Construction and Special Services Division, Office of Council President Amy Brendmoen, Lancer Catering, with Architectural Consultants: Pope Architects Inc.
COMO LAKESIDE PAVILION – TIMELINE

May – July 2023:
Analysis of existing facility and concept design developed

August- September 2023:
Inform public of identified improvement options
Seek feedback and support from partners, key users, and public
Identify priority improvements

Next steps: 2023- 2024
Prepare a cost estimate for preferred improvements
Identify and apply for funding sources
Include recommendation in the Como Regional Park Long Range Plan
In 1849 the first Lakeside Pavilion was opened. It was remodeled in 1899 and replaced by a larger facility in 1905. The 1905 architectural blueprints were used to reconstruct the pavilion building in 1992, but without the lakeside bandstand addition.
Owner: City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation – Management by Special Services

Operator: Lancer Catering

- Restaurant Capacity: 48
- Mezzanine Capacity: 75
- Third Floor Capacity: 240
- Promenade Capacity: 947

Hours of operation (summer):
  Monday - Friday 10am to 9pm
  Saturday & Sunday 9am to 9pm

EXISTING CONDITIONS: PLANS & PHOTOS
COMO LAKESIDE PAVILION CONCEPT DESIGN
OVERVIEW: THREE APPROACHES

COME LAKESIDE PAVILION CONCEPT DESIGN

1. MINIMAL CHANGES
   - Main level reconfiguration only
   - Site renovation at west sides
   - Relocated stage/performance areas to north
   - New restaurant facing lake with fixed glass enclosure walls
   - Public toilets relocated to main level
   - Wide public promenade deck around pavilion perimeter

2. MODERATE CHANGES
   - Same main level reconfigurations as Option 1, with skylight additions
   - Site renovations at all four sides
   - New terraced steps connecting main level and lakeside
   - New restaurant facing lake with movable glass enclosure walls
   - Public toilets relocated to main level
   - Wide public promenade deck around pavilion perimeter
   - Lower-level vendor renovations with added windows & doors

3. EXTENSIVE CHANGES
   - Same main level reconfigurations as Option 1, with skylight additions
   - New terraced steps connecting main level and lakeside
   - New restaurant facing lake with movable glass enclosure walls
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   - Wide public promenade deck around pavilion perimeter
   - Lower-level vendor renovations with added windows & doors
   - Remodeled Mezzanine level creating new flexible space
   - New Rooftop deck with surrounding green roof
   - Reconfigured lakeside & shore edge with extended trail/dock
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SITE OVERVIEW
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PLAN: MAIN LEVEL
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OPTIONS 2 & 3 ONLY

STAIRS & TERRACED SEATING
OPERATIONAL WINDOW WALLS

EXTENSIVE
MODERATE
MINIMAL

PUBLIC PROMENADE AROUND PAVILION PERIMETER
PUBLIC OUTDOOR SEATING/DINING

SAINT PAUL MINNESOTA
PLAN: LOWER LEVEL
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EXTENSIVE PLAN:
UPPER LEVELS
COMO LAKESIDE PAVILION CONCEPT DESIGN

NEW ROOFTOP ACCESS STAIR & ACCESSIBLE LIFT only in 3, Extensive version

NEW WALLS, DOORS AND ACCESS CORRIDOR only in 3, Extensive version

EVENT SPACE 2550 sf

RECONFIGURED STAIR TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON SECOND FLOOR SPACE

NEW DOORS AND CORRIDOR IF SEPARATE USE OF TOILETS FROM LEVELS BELOW OR ABOVE IS NEEDED

FLEXIBLE SPACE 910 sf

GLASS WALL - for acoustic separation

3rd FLOOR

2nd FLOOR (mezzanine-)

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OPTION 3 - AERIAL VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST
COMO LAKESIDE PAVILION CONCEPT DESIGN
OPTIONS 1, 2 & 3 – VIEW OF PAVILION FROM THE SOUTHWEST
(SKYLIGHTS IN OPTIONS 2 & 3 ONLY)
OPTION 3 – PAVILION SOUTH ELEVATION
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Include recommendation for project in the Como Regional Park Long Range Plan
Develop construction documents

Thank you!