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To the Honorable Nevada City Council Members:

I have been a member of this community for several years, a landscape architect since 1973, and a park person since my years under the late Mayor Moscone, developing policies for Golden Gate Park.

My great uncle, Lewis C. Wahl, was a mining engineer in these very hills, and told us kids tales of bears, cave-ins, and recalcitrant mules.

This may be why I have a keen interest in Calanan Park:

Blithely unaware of a design under final review, living a few blocks away and with time on my hands, I asked myself, "What would I do?"

The results of that proceeding are enclosed; I am pleased to share them with you.

Cordially,

Kenneth Bernhardt

cc: Nevada City Planning Commission



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Thoughts Concerning a Program for Revitalizing George Calanan Park

Objective:

Remake Calanan Park so it functions as the hub of a robust activity center that includes the Alpha Building, Union Street, Robinson Plaza, and a Maidu Village

- A. Visually unite the five components to present a harmonious whole
- B. Make provision for sanctioned events in the park for up to 200 participants
- C. Encourage after-dark usage of the park:
 - 1. Activity/display lighting
 - 2. Safety lighting
 - 3. Security lighting
- D. Incorporate a visual history of the city into the structural elements of the remade park:
 - 1. Wall of fame
 - 2. Historical timeline
 - 3. Mining artifacts and other products of workmanship
- E. Uphold the tradition of a community Christmas tree

Uses of the Program:

- A. Arms the interested public with a simple agenda for focus on fundamental issues
- B. Provides the interested professional with guidelines
- C. Provides the activist with policy guidelines

“Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood....Make big plans, aim high in hope and work.”
-- *Daniel H. Burnham, US architect & city planner (1846 – 1912)*

