

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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Permit Application No. **5-02-277**

Date: August 22, 2002

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**Item Tu3e****RECORD PACKET COPY****ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT****APPLICANT:** City of Long Beach & Friends of the Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Placement of a Navy Memorial in Shoreline Park consisting of an anchor, ship's mast/flagpole, armillary sphere, and a walkway constructed with commemorative bricks.

PROJECT**LOCATION:** Shoreline Park, Downtown Shoreline, City of Long Beach, Los Angeles Co.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION: The findings for this determination appear on subsequent pages.

NOTE: P.R.C. Section 30624 provides that this permit shall not become effective until it is reported to the Commission at its next meeting. If one-third or more of the appointed membership of the Commission so request, the application will be removed from the administrative calendar and set for public hearing at a subsequent Commission meeting. Our office will notify you if such removal occurs.

This permit will be reported to the Commission at the following time and place:

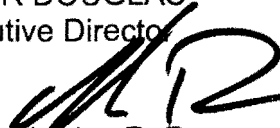
Tuesday, September 10, 2002
Westin Hotel-LAX
5400 West Century Blvd.
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IMPORTANT - Before you may proceed with development, the following must occur:

Pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Sections 13150(b) and 13158, you must sign the enclosed duplicate copy acknowledging the permit's receipt and accepting its contents, including all conditions, and return it to our office. Following the Commission's meeting, and once we have received the signed acknowledgement and evidence of compliance with all special conditions, we will send you a Notice of Administrative Permit Effectiveness.

BEFORE YOU CAN OBTAIN ANY LOCAL PERMITS AND PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT, YOU MUST HAVE RECEIVED BOTH YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT AND THE NOTICE OF PERMIT EFFECTIVENESS FROM THIS OFFICE.

PETER DOUGLAS
Executive Director

By: 
Title: Coastal Program Analyst

STANDARD CONDITIONS:

1. Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment. The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
2. Expiration. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date this permit is reported to the Commission. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
3. Interpretation. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
4. Inspections. The Commission staff shall be allowed to inspect the site and the project during its development, subject to 24-hour advance notice.
5. Assignment. The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION (continued):

The Executive Director hereby determines that the proposed development is a category of development which, pursuant to PRC Section 30624, qualifies for approval by the Executive Director through the issuance of an Administrative Permit. Subject to Standard and Special Conditions as attached, said development is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act of 1976 and will not have any significant impacts on the environment within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act. If located between the nearest public road and the sea, this development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3.

FINDINGS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION:

A. Project Description

The proposed project was originally approved by Coastal Development Permit 5-99-425 on January 11, 2000, but that permit expired on January 11, 2002 prior to being vested. The proposed project involves the placement of a Navy Memorial in Shoreline Park consisting of a 14-foot anchor, 50-foot mast/flagpole, and a historical narrative presented on a sculpture of a 15-foot armillary sphere (Exhibit #4). The proposed project also includes a new walkway (constructed with commemorative bricks) that would lead to the armillary sphere that comprises the center of the proposed memorial (Exhibit #3). The elements of the proposed memorial would be located on a grassy knoll near the eastern end of the Shoreline Park parking lot (Exhibit #2). Three small redwood trees on the site would be relocated within the park.

B. Public Access and Recreation

One of the basic goals of the Coastal Act is to maximize and protect public access and recreational opportunities along the coast. The proposed project conforms to the following Coastal Act policies.

Section 30210 of the Coastal Act states:

In carrying out the requirement of Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution, maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse.

Section 30211 of the Coastal Act states:

Development shall not interfere with the public's right of access to the sea where acquired through use or legislative authorization, including, but not limited to, the use of dry sand and rocky coastal beaches to the first line of terrestrial vegetation.

Section 30213 of the Coastal Act states, in part:

Lower cost visitor and recreational facilities shall be protected, encouraged, and, where feasible, provided. Developments providing public recreational opportunities are preferred...

Section 30221 of the Coastal Act states:

Oceanfront land suitable for recreational use shall be protected for recreational use and development unless present and foreseeable future demand for public or commercial recreational activities that could be accommodated on the property is already adequately provided for in the area.

Shoreline Park, the site of the proposed memorial, is a popular coastal recreation area that provides the public with excellent coastal access opportunities and several types of free and lower cost recreational activities. All year round, visitors to Shoreline Park can stroll, sightsee, picnic, use the coastal bicycle path, go fishing, view the Queen Mary, or take advantage of the many boating opportunities provided within Rainbow Harbor (Exhibit #2).

The proposed memorial will not interfere with any of the existing free and lower cost recreational activities in Shoreline Park. In fact, the proposed memorial will add to the variety of existing activities in Shoreline Park by creating a new point of historical interest. The proposed relocation of three small trees and displacement of a small area of grass will not result in any negative effects to public access or recreation. Therefore, the Executive Director has determined that the proposed project is consistent with the public access and recreation policies of the Coastal Act.

C. Visual Resources

Section 30251 of the Coastal Act states in part that:

The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas...be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas...

The proposed project involves the placement of three objects, ranging from fourteen to fifty feet in height, in Shoreline Park (Exhibit #3). The proposed memorial objects are items of visual interest that will not interfere with views to and along the coast. The proposed items are of a nautical theme in keeping with the historical character of the Long Beach shoreline. The proposed project will not have a negative effect on visual quality. Therefore, the Executive Director has determined that the proposed project is consistent with Section 30251 of the Coastal Act.

D. Water Quality

The proposed development has a potential for a discharge of polluted runoff from the project site into coastal waters. The development, as proposed, incorporates design features to minimize the effect of construction and post-construction activities on the marine environment. These design features include, but are not limited to, the appropriate management of equipment and construction materials, reducing runoff through the use of permeable surfaces, and the use of vegetation to reduce and treat the runoff discharged from the site. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed development, as conditioned, conforms with Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act regarding the protection of water quality to promote the biological productivity of coastal waters and to protect human health.

E. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Section 13096(a) of the Commission's administrative regulations requires Commission approval of coastal development permit applications to be supported by a finding showing the application, as conditioned by any conditions of approval, to be consistent with any applicable requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A) of CEQA prohibits a proposed development from being approved if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment.

The proposed project is consistent with the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. The proposed project will not have significant environmental effects for which feasible mitigation measures have not been employed consistent with CEQA. Therefore, the Executive Director has determined that the project is consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERMIT RECEIPT/ACCEPTANCE OF CONTENTS:

I/We acknowledge that I/we have received a copy of this permit and have accepted its contents including all conditions.

Co-applicant's Signature

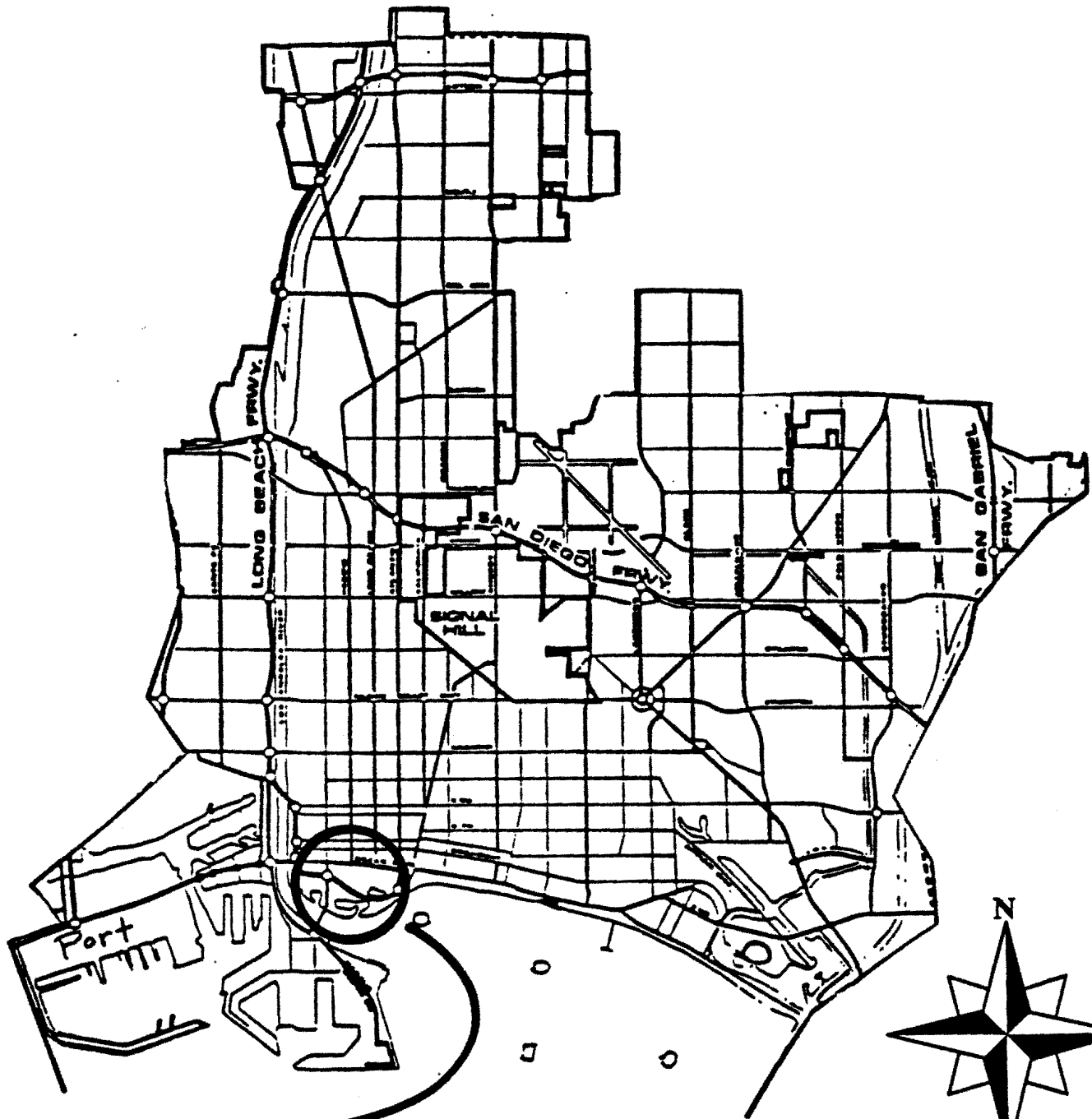
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City of Long Beach



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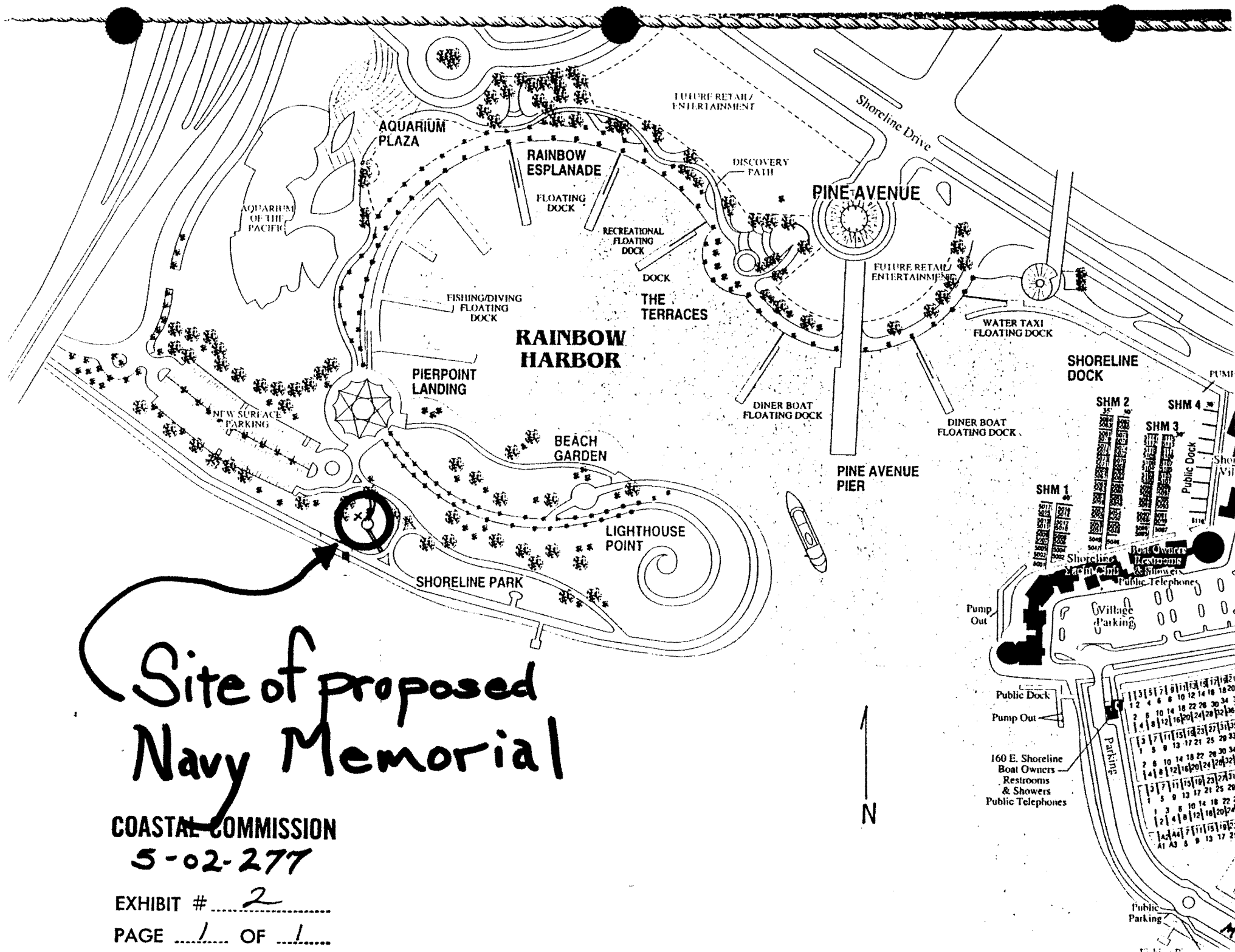
Site of proposed Navy Memorial

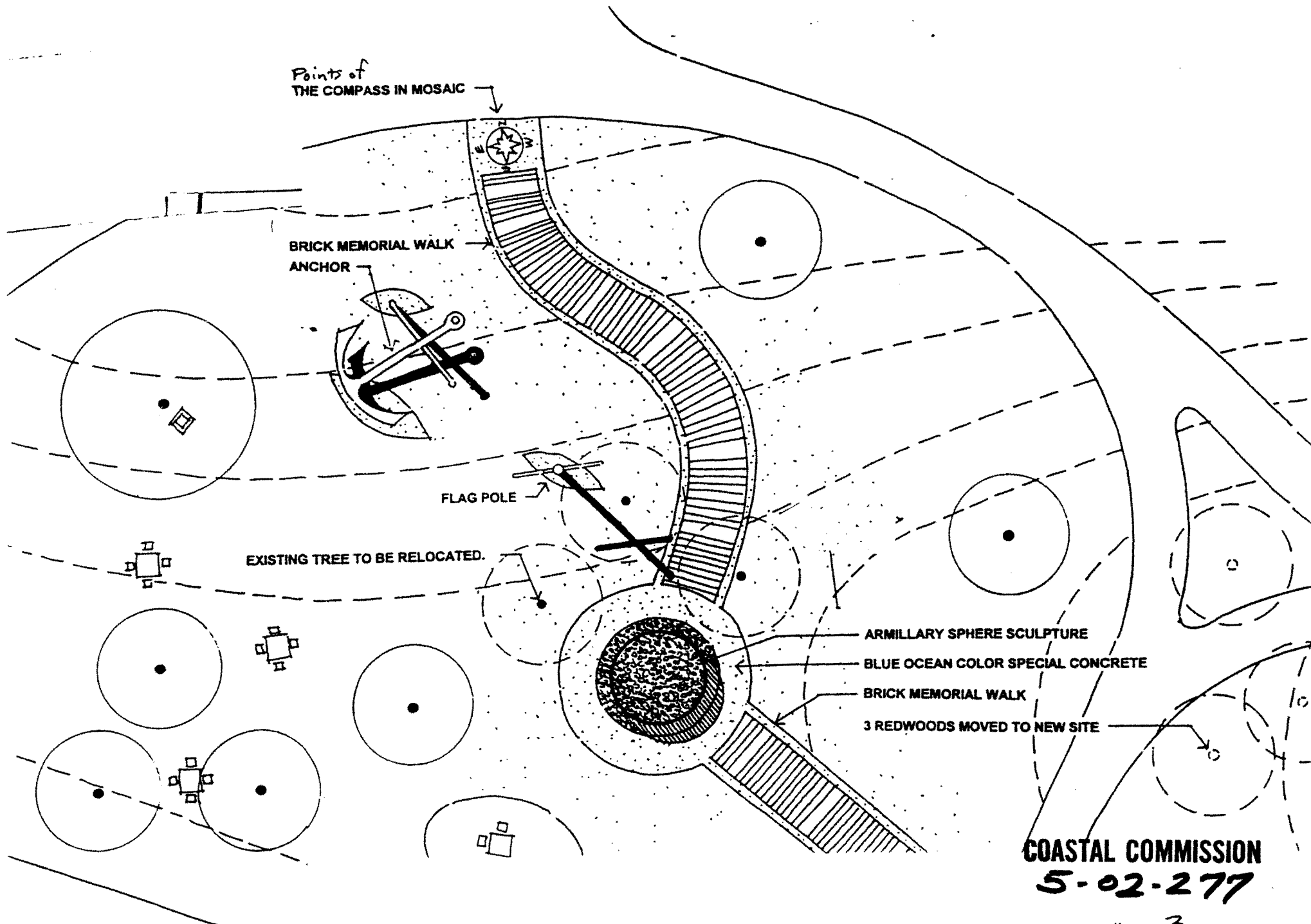
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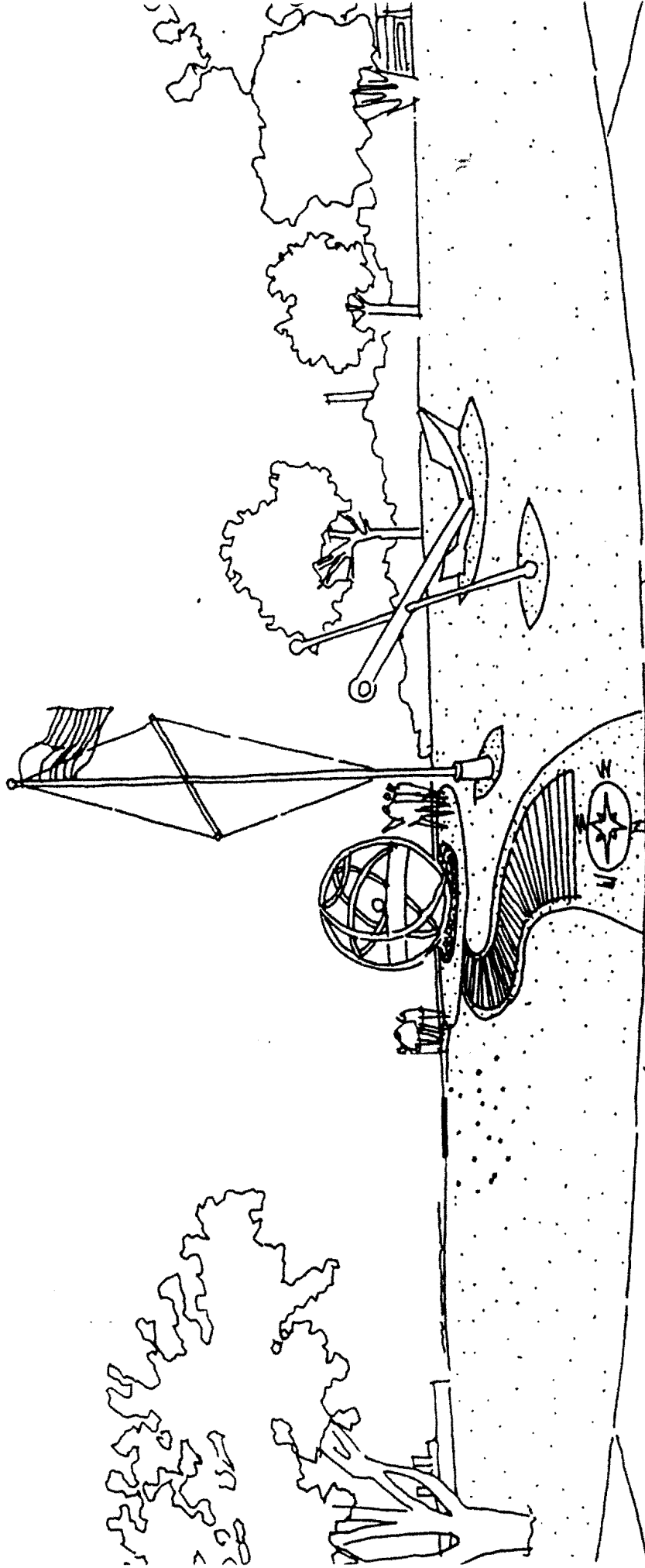




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LONG BEACH NAVY MEMORIAL

VISION STATEMENT

We wish to present to the City of Long Beach a memorable, attractive, and unique memorial, worthy of the important history of the U.S. Navy to this city. Our goal is to make the Navy men and women and their families connected to this history proud, and the visitors to Long Beach excited and inspired.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Long Beach Navy Memorial will be located on city park land at Rainbow Harbor, south of the Aquarium. The Memorial consists of several different components. A large 14 foot anchor ~~and 8 foot propeller~~ came from ships once docked at the Naval Shipyard, and a 50 foot mast was saved from the front of the Administration Building of the Naval Station.

In order to provide a context and historical narrative about the importance of the Naval presence to the City of Long Beach, an additional "artifact" will be created. A 15 foot armillary sphere will be constructed to contain images conveying the story of the Navy in Long Beach. An armillary sphere is an ancient instrument of maritime navigation -- images of Long Beach naval history will replace the traditional images of celestial bodies that normally circumscribe the main ring. These images will be created through the technique of collage, fabricated into porcelain enamel, bringing together pictures evoking the history and people of the Long Beach Naval Station and Shipyard with images of ocean travel throughout the ages. The narrative imagery will be placed on the exterior of the sphere at eye level, and will be viewed from the outside.

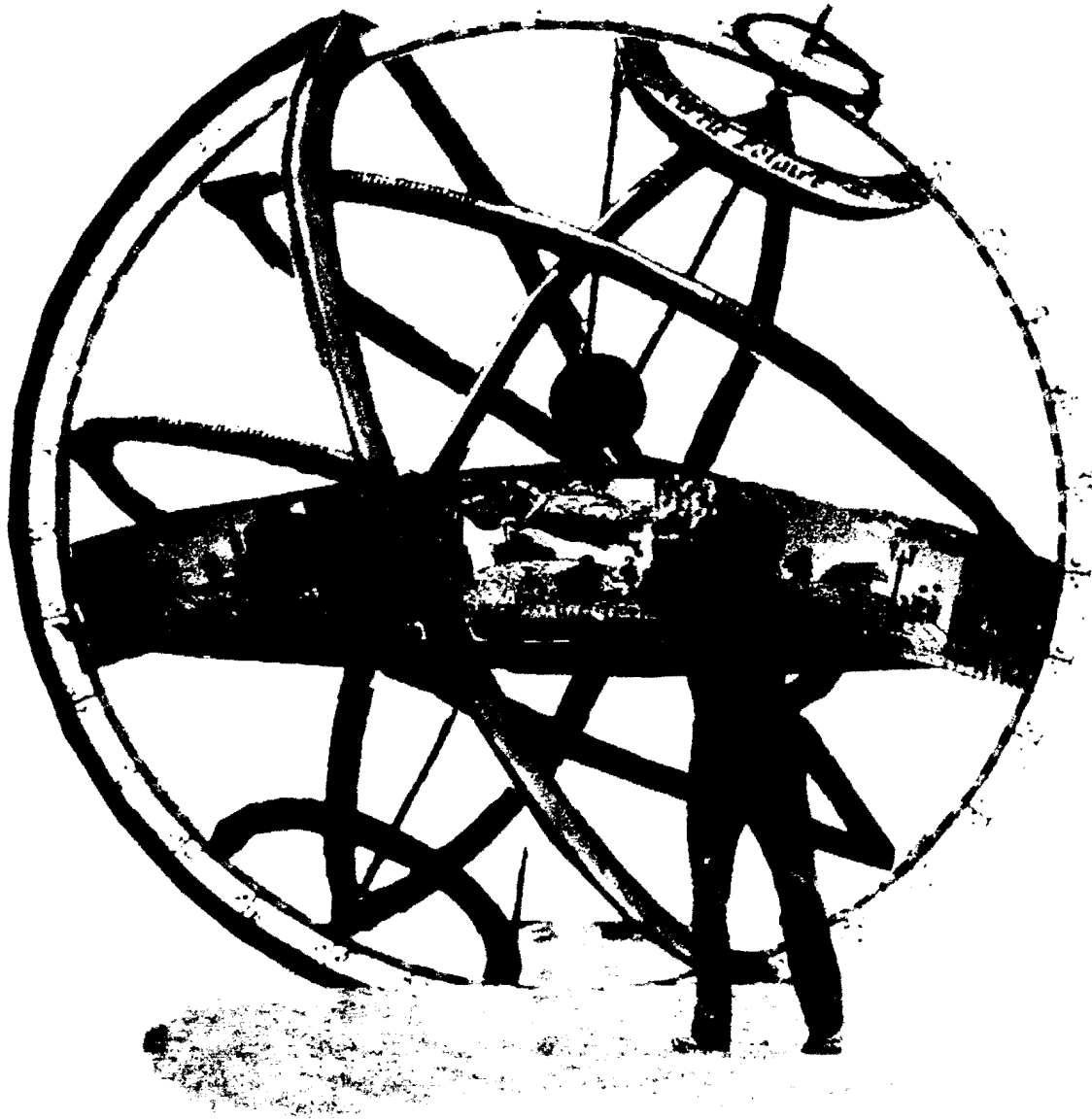
A walkway made of bricks engraved with the names of Navy men and women will lead the visitor through the Navy Memorial. Benches and lighting will enhance public utilization of the site.

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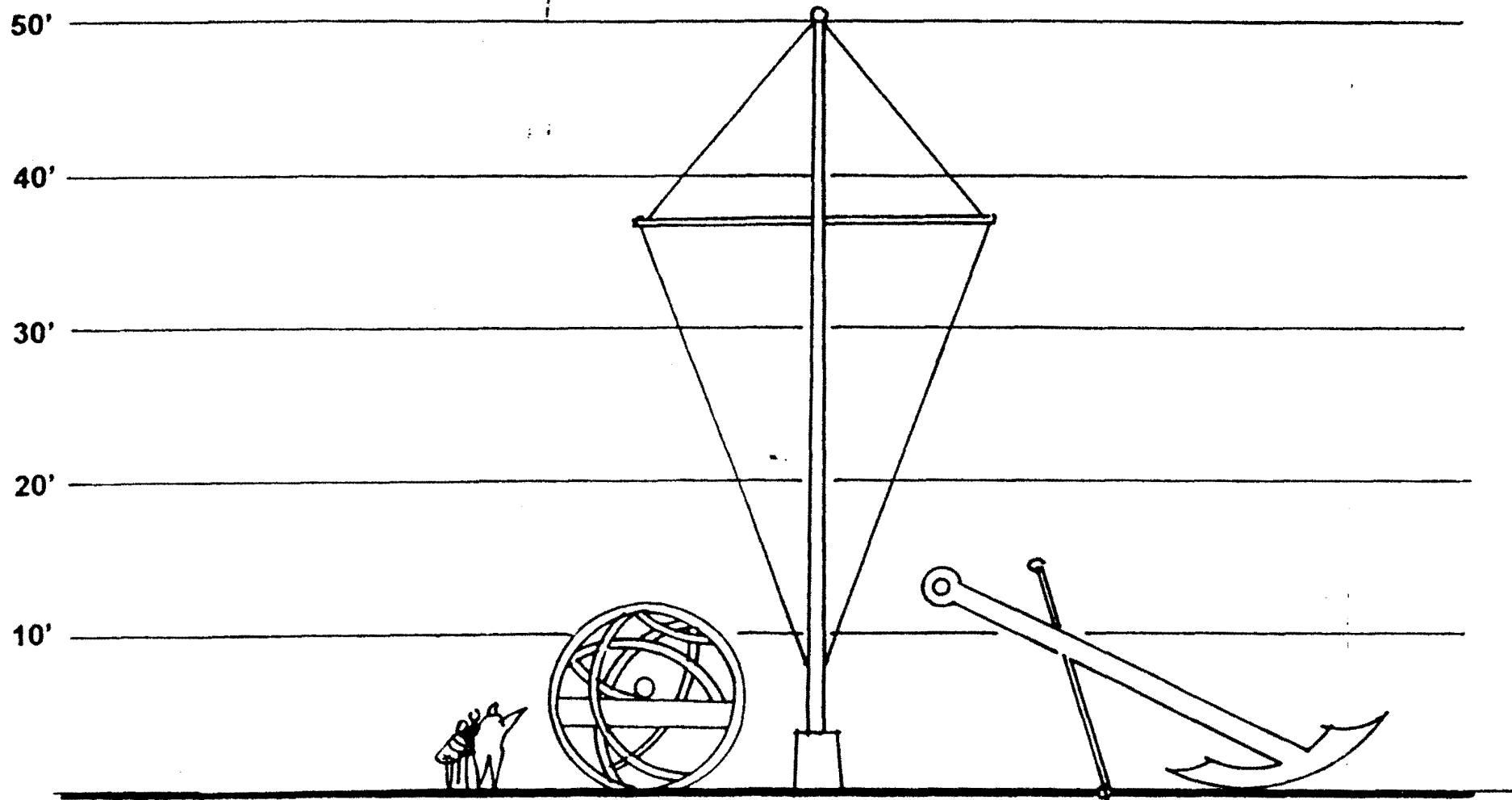


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TECHNICAL ELEVATION OF PROPOSED ELEMENTS

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