THE GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER

We wanted to represent individuals in the community uniting to form an inviting environment through the vertical elements enveloping the structure.

LEVEL ONE - 1/4" = 1'

LEVEL TWO - 1/4" = 1'

THE SITE IS SITUATED ON A STREET CORNER THAT IS EXPOSED TO HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN UP AN ADDITIONAL PATH OF TRAVEL ALONG THE EASTERN FACADE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS TO ACCESS THE PARK ACROSS THE STREET; ANOTHER WAY TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO GET OUT OF THE CAR.

ADDITIONALLY, A SMALL GREEN SPACE EXISTS OUT FRONT TO EXTEND THE PARK AREA. THIS SMALL PLOT OF NATURE HELPS WATER BREACH THE SIDEWALK AND RETURN TO THE SOIL. IT ALSO SERVES AS A SMALL SEASONAL COMMUNITY GARDEN.
The cafe is split between two floors, allowing for access from either floor. Coffee, tea, and small snacks are easily accessible on either level to the visitors. Patio seating is provided on the second floor to encourage outdoor seating and accommodate for current COVID-19 measures. Interior seating is also provided to encourage new connections as well as create a productive work environment for members of the community.

The bike racks, electric car charging stations, and bus stop for the local transit are located on site to lower transportation-based emissions and encourage visitors to use alternative methods of transportation.