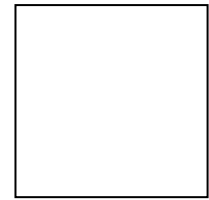


SAN JOSÉ ARENA FILIFERA LIGHTS



On approaching a project of this kind of magnitude a question arises "What values and meaning need to be portrayed by this?" By reflecting on most iconic projects the successful projects often have very deep and intrinsic values that represent the people and place of origin. Investigating the San Jose' landscape one notices the palm trees, the big successful technology companies, most starting out facing many challenges on the path to success, this is symptomatic of the San Jose' sprit of passion for success and victory. There is also a love for preserving the natural habitat and the authenticity of San Jose' history. Through time art and architecture has acted as a badge a kind of brand identity for the people to preserve their values, history and sometimes their environment. Here a unique, artistic, architectural and socially friendly iconic landmark is designed fusing nature, innovation, technology and the values of the San Jose' people.

Starting with the three mile long Guadalupe River, Los Gatos Creek and Confluence point and how they all meet at one point a circle is drawn from the centre point. The circle is than divide into three equal parts representing the Guadalupe River, Los Gatos Creek and Confluence point monuments. These also represent three values passion, nature and ingenuity coming together in order to form the iconic landmark. The three structures also honour the former San José Electric Light Tower design, the history and culture of San Jose'. This is how the design process began but there was something missing something intrinsic to the San Jose' landscape.

Looking at the surrounding urban landscape a lot of palm trees are seen in the foreground and background the Washingtonia filifera California fan palm native to the California area was the inspiration for three leave structures in the design representing the Los Gatos creek and Guadeloupe River and the Confluence point, and how they converge at one point as the leaves converge on the palm tree. The idea is to keep most of the park space socially friendly and natural with the iconic landmark as the focal point.

A cafe at the observation deck can be introduced and the area around landmark can be utilised to host, extreme sports, intermit gatherings and yearly fund raising events. "This is a magical point where the pioneers of technology meet to forever change the world."