

TWISTED CONNECTION

To celebrate the unique spirit of Silicon Valley, and respond to the future growth of the neighborhood, this proposal creates four monumental and sculptural buildings at each corner around the perimeter of the site. Their form take on various postures to create different characters as individual parts, but also can link together visually and define a gathering space for the community.

The entry of each building is located below the ground that is invisible from the street, which requires people to go inside of the park to get in to each tower. The two ends of each tower are pointing directly to each other, which creates a visual and psychological connection between people. The buildings are covered by black steel panels with skinny gaps in vertical direction. During the day time, the buildings are perceived as giant sculptural silhouettes that people can experience once get inside. During the night time, the lights embedded behind the panels illuminate and changing patterns, the buildings then become a lighting installation.

Responding to the Net-Zero Strategy, the two ends of each tower are completely open to the exterior, which brings air flow into the structure for natural ventilation, as well as bringing in natural light during the day. The LED lighting also provide energy efficient lighting at night time.