Memory Grove Cultural Area

An unusual opportunity is afforded by the Memory Grove portion of City Creek Canyon coming so close to Downtown. It is proposed that this green area be expanded southward toward Downtown and tied into the green areas and tree-lined boulevards of the core. Activities which could occur here would be more of a local interest, supplementing the regional cultural activities which are provided by the Cultural Center on the west side. It would be a "Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon" type of cultural center for children—a place to walk in and relax. City Creek would meander through the area beneath foot bridges, and paths would lead up into Memory Grove and down the side of the canyon from 4th and 5th Avenues.
It would be easily reached from any part of Downtown via the internal circulation system. The activities could include a children's science museum (perhaps 25,000 sq. ft.), museum of natural history and aquarium (25,000 sq. ft.), planetarium (10,000 sq. ft.), and a small amphitheater set in the hillside.

The areas bordering on the east side of this park are now and will be even more so prime apartment areas—wonderfully close to Downtown, with a view of the whole city. It is recommended that new apartment buildings along State Street east of the church complex be set back at least 50 feet to open up the cramped vista and to allow for trees and adequate pedestrian movement. Perhaps these apartment buildings could also allow a slight widening of 1st Avenue where it meets State for the development of a focal point of some kind to help define the end of the grand public space created by the church mall and buildings.

So as to improve the traffic flow through this area, it is proposed that 3rd Avenue be brought under State Street before joining North Temple, with bleeders up and down State; this is a very fortunate opportunity topographically. It would facilitate North Temple and 2nd and 3rd Avenues as a major bypass route north of the hard core and alleviate the dangerous intersection problem that now exists. Pedestrian bridges would allow people to walk up into the new Memory Grove area; perhaps 2nd and 3rd Avenues should even be somewhat depressed for visual continuity of the area. Access into the new area from State Street would be a new one-way road, tying into the present Canyon Road; a new two-way road would then loop back through the apartment area, allowing access into the park from 2nd and 3rd Avenues. In the apartment area this road would serve the need for a slower service street, giving easier access to the apartment buildings than from the high capacity 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

Art Museum and Gallery

The need for an adequately-sized, fireproof and burglarproof building for housing both permanent and traveling art collections has long been recognized as one of the great cultural needs of Salt Lake City. Such a comprehensive structure belongs in the Downtown area in connection with other cultural and social activities to help the Downtown fulfill its role as regional center. Recommended standards suggest a floor area of 50,000 to 100,000 sq. ft. It should contain gallery space for both permanent and traveling collections, storage and work rooms, office space, small auditorium, and special exhibition space for things like native arts and crafts.
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THE PAST AND PRESENT
Salt Lake City, Utah's capital and commerce center, is one of the most historic cities in the nation. Its rich history is reflected in the architecture and street patterns of the downtown area.

THE POTENTIAL
Salt Lake City has the potential to become a world-class city with a vibrant downtown area. The planners and developers envision a future where the downtown is a hub of activity and a destination for visitors from around the world.

SECOND CENTURY PLAN
The plan for the Second Century focuses on creating a walkable, pedestrian-friendly downtown. It includes the development of new parks, plazas, and public spaces, as well as the revitalization of existing buildings.

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The new downtown plan includes a variety of transportation options, including a pedestrian-friendly network of streets and sidewalks, as well as bike lanes and public transportation routes.

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An unusual opportunity exists for extending the greenery of Memory Grove to the northern edge of Downtown and for the creation of a children's cultural area. The section would be primarily one for strolling along shaded paths with City Creek meandering through the area. Here would be a museum of natural history, an aquarium, a planetarium, a children's science museum and a hillside amphitheater. This “Sunday afternoon” type cultural area would tie into the tree-lined boulevards of Downtown. It could be reached in a short pleasant stroll from hotels and motels and would help make Salt Lake City unique.