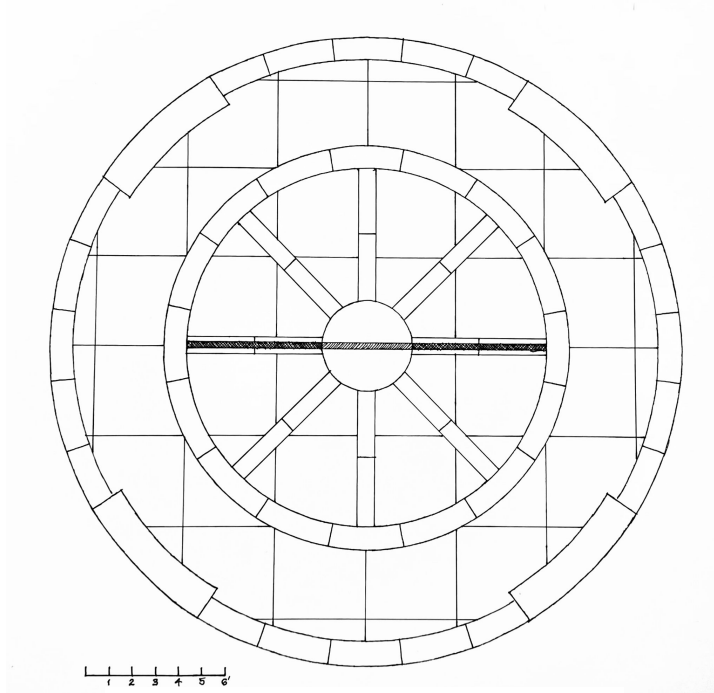


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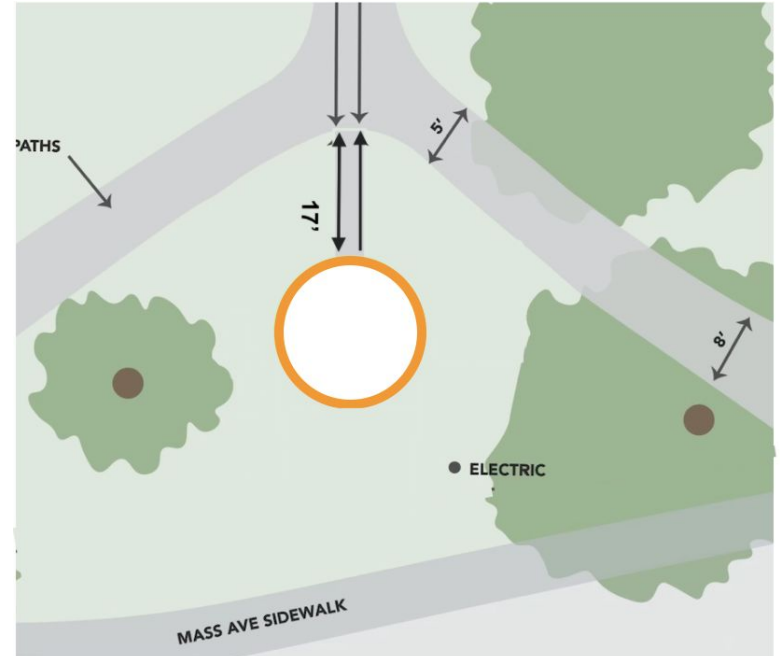
December 28, 2021



LexSeeHer is bringing you two key areas for discussion: design of the pedestal / plaza, and size of the pedestal / plaza.



Preliminary Sketch, Nov. 2021



Propose 28' base for monument, with approx. 17' connecting path to the existing path



We visited you on November 16th, when we were excited to announce Meredith Bergmann as our selected designer for our proposed new monument.

Meredith is a sculptor who:

- creates emotionally engaging and inspiring depictions of real women
- carefully incorporates details
- invites people to interact through touch

Meredith Bergmann's work



Boston Women's Memorial (note the plaza)  
Commonwealth Ave, (2003)



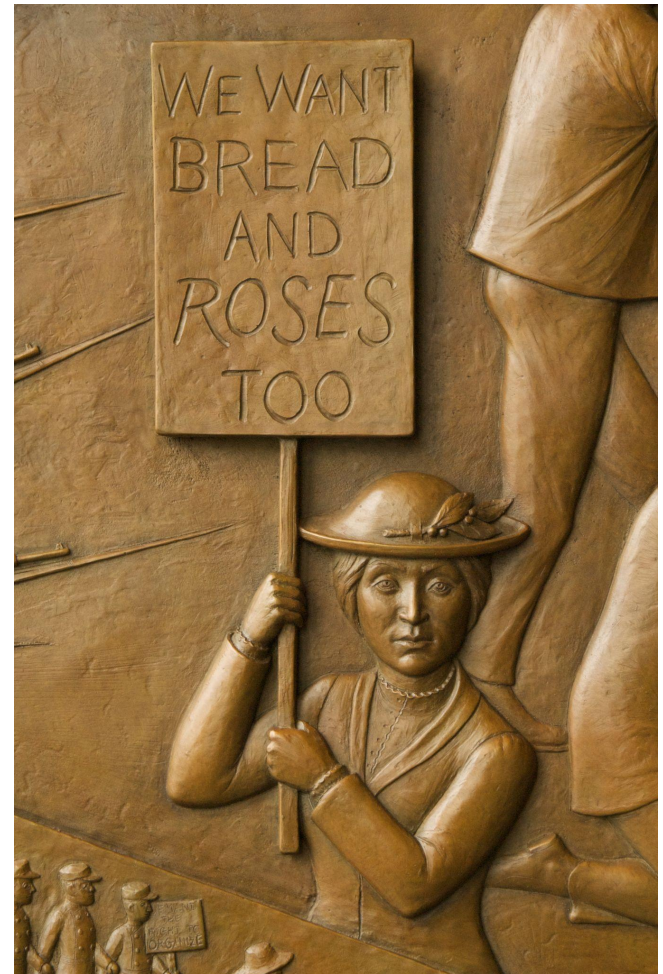




Example of  
Meredith  
Bergmann's  
bas-relief work.

Labor in  
Massachusetts,  
MA State  
House. (2009)

Right: detail



Meredith Bergmann's  
bas-relief work invites touch.

Detail work: *Alma Mater* (detail: *Touch*)  
Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (1997)

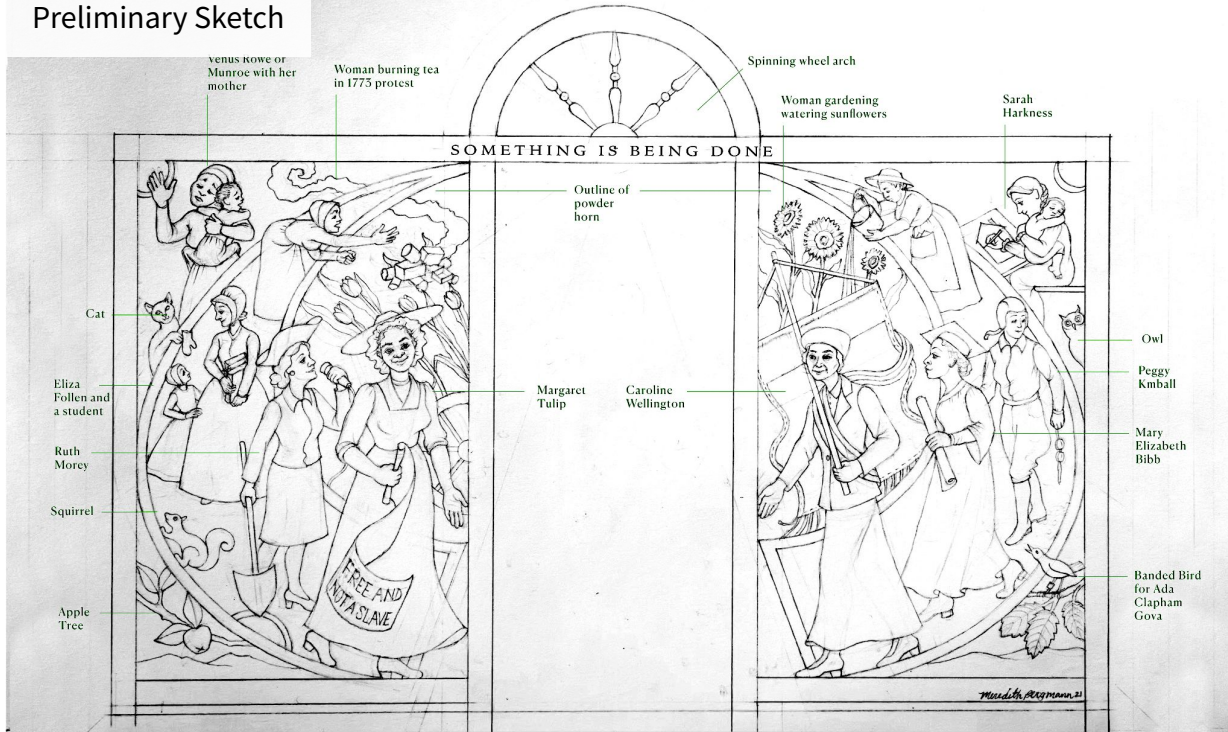




# Overview of Meredith Bergmann's design for the LexSeeHer monument:

48" center space invites all of us to be included in the representation of the sweep of history.

## Preliminary Sketch

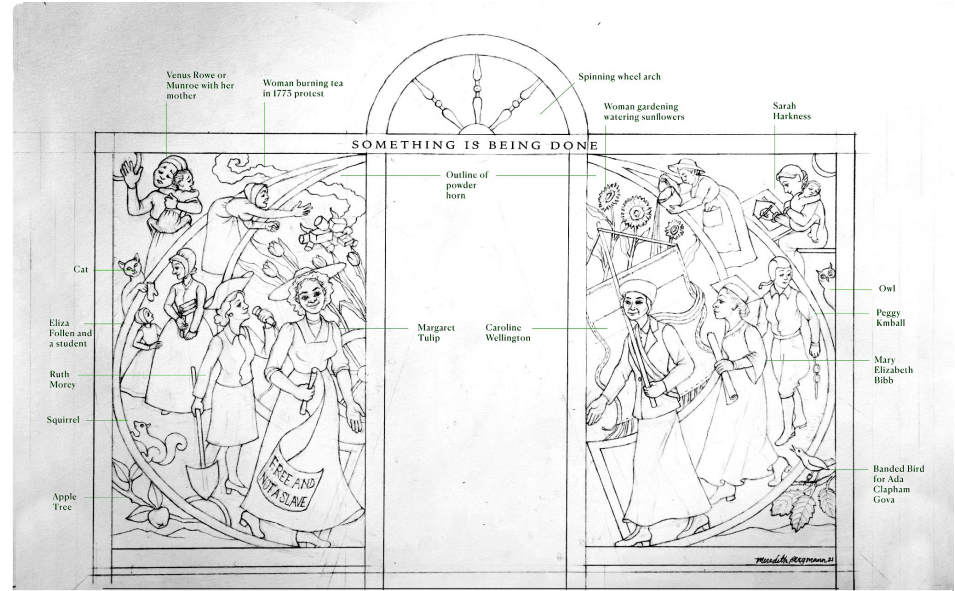
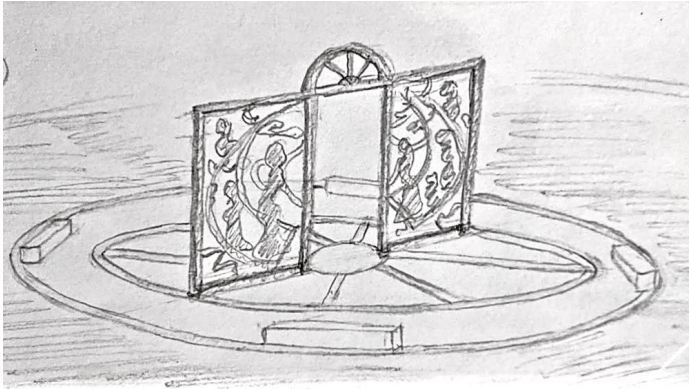


More than 20 women are featured between the front and back, including Margaret Tulip, Ruth Buckman and Anna Harrington.

We include women who have carried on the pursuit of liberty, equality and justice.

Since our last visit, we have had a look at how Meredith moves from a two-dimensional sketch to a 3-dimensional work.

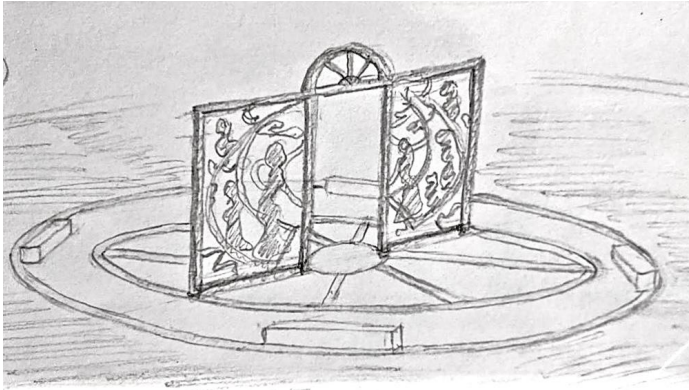
Preliminary sketch. Meredith Bergmann



The design accommodates groups and individuals. It is wheelchair accessible. Four granite seating areas arise from the plaza and provide a resting place for visitors.



Progress from sketch to foam core mock-up brought on site at Sculpture Rehearsal:



Preliminary sketch. Meredith Bergmann



Sculpture Rehearsal, Nov. 2021



Tonight we want to respond to topics you raised in November, and propose improvements to the project. We ask for your feedback, ideas and support.



View of the mock-up



# Topic: Pedestal / Plaza design

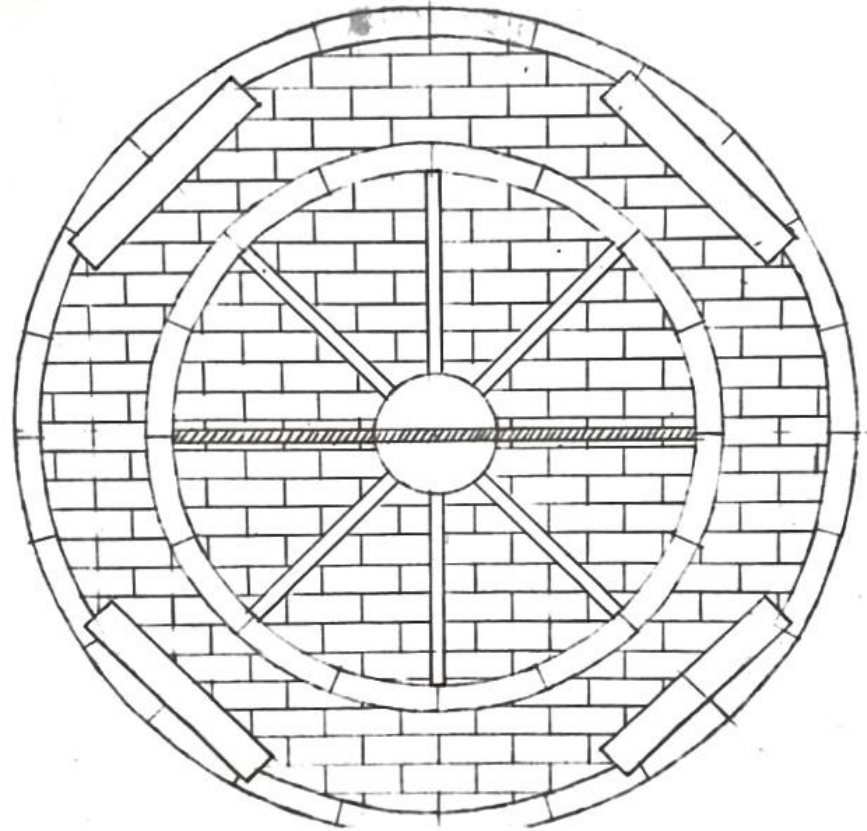


November: we shared a sketch of the proposed design for the plaza.

Artistic goal: granite pavers are set to resemble a spinning wheel.

This would commemorate the Lexington spinning protest hosted by Anna Harrington in 1769.

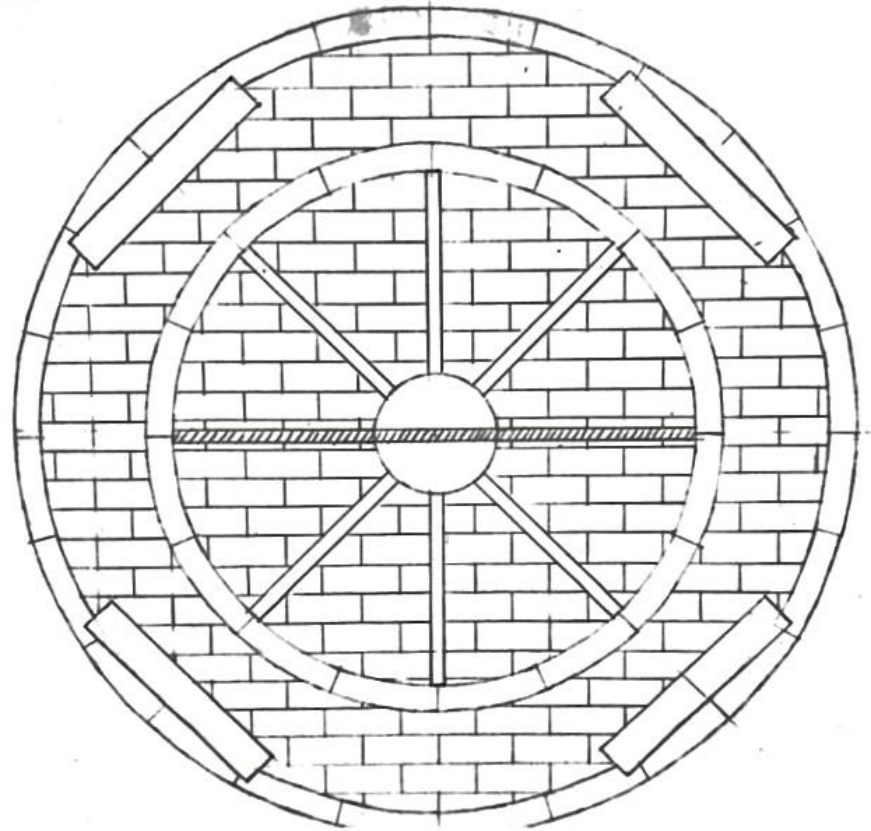
Anna is one of the four central women in the monument.



Preliminary Sketch

The basketweave pattern would echo baskets used by women in colonial days, and share the idea that we are woven together as community.

We heard feedback from Commissioners about the pattern. We learned we had the potential to improve the design to make it more accessible and enjoyable for visitors who might find the basketweave pattern too visually noisy or distracting.

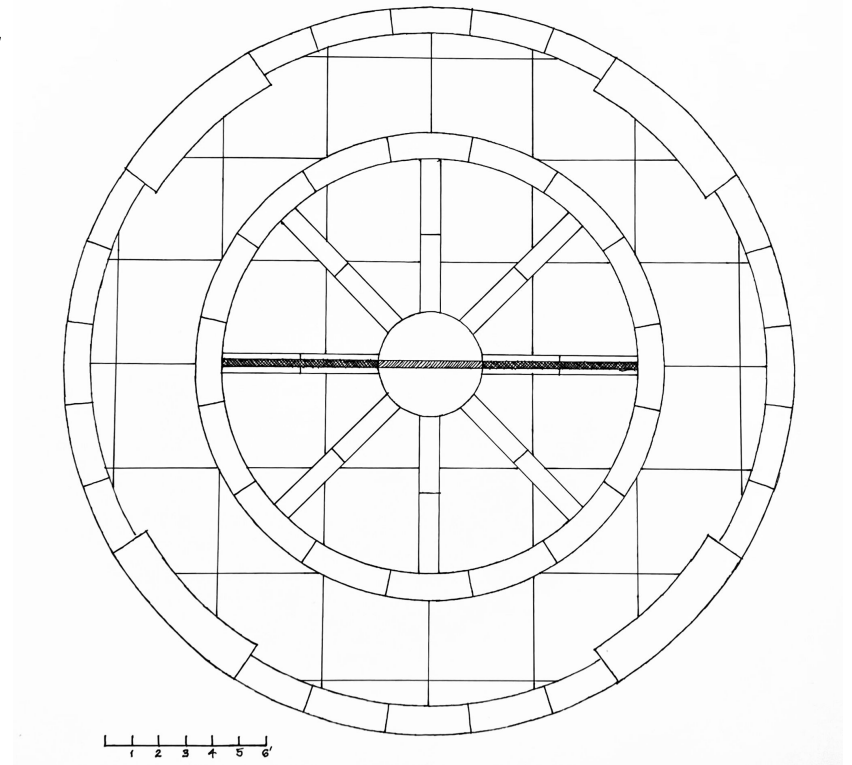


Preliminary Sketch

Meredith is bringing a new design to you tonight that reduces the number of lines on the plaza, and also enhances the spinning wheel design.

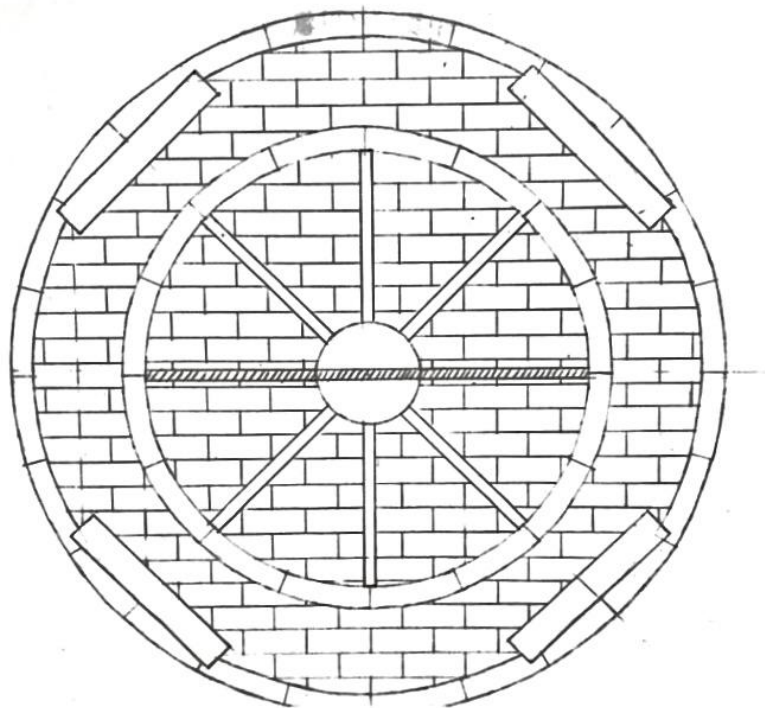
The smaller pavers that would have shown the basketweave pattern are replaced with larger 4' pavers.

The wheel motif is enhanced by making the resting places curved.



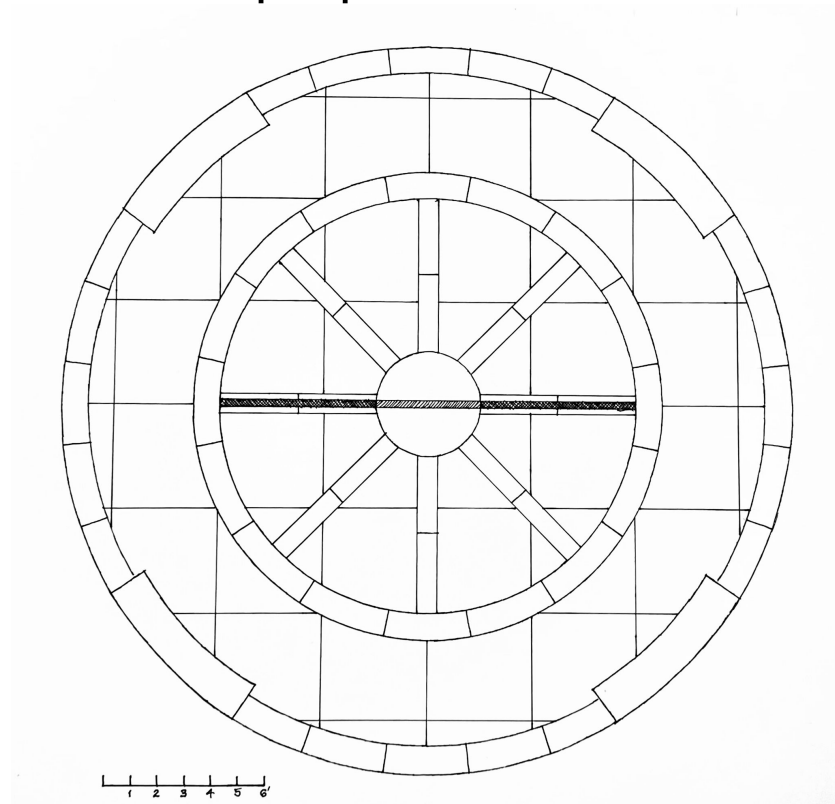
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Original proposal:



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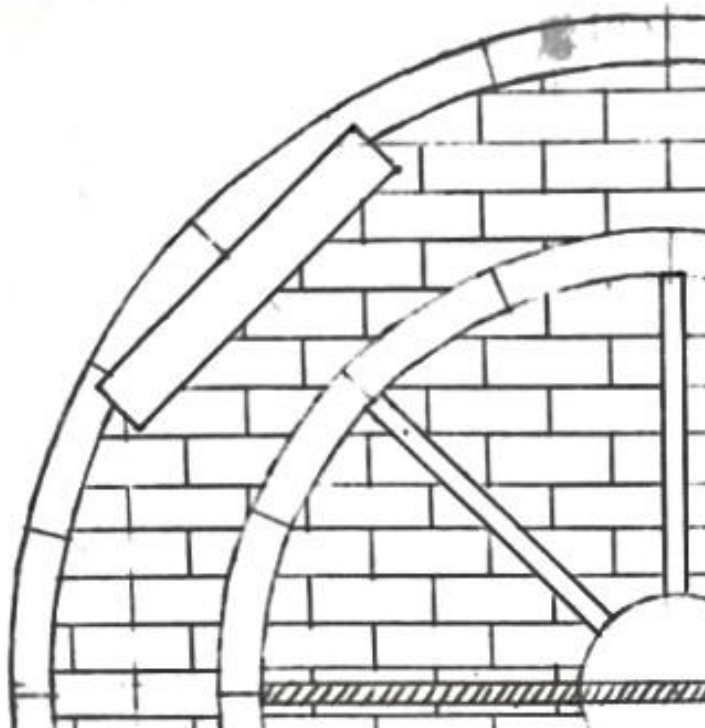
Revised proposal:



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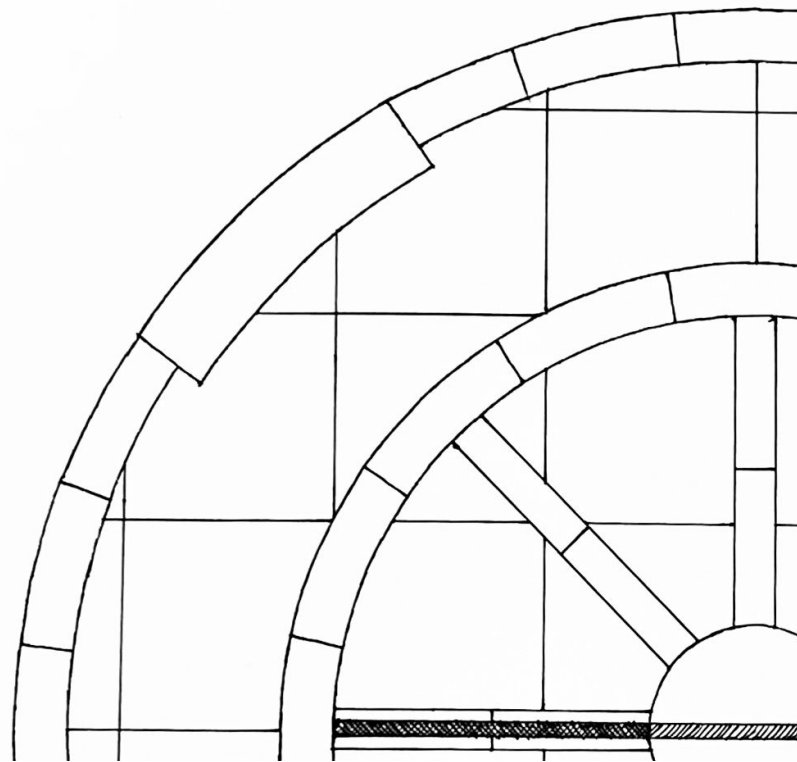


Original proposal (24’):



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Revised proposal (28’):



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Dimension of new plaza: 28' diameter

Pavers: standard 3" thick

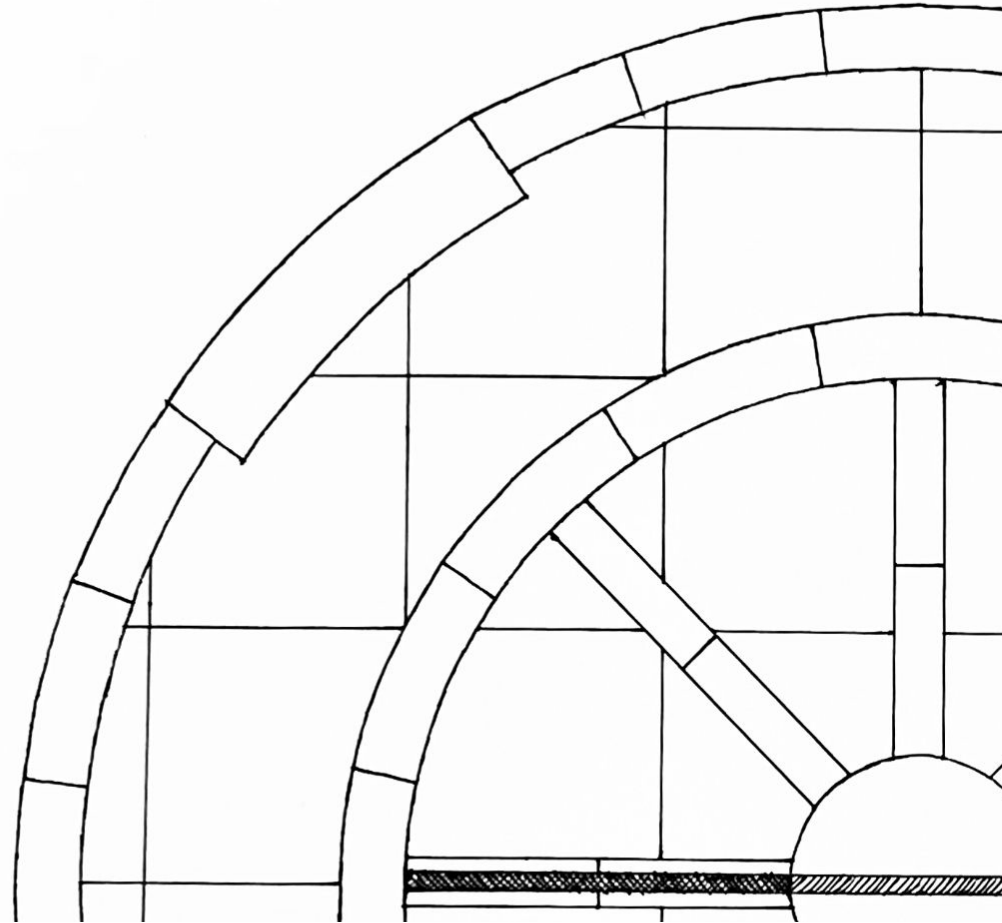
Large square pavers: 4' x 4'

Inner and outer "rims" of spinning wheel:  
curved pavers 12" x 3'

Spokes of wheel: 9" x 3'

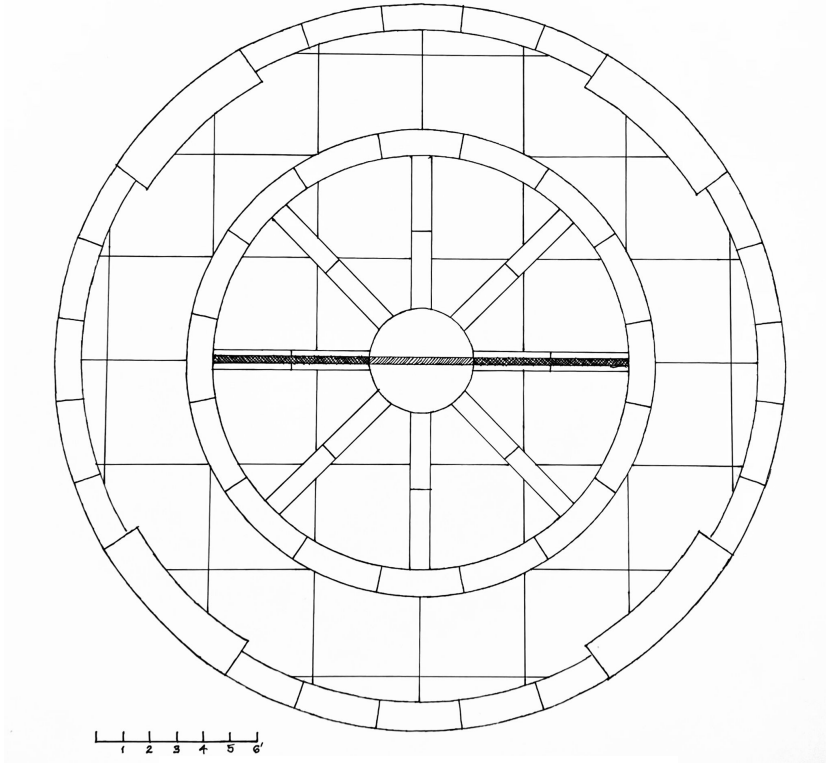
Top surfaces of resting places:  
approximately 18" x 6' each.

Height of resting places: 18"  
(ADA approved)

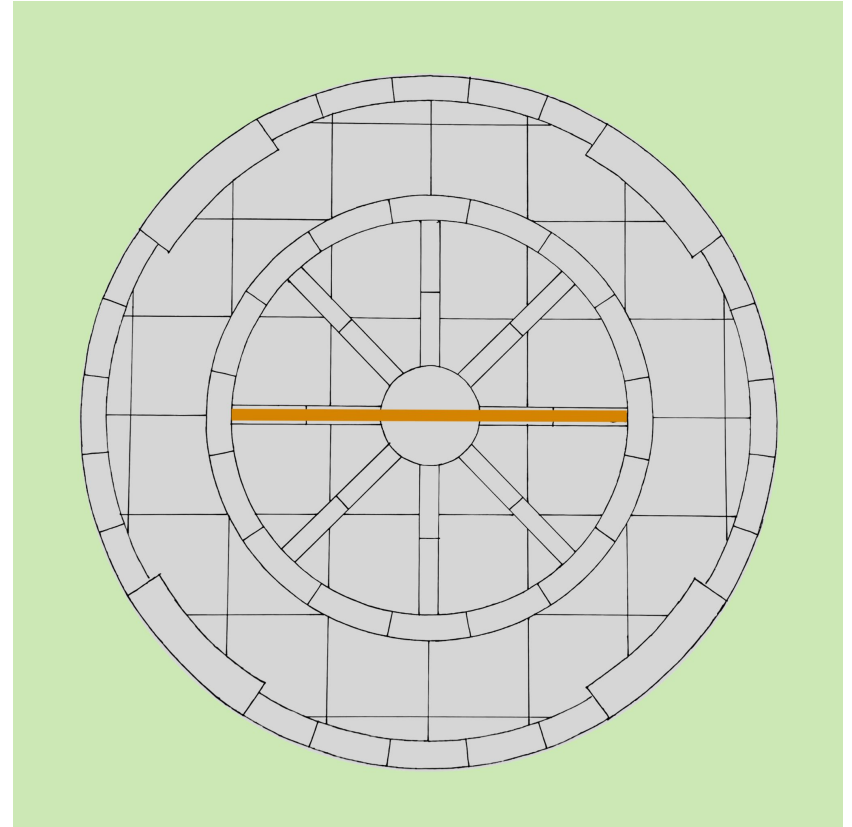


Preliminary Sketch

Granite and grout create subtle lines:



Preliminary Sketch, Dec. 2021



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Plaza Paver Details: Within oval: 4' x 4' Timeline: 6' x 1' Dark gray: 2' x 1'

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FDR Hope Memorial, Roosevelt Island, NYC





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Example of 4' x 4' pavers:

Family reading timeline at  
FDR Hope Memorial,  
Roosevelt Island, NYC

Pavers in oval are 4' x 4'

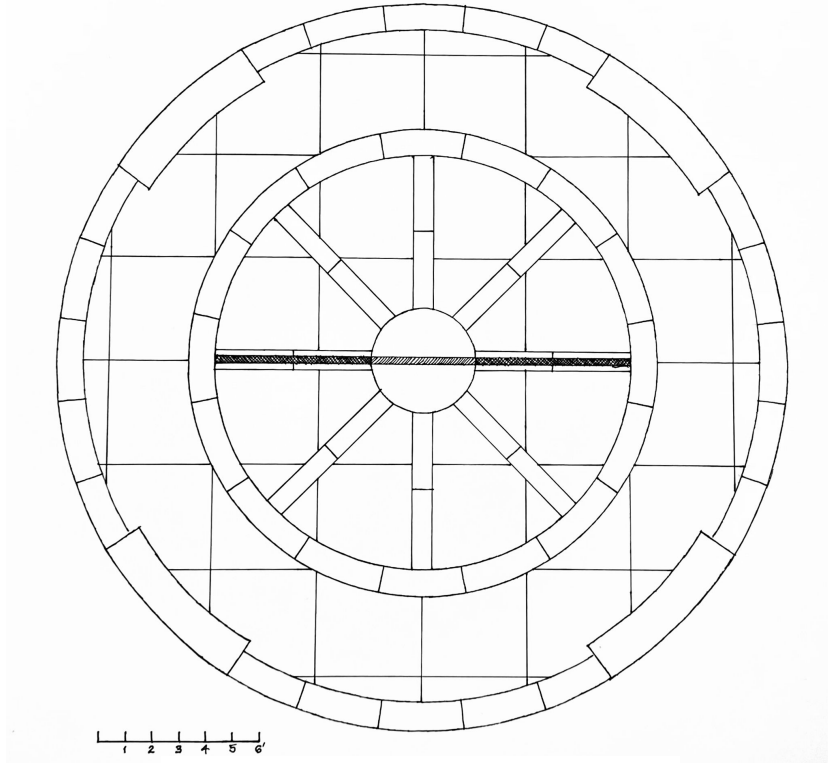
Timeline pavers are 6' x 1'

Dark gray pavers are 2' x 1'

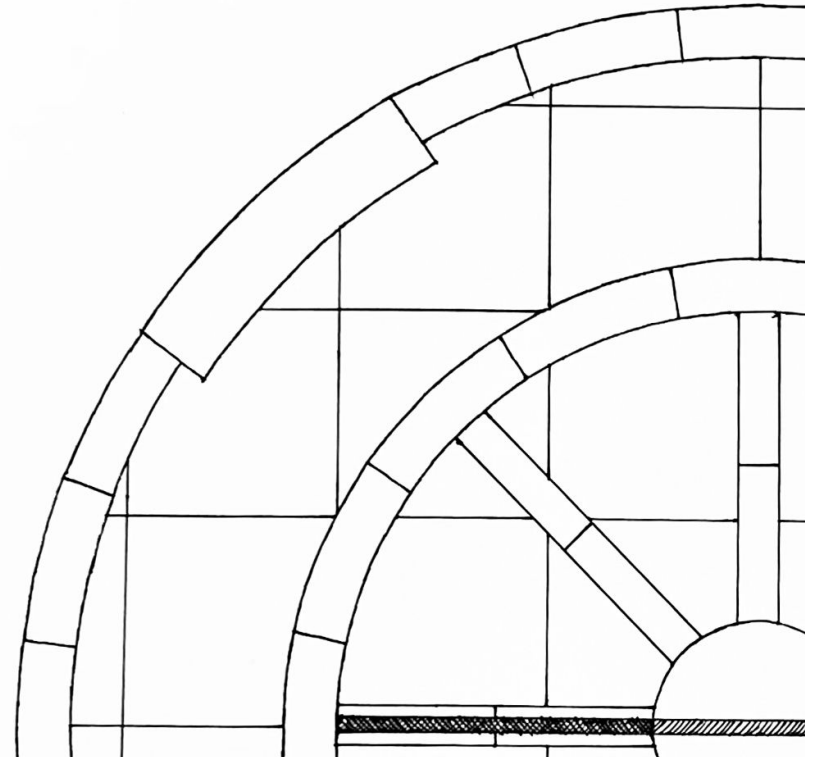
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Comments, questions or other feedback on our revised design proposal ?



Preliminary Sketch, Dec. 2021



Preliminary Sketch, Dec. 2021

# Topic: Plaza size and siting

We have refined the center of the plaza.

We look for your input on the diameter.

We began with 24' and then considered 32'  
after the Sculpture Rehearsal.

Now proposing 28' diameter, which creates  
615.75 square foot pedestal / plaza.



Mock Tour Group from Meriam Street



At Sculpture Rehearsal we set out 24' parachute and encircled it with ropes to outline 32' and 40' diameters.





Visitors Center  
Lexington, MA

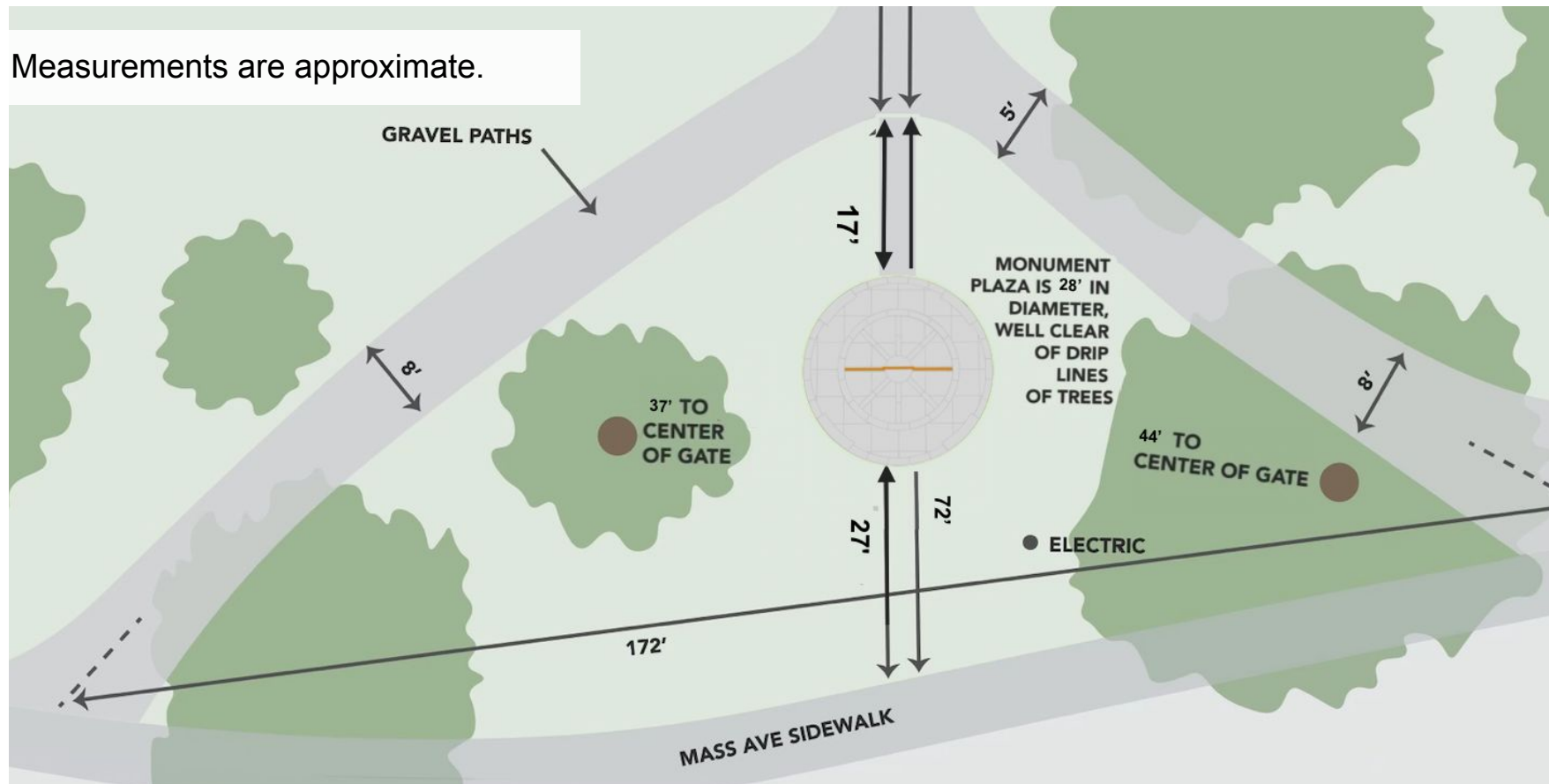
Area overview. We have added yellow lines to highlight area.





Zoomed in version of town map and the triangle section.

Measurements are approximate.



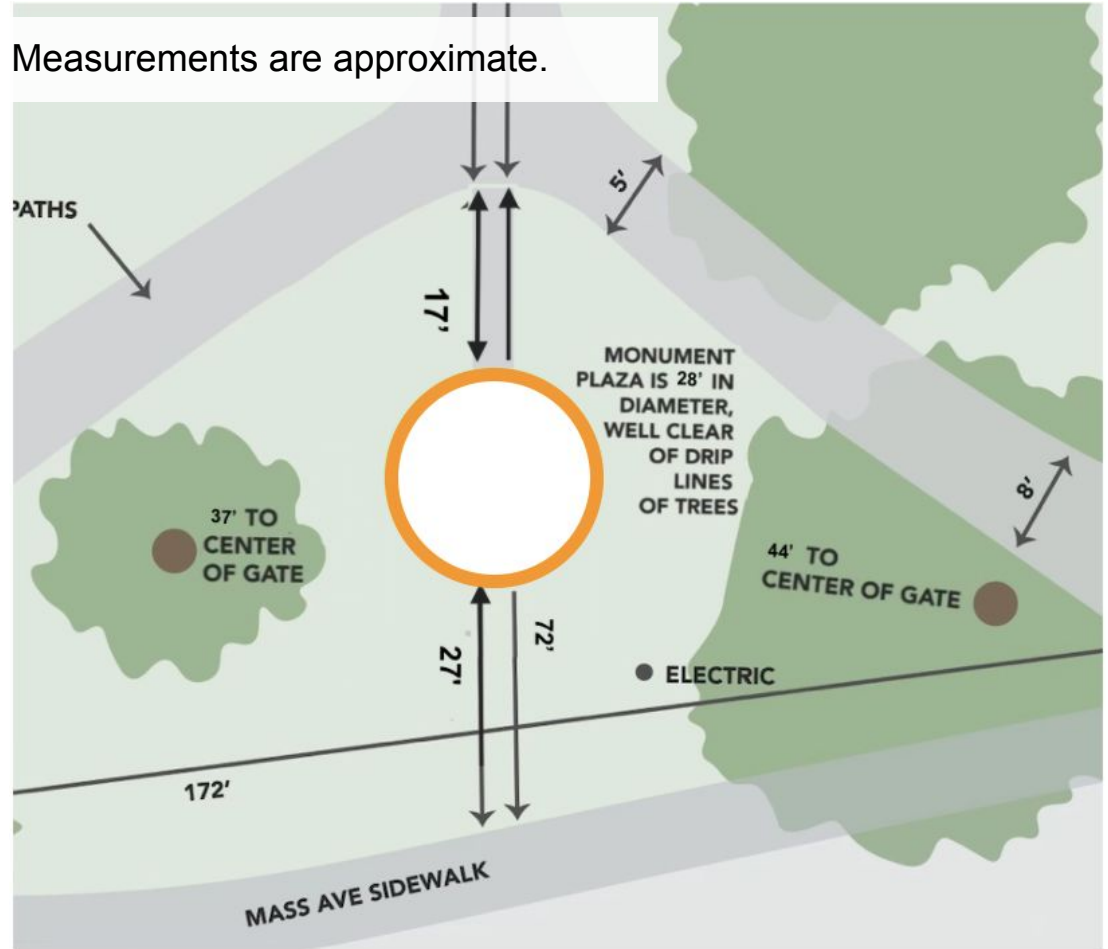
Meredith Bergmann's overview of area.

28' diameter

Location takes slope, irrigation and drainage into account.

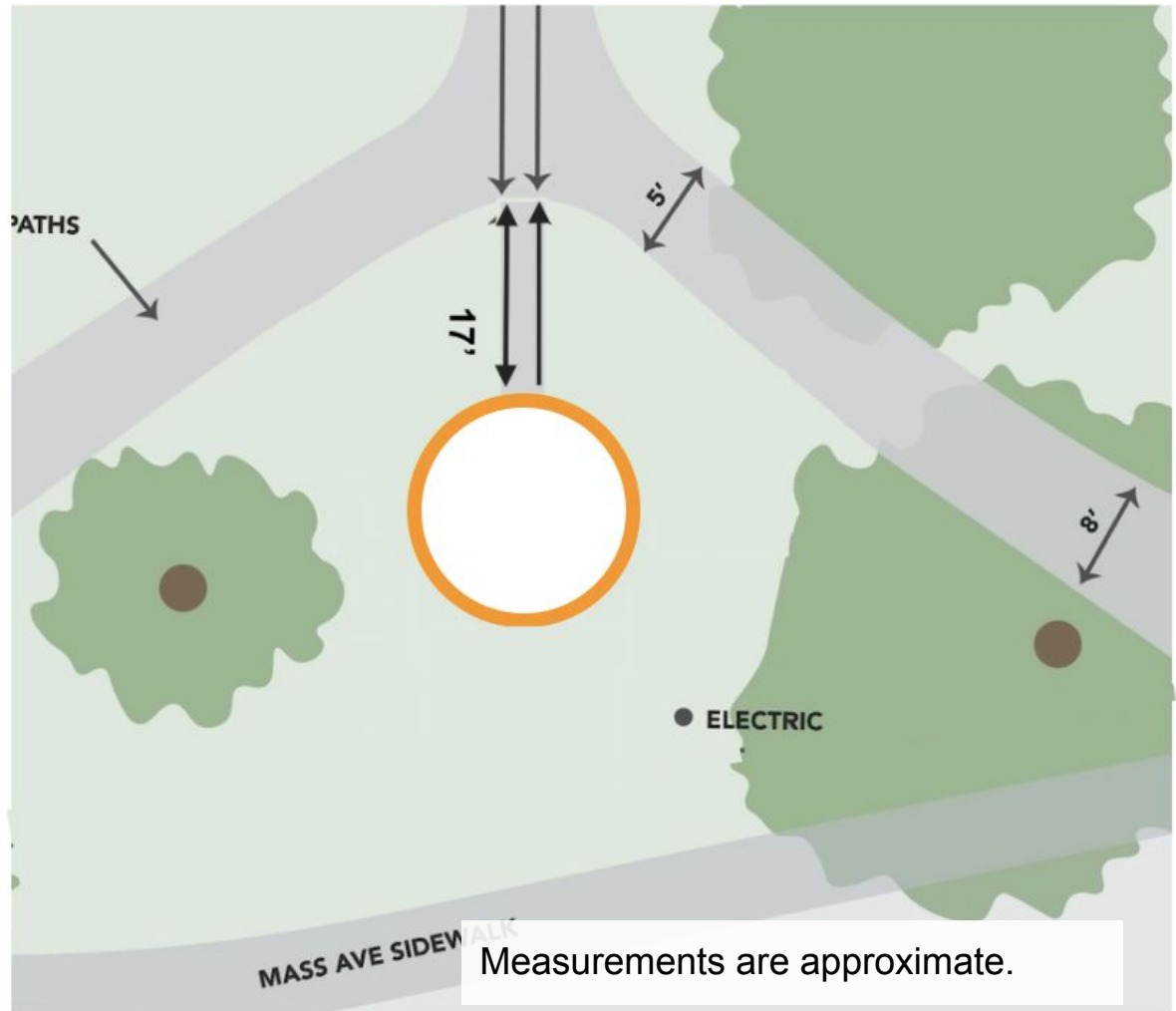
Bronze and steel monument is centered on a granite pedestal.

People access monument by accessible path connected to existing path, made from same materials the Town selects for paths in this area.






Simplified  
view.  
Approx.  
measurements.



Revised LexSeeHer proposal 28' plaza = 615 square feet  
Lexington Visitors Center lawn in this section = 8,810 square feet



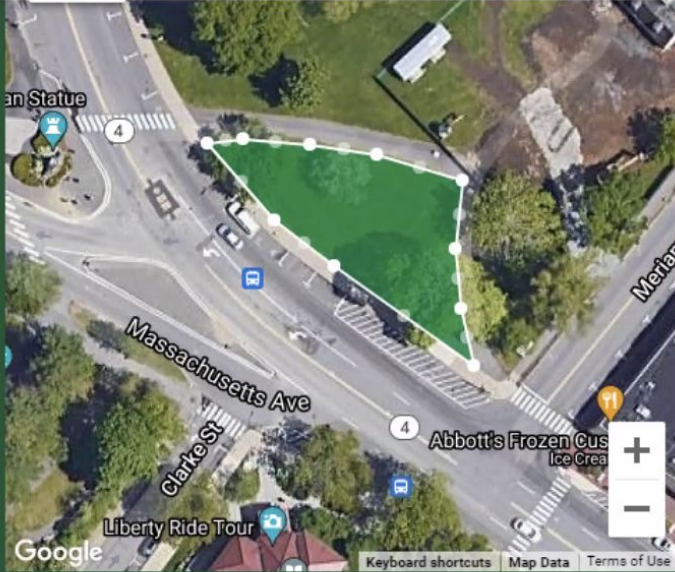
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# your lawn?

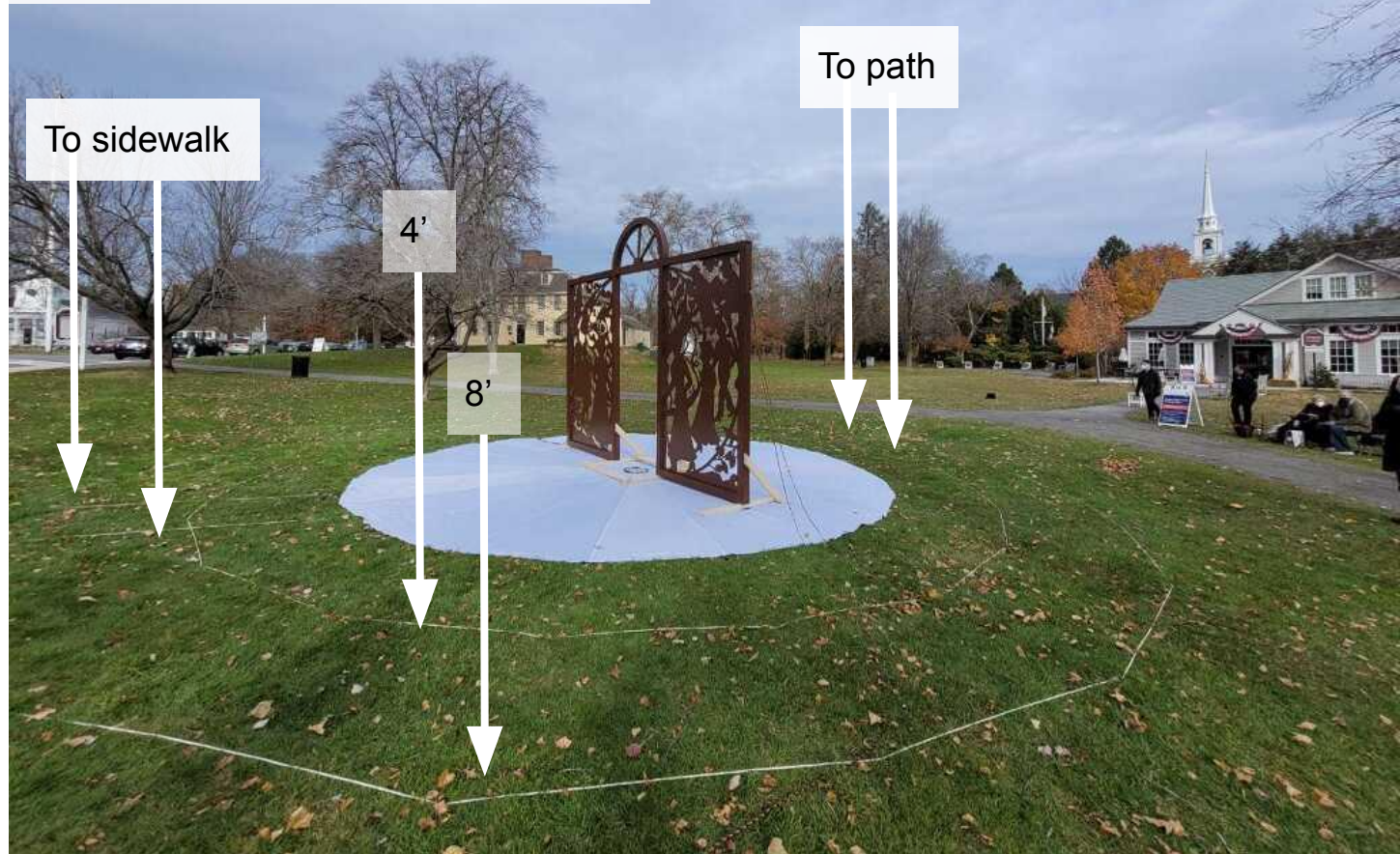
No need to be too precise - we're just looking for an approximate size.

1. Where is your lawn?  
**1776 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA** [CHANGE](#)
2. Outline your lawn.  
No need to be too precise--we're just looking for an approximate size.

**Total Lawn Size: 8,810 SQFT**



From Sculpture Rehearsal:



Was 24'  
to path.



After 4' move: View from ladder at Visitors Center lawn





After 4' move: View from ladder at Visitors Center lawn

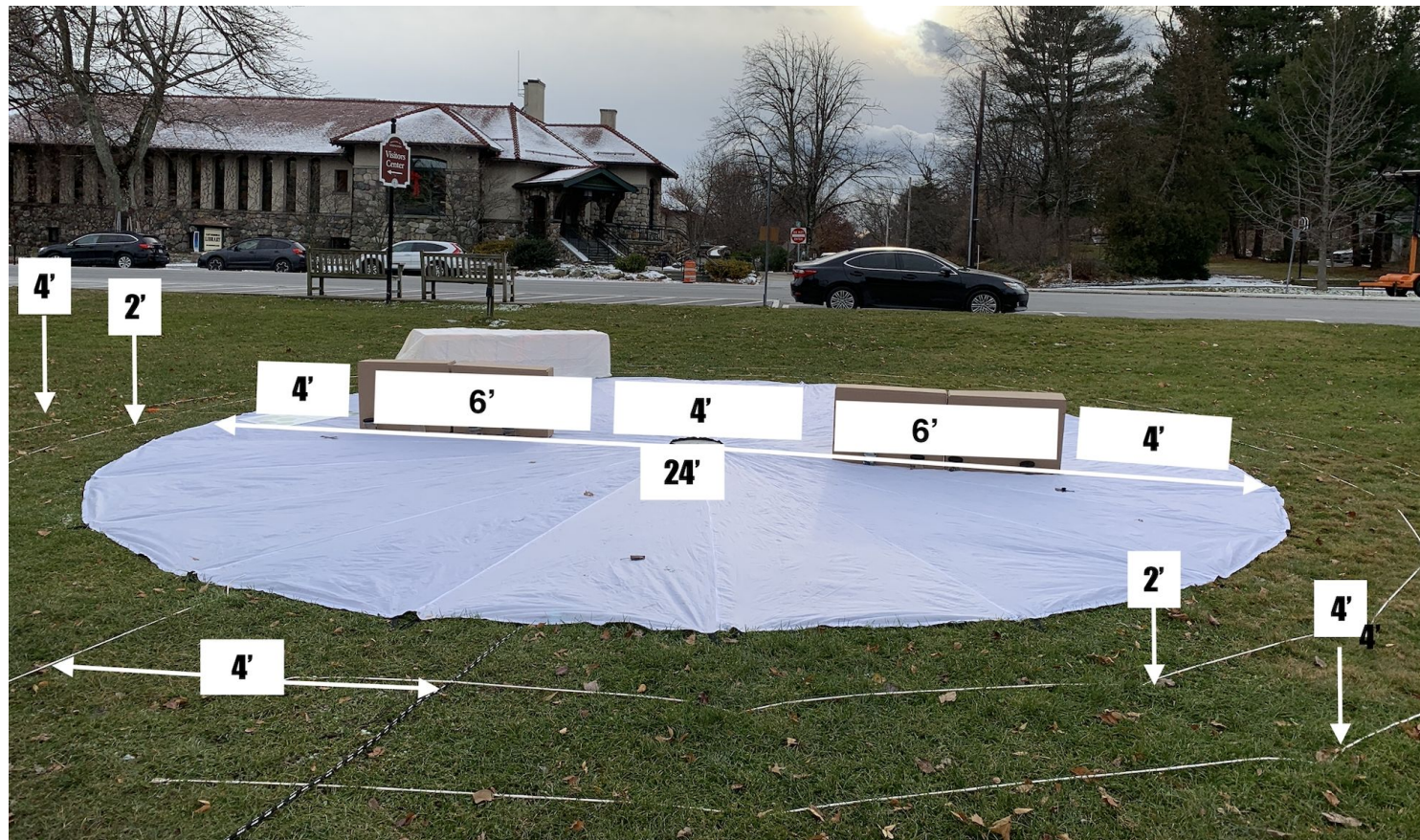


# After the Sculpture Rehearsal

We received input at HDC and Monuments and Memorials meetings. We then met with Dave Pinsonneault, Director of DPW for a mini-rehearsal with just the parachute and ropes. We worked to refine the 32' proposal with understanding of irrigation and drainage and slope.



## Revised proposal 28' plaza:



Plaza design:

Welcomes individuals, small and large groups.

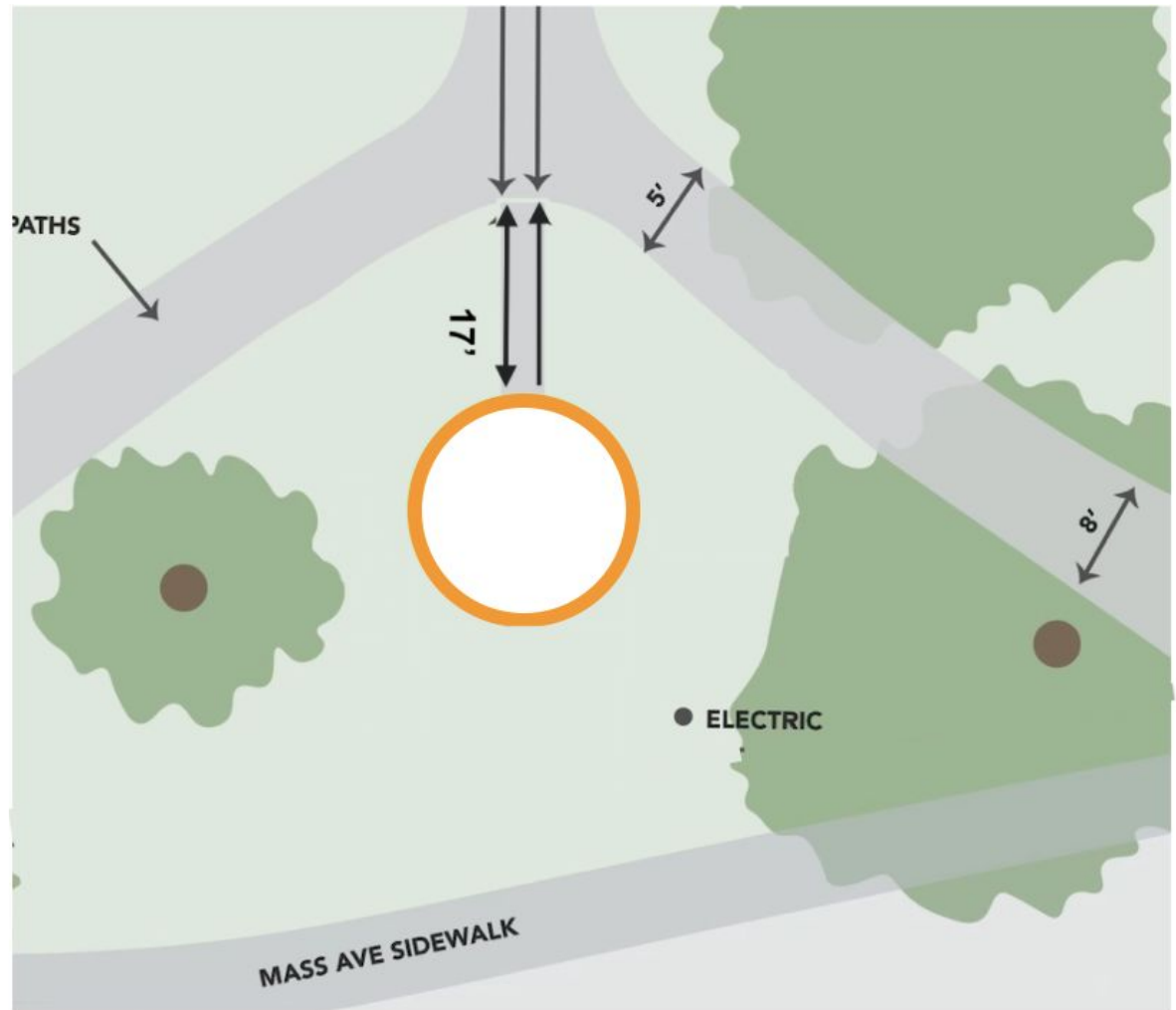
Fully accessible and gracious space.

People can find a resting place within the pedestal / plaza to quietly contemplate the monument and honorees.

Offers unhurried experience.

Makes women visible.

More inclusive view of our history.





All communities become more like Roosevelt Island  
Accessible, Inclusive, and welcoming.

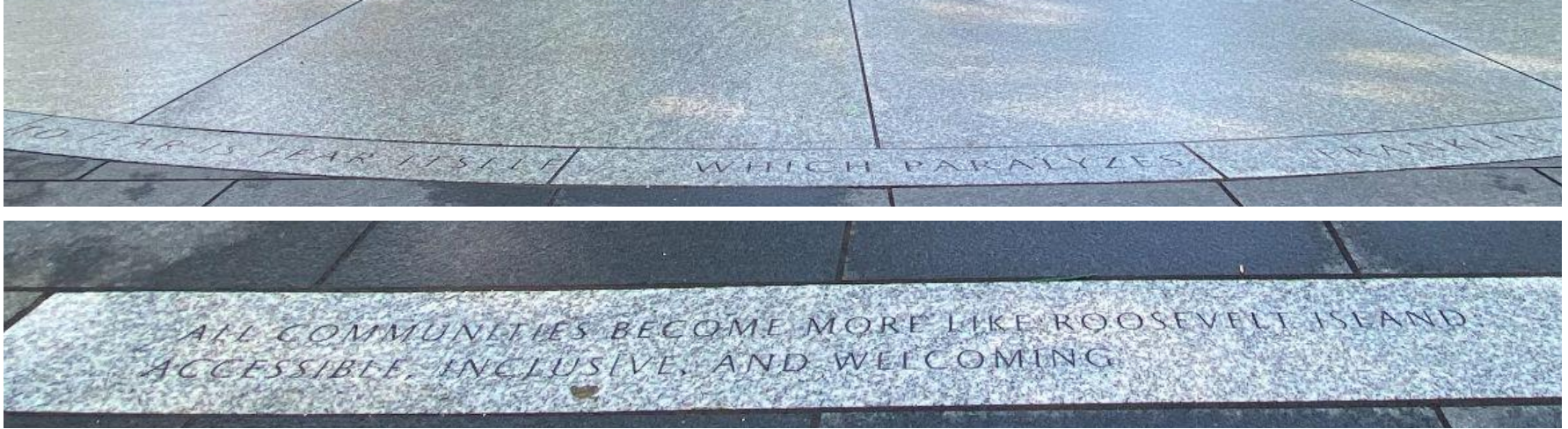


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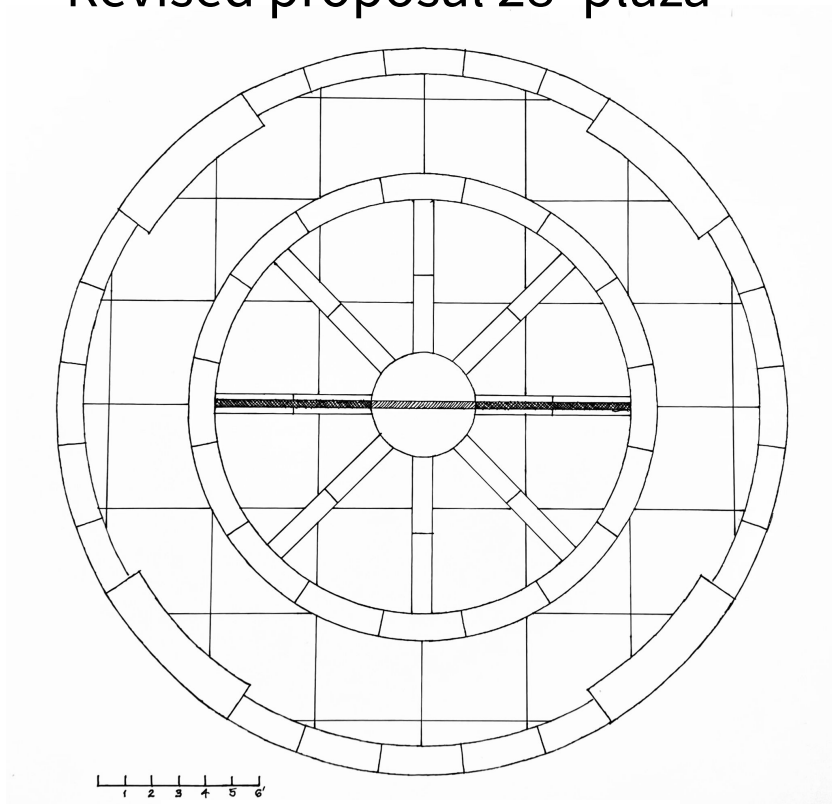
Open space welcomes friends and family, and is wheelchair accessible. What is the right size for the plaza diameter from your perspective? Is 28' accessible, welcoming and inclusive?



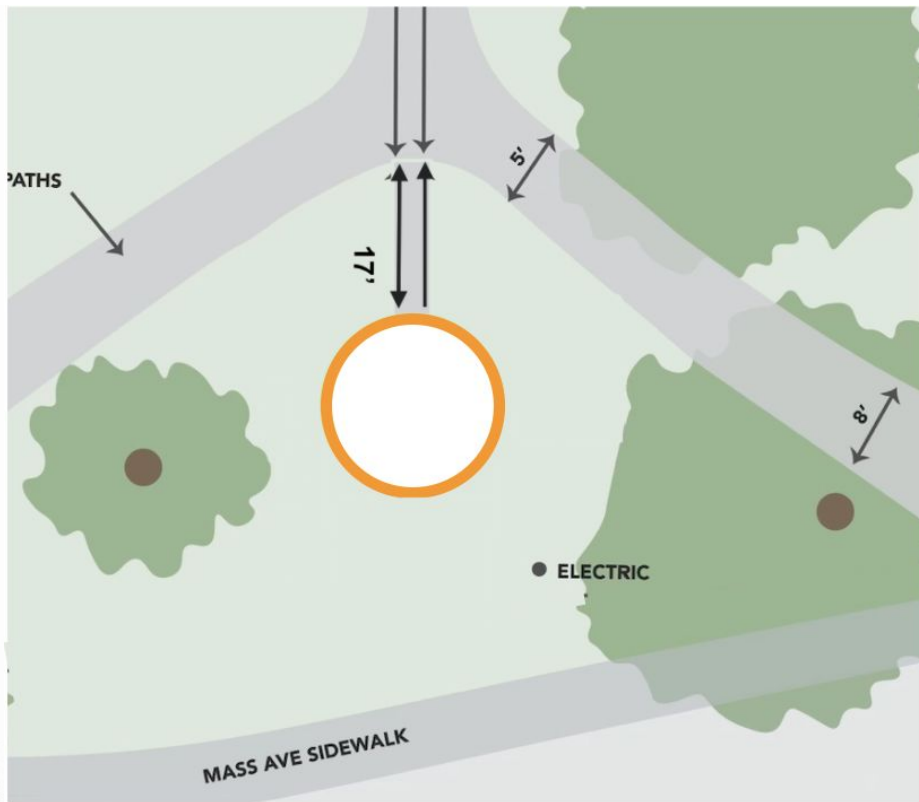
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For your consideration, as needed.

## Revised proposal 28' plaza



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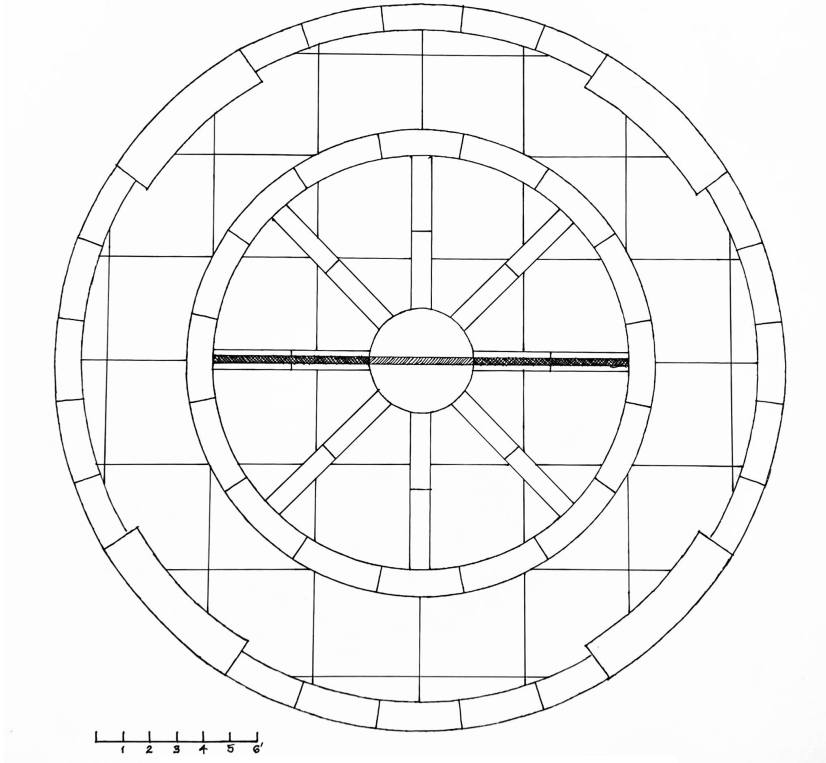


Plaza detail from  
Boston Women's  
Memorial.  
Meredith selected  
appropriate  
pavers and grout  
to harmonize the  
plaza lines.

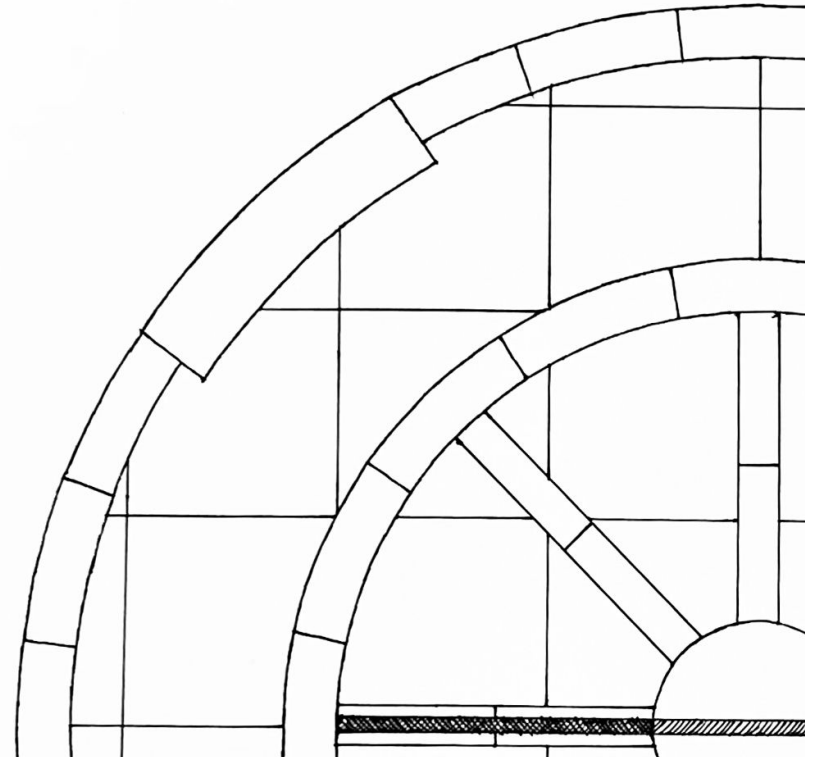


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Revised proposal 28' plaza = 615 square feet of granite:



Preliminary Sketch, Dec. 2021



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[Click here for a link to Meredith's work](#)

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Memorial](#)

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Women's Rights Pioneers Monument](#)

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# Additional materials: LexSeeHer Sculpture Rehearsal 2021

[Link to slideshow](#)