



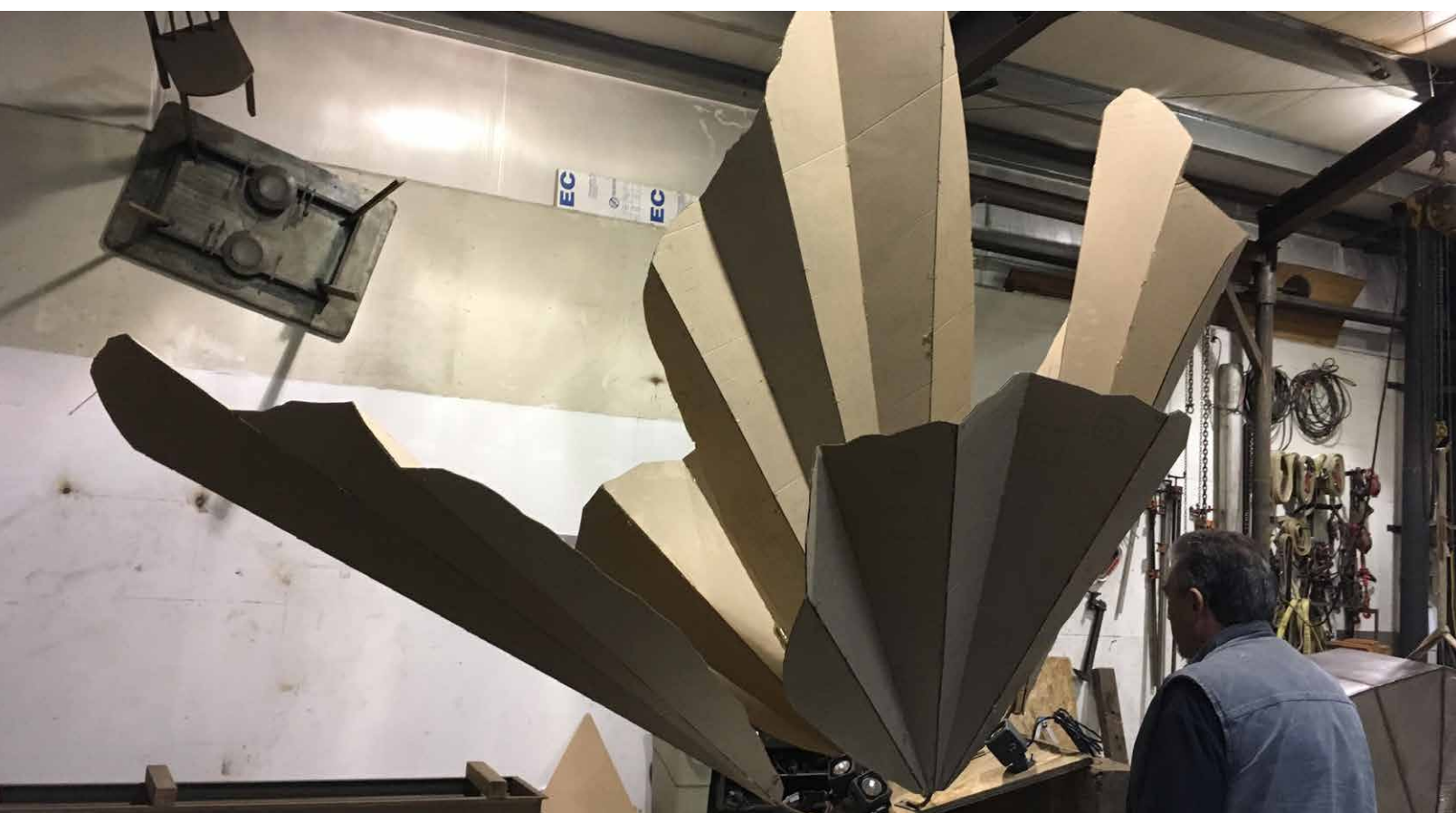
Urban Wonderland. Completed prior to COVID-19, at the edge of Portland's displacement zone, near a confluence of freeways and light-rail transit stops, this urban wonderland provides a daily oasis of hope as a counter to mental fatigue during the pandemic.



Reverence. Long before a shopping center thrived and perished, and more recent immigrants enlivened the Gateway community; Cowlitz, Cascades, and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have been stewards of this land.



Inclusion. Passed down from previous generations, the power of hope for a community where 70 languages are spoken, remains. The Monarch, '*Danaus Plexippus*' (Sleepy Transformation) sparks this journey through a series of community engagement gatherings and celebrations.



Transformation. The majestic butterfly wings, the *Fifth Wind*, represent symbolically a gratitude and appreciation for the selfless contributions of the Gateway community members narrating their journeys, ancestral and contemporary.



Stewardship. Preparing the community to lead change and improve the world is an act of informed optimism inspired by a civic open space embracing skatepark, splash pad, sand/water discovery, performance space, picnic grove, active paseo and nature play.



Placemaking. Memories of joyful play experiences in the neighborhood park bind young and young at heart long after childhood, improving our physical and psychological health, strengthening our communities, and providing places for recreation, inspiration, discovery, and cultural exchange.



Lasting Connections. The flexible paseo design accommodates seasonal activities, a place for dining, markets, conversations, and festivities magnetically leading pedestrians into the park.



Sustainability. From brownfield to thriving park, use of nature-based stormwater and landscaping of shade inducing trees, street trees, and native vegetation reclaimed the degraded site promoting green infrastructure that recreates lost hydrologic function and enhances Gateway's EcoDistrict placemaking goals.



Playful Learnings. With pathways and ramps, once at the top an innovative custom two-wide chute slide, pioneered by the landscape architects, allows 'friends' to slide down together. Today, you'll find this slide at every inclusive designed park throughout Portland.



Memories. Sustainable playground surface materials are designed to fit in the landscape and feel cohesively integrated into nature with paths winding up and down over differing heights of topography accessible by all.



Sensory Rich Experience. Sand and water are critical organic elements found in the playground. A hand-operated wheel pumps water onto an elevated sand table (custom designed to accommodate wheelchairs) where the two materials mix with natural cooperation.



Inclusive Play. For more than 6.7 million school-age children with disabilities (US DOE), inclusive play encourages cooperation, leadership, persistence, competition, bravery, support, and empathy through play.



Biophilia. Engaging with the environment through tactile manipulation, direct observation, and first-hand experience the natural play area was designed to evoke both the serenity and liveliness of being in the woods for all who lack direct access with nature.



Social Equity. Bringing Portland closer to addressing historic inequalities, Gateway Discovery Park provides access within a half-mile walk to over 800 households. One-third of these households are racial or ethnic minorities, and a quarter are living in poverty.



Joy. As the living room for East Portland, Gateway Discovery Park is a beloved gem and a strategic neighborhood asset addressing the immediate and lasting consequences of COVID-19 - offering a safe and joyous haven for all.