The site consists of the arena and two parking areas to the east and west. The arena contains a large open plaza divided into three main spaces: the entry plaza at the north west corner of Century Blvd. and Prairie Ave.; the entertainment plaza; and arena plaza with its entrance off of Prairie Ave.

The plazas are connected by a large paseo which starts at the main entry plaza off of Century Blvd and terminates at the arena entrance. The site is surrounded by public sidewalk along Century Blvd. to the north and Prairie Ave. to the west.

The materiality of the plaza spaces will consist of an array of hardscape materials that play into the overall concept of the landscape. The primary material within the plazas will be cast-in-place colored concrete with exposed aggregate, while the main central pedestrian spine will consist of a high quality decorative pre-cast stone pavers and asphalt for the basketball court.

The concept of the plaza is the culmination of the historical significance of the site, basketball, embracing the community along with its fans and the arena.

The landscape’s geometry plays off the historical significance of the site through the dramatic design move of the central pedestrian spine, reflecting the natural springs used by the first settlers found at Edward Vincent Park. The springs took the name Centinela from the hills that rose gradually around allowing the ranchers to watch over their herds of livestock.

This same hill scape is the inspiration behind expanding the circular center plaza area. The circular center combines the main, central entertainment plaza, including a water feature that can be turned off during events and turned on to activate the space when the arena is not being used, shaded spaces for people to gather, seating, stage for live performances, full size basketball court and sculptural elements. The central space also houses the grand entrance with two escalators: one from the north and the other from the south at the community center. The majority of the public amenities can be found in this area.
The plaza space adjacent to the arena is designed to emphasize the arena’s architecture, and therefore will consist primarily of decorative paving along with seating and areas of shade.

The aesthetic value of the landscape will be defined by the richness of the trees and understory planting within the site. The landscape will focus on stitching together the site so it reads contiguously. The landscape is separated in three different areas, the plaza spaces to the north, the parking lot to the south and east as well as the streetscape planting along Century Blvd. and Prairie Ave. There are a total of 241 proposed trees, 35 of which are street trees within the public R.O.W. along Century Blvd and Prairie Ave. Each treewell will be planted with understory planting that will be able to tolerate the urban condition. Within the site, there are 225 trees proposed, which includes the north plaza area (42 trees), garage to the south and access road to the east (145 trees) and on-site streetscape (19 trees). The understory planting for the on-site conditions will account for 83,383 sf.

Within this document, the two additional parking lots on Century Blvd. account for an additional 67 trees. The parking lot to the east has 29 trees along with 27,070 sf of understory planting and the garage to the west has 38 proposed trees along with 15,518 sf of understory planting.

The grand total of trees proposed for all three sites is 308 trees with a proposed understory planting area of 131,841 sf.

Landscape irrigation will run throughout the site and meet the California Model Water Efficiency guidelines outlined by Cal Green. The planting palette shall be low to moderate water use plants that will be fed by drip irrigation. The landscape irrigation will connect to the two existing reclaimed water lines along Prairie Avenue and continue through the site.

The site consists of 26 acres total. The current acreage of pervious surface is 3 acres vs 10 acres of impervious surfaces on the project site. The buildings on site consist of an additional 13 acres. The breakdown of pervious and impervious surfaces are as follows.
The site’s total hardscape square footage of impervious surfaces including the two parking areas to the east and west is 437,379 sf.

The site’s total planting area square footage of pervious surfaces including the parking areas to the east and west total 131,841 sf. The breakdown of pervious surfaces including the streetscape are as follows. The north plaza area contains 4,780 sf of planting area, the south parking garage along with the areas to the east and west contain 83,353 sf of planting area, and the streetscape both on-site and off-site contain 1,120 sf of planting area. The east parking lot contains 27,070 sf of planting and the west parking garage contains 15,518 sf.