

THE CHESS PAVILION IS AN OPEN-AIR STRUCTURE BUILT IN 1957 AND IS CONSTRUCTED OUT OF CONCRETE AND INDIANA LIMESTONE. THE PAVILION IS SHELTERED WITH A WING-LIKE OVERHANG WITH THREE TIERS OF TWENTY CHESSBOARDS SET INTO THE CONCRETE. LAURENS HAMMOND, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE HAMMOND ORGAN COMPANY, DONATED \$90,000 TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PAVILION. HAMMOND LOVED TO PLAY CHESS AND HAD THE IDEA OF BUILDING A PAVILION DEDICATED TO THE GAME. HE HIRED HIS FRIEND ARCHITECT MAURICE WEBSTER (1892-1982) TO DESIGN THE MODERNIST STRUCTURE THAT WOULD PROVIDE CHESS-LOVERS A PLACE TO PLAY AROUND-THE-CLOCK. IT IS LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF NORTH AVENUE BEACH IN THE LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. IT LOOKS OUT TO LAKE MICHIGAN, ON THE EDGE OF A JOGGING AND BICYCLING PATH. THIS AREA HAS BEEN A POPULAR GATHERING PLACE FOR CHESS PLAYERS SINCE THE 1930s. THE PAVILION ALSO FEATURES FIVE-FOOT TALL SCULPTURES OF THE KING AND QUEEN, INCISED CARVINGS OF VARIOUS CHESS PIECES, AND BAS-RELIEF CARVINGS OF THE BISHOP AND THE KNIGHT THAT WERE DESIGNED AND CREATED BY ARTIST BORIS GILBERTSON (1907-1982). THE CHESS PAVILION RECEIVED A CITATION OF MERIT FROM THE CHICAGO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AT ITS CIVIC PRIDE LUNCHEON IN 1957.

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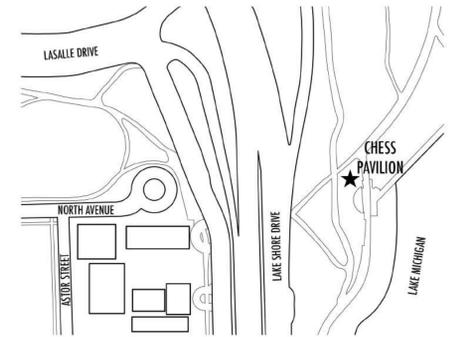
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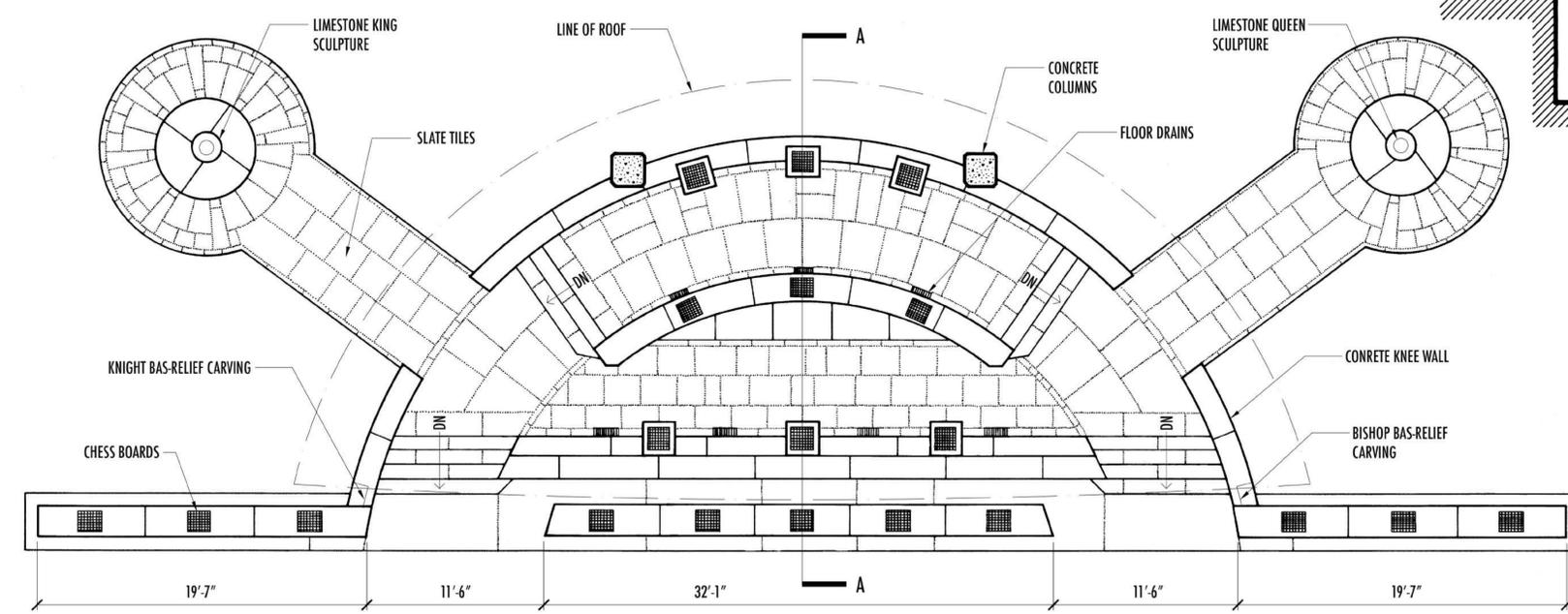
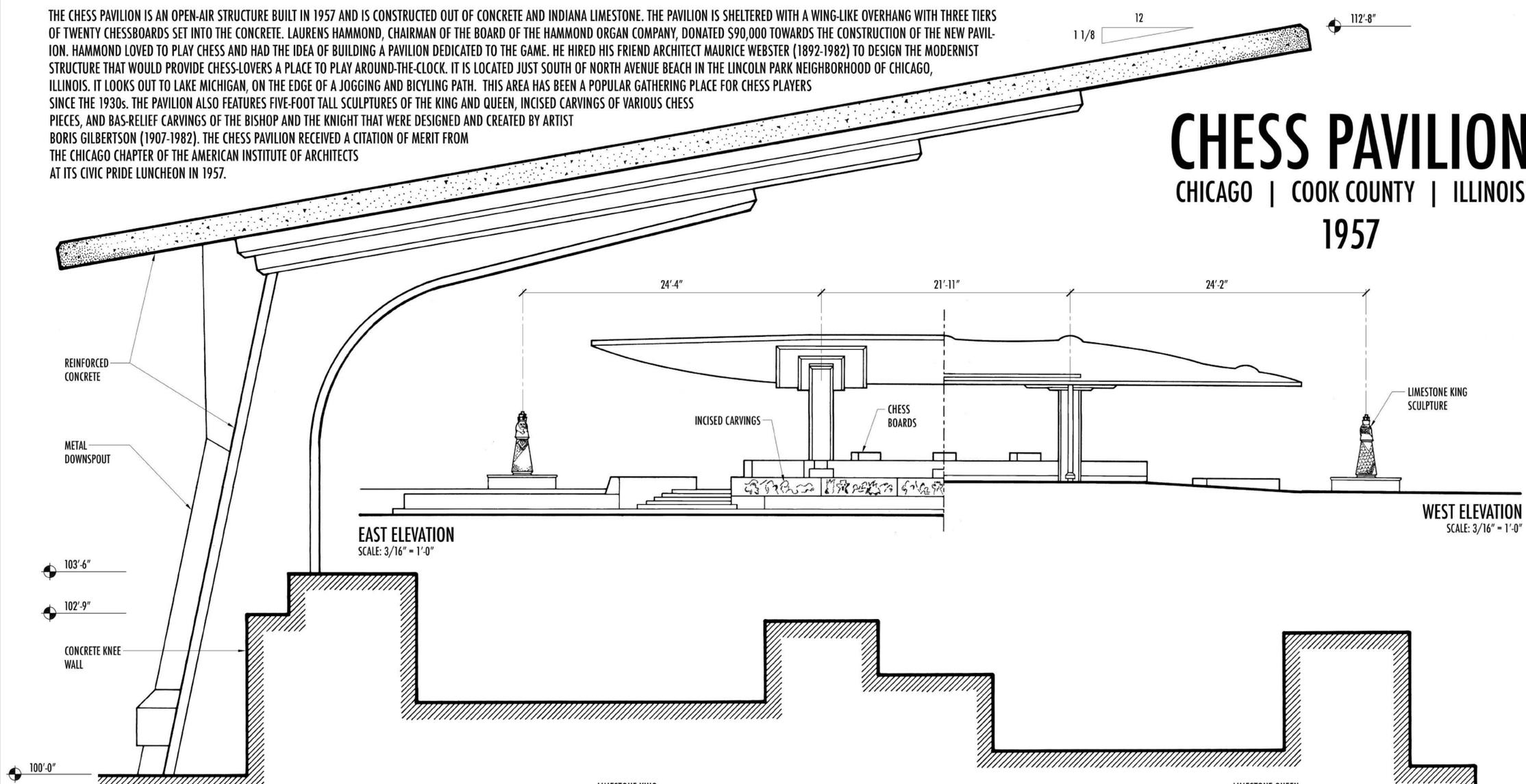


KING SCULPTURE
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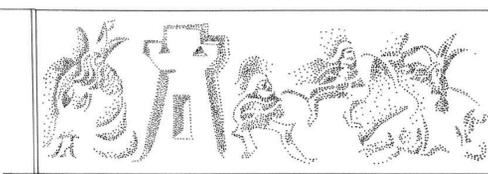
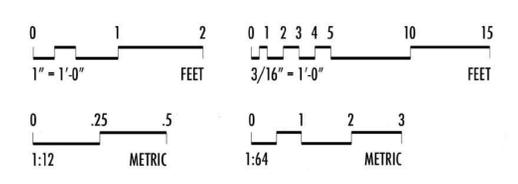
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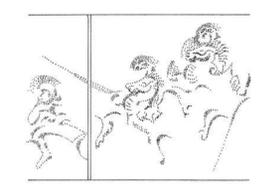
SITE PLAN



PLAN
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



INCISED CARVING
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BISHOP BAS-RELIEF CARVING
SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"

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