

**Issue:** The green space between the Memorial Student Affairs Building (MSAB) and Mantor/Randall Hall, where the Otto Olsen was, leaves an undeveloped and unsightly area of campus. This area has no current development with landscaping or construction and harms the character of central campus by leaving open views from two residence halls (Men's and Mantor/Randall) into a large parking lot (Lots 10 and 13). Further, outdoor seating in this area of campus is limited due to the relatively recent destruction of the Otto Olsen and 26th street and lack of subsequent construction. This area of campus has high demand for such seating and sees high utilization of the green space around Men's and Mantor/Randall in the fall and spring months of the academic year. However, outdoor seating cannot simply be put in the space and expect usage, as shade has proven to be important for outdoor seating utilization (i.e., East side of Men's Hall compared to Union), though the lack of current landscaping in this area of campus does not lend itself to natural shade.

**Solution:** Development of this area of campus will help promote student wellness by providing more outdoor space for activities and studying. It will also help isolate Lots 10 and 13 from pedestrian view, emphasizing the vista of Louie the Loper from old 26th street and the fountain. I propose a shade park, yard games area, and low maintenance landscaping in the Northeast corner of the old Otto Olsen lot.

**Justification:** Since there is no current landscaping to provide shade in the Northeast corner of the Otto Olsen lot, a visually appealing man made shade park would provide the required shade. Hammocks are also in high demand during the warmer academic months. To incentivise student usage, I suggest a shade pergola with adequate seating/table surfaces for studying, two hammocks for relaxing/reading, and a small yard games area, along with permanent cornhole or ladder toss with bags/balls able to be checked out from the Mantor front desk. This proposal is low maintenance, preventing large costs from accruing yearly due to this investment. With simple landscaping, this area of campus can be developed without increasing the burden on the already thinly-stretched Grounds crew of UNK.

**Conclusion:** A small shade park with a pergola, seating, hammocks, and permanent yard games would help address the issues mentioned above by breaking up and focusing sight lines, providing outdoor seating and engagement, while remaining low in upfront and maintenance costs.

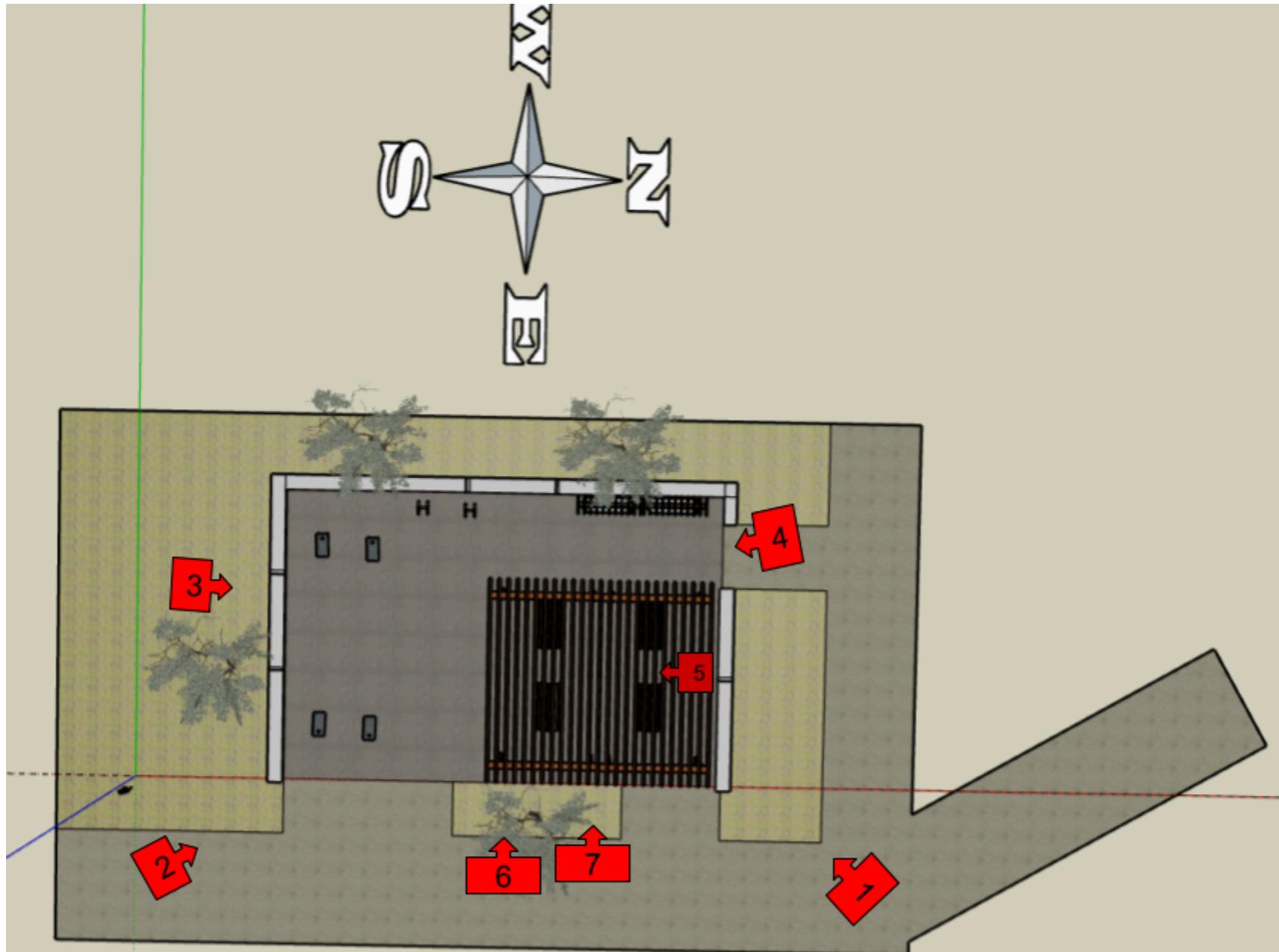
**Budget:** I have not gotten any quotes yet for this project. However, a rough estimate would place this project around **~\$80,000**, though without a quote this number should not be used for any official estimates.

*Below are simple renderings of the proposed construction, isolated from its view within campus. The project slab is 75 feet by 50 feet, ten feet displaced from both sidewalks. Sidewalks are not to scale.*

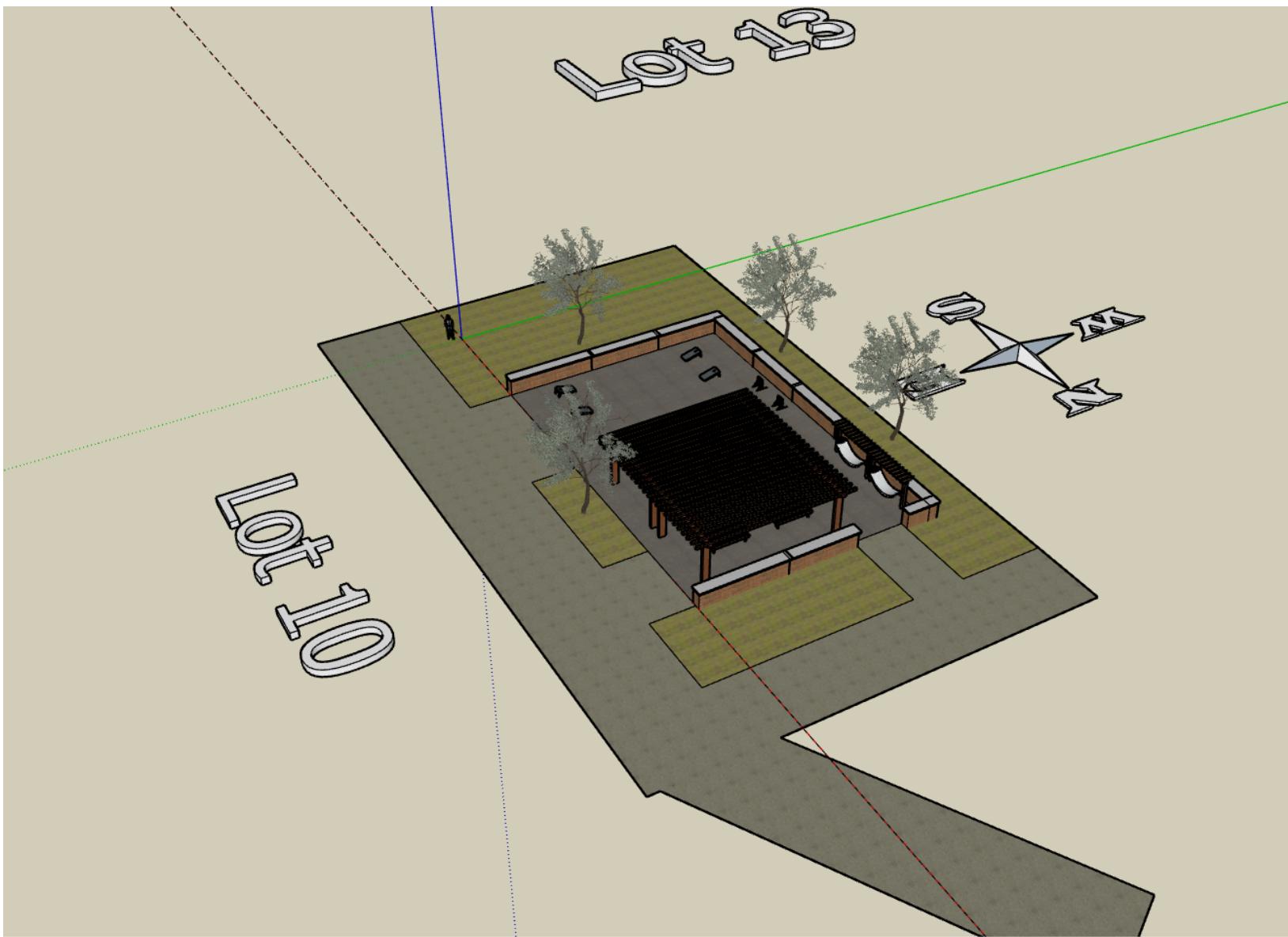
## Proposed project location (In red):



## Viewing angles



## Overhead view



**View 1:**



**View 2:**



**View 3:**



**View 4:**



**View 5:**



**View 6:**



**View 7:**

