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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.  
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER DATE: 1992 SEPTEMBER 17

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: CENTRAL PARK - JUBILEE ARCH PLAZA AND GARDEN

PURPOSE: To request Council's approval of the expenditure of \$250,000 donated by the Lohn Foundation for construction of the garden and plaza in Central Park.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT approval be given to the expenditure of \$250,000 donated by the Lohn Foundation for construction of the garden and plaza in Central Park.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1992 September 16, the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the five recommendations contained therein.

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ACTING DIRECTOR RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

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RE: CENTRAL PARK - JUBILEE ARCH PLAZA AND GARDEN

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the detailed design for the garden and plaza at Royal Jubilee Arch be approved.
2. THAT Council be asked to approve the expenditure of \$250,000 donated by the Lohn Foundation for construction of the garden and plaza in Central Park.
3. THAT the Parks Names and Signs Committee consider an appropriate name for this development.
4. THAT this report and design development drawings be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for their information.
5. THAT the Lohn Foundation receive a copy of this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND:

In Fall of 1991, the Parks and Recreation Department were approached by representatives of the Lohn Foundation regarding an endowment to Parks. They proposed a contribution of funds to develop a park site, dependent upon the provision of an appropriate concept and site. Concepts were developed and several meetings were held, culminating in the selection of a plan for the design of a plaza and garden surrounding the historic Royal Jubilee Arch, at the northeast corner of Central Park.

The Lohn Foundation representatives proposed funding for the development of the plaza and garden, provided that the arch restoration be funded by others. The Royal Jubilee Arch stabilization and conservation proposal is approved and funding is in place.

In April of this year the Executive Committee of Council approved the spending of the donated funds in 1992.

In April of this year the committee of Commission approved the concept design for the plaza and garden. Subsequent design development has refined this concept, and further developed the garden's design details. The executors of the Lohn Foundation have approved the detailed design drawings and have submitted a cheque for \$250,000 for the complete construction of the project.

2.0 DESIGN CONCEPT:

This project, in conjunction with the restoration of the arch, will transform what is currently a largely unnoticed corner of the park, into a prominent park feature and interpretive site. The landscape plan (Attachment #1) illustrates two feature areas; the restored Royal Jubilee Arch and its adjacent plaza and the perennial garden and ornamental pool. The plaza and arch form a forecourt and entry to the gardens. The size of the plaza is modest, reflecting the small scale of the arch, but is still large enough to link pedestrians to the front of the arch, and provide a comfortable base for it. The original bronze interpretive

plaque will be mounted in front of the arch. Viewing through the arch, the historic north-south axis focuses on the garden room beyond, featuring an 18 foot diameter circular pool and fountain (Attachments #2 & #3). The donor's dedication plaque has a prominent position on the edge of the pool, facing the arch. The pool is surrounded with ornamental paving, benches, and a wide perennial garden. Vine-clad arches form secondary entrances along an informal east-west path. In line with the Royal Jubilee Arch, and forming the terminus of the garden, are two oak trees, a bench and interpretive plaque describing the history of the trees.

Materials and features reminiscent of the historical period of the Royal Jubilee Arch will be used to detail the garden and plaza. Elements such as stone walls and pilasters, stone and metal gates, low hedges and flowering plant materials have been used throughout. The stone walls and bases for interpretive plaques will be block cut granite. Ornamental paving will be a combination of exposed aggregate concrete and coloured granite, and benches will be wood and cast iron. Plants will be a combination of old-fashioned deciduous shrubs, low yew hedges, and colourful perennials.

On May 6, 1992, the Commission approved a Consultant's report on the restoration program for the Royal Jubilee Arch which recommended removing one of the two spruce trees flanking the arch. The roots on the tree to the west of the arch are impacting the arch's foundation. Tree removal will occur as part of the restoration program. The remaining spruce will have its lower limbs removed, to allow better air circulation around the arch, and to increase its visibility. A pair of sequoia (Redwood trees) have been placed in the planting plan to create the framing effect which the spruce trees currently have. These replacement trees are more ornamental, and are set further into the park, to reduce their impact upon the arch.

The future widening of Kingsway will have minimum impact upon this part of the park, and has been provided for in the development plans.

Full size coloured plans will be posted at the Commission meeting.

#### 4.0 MAINTENANCE:

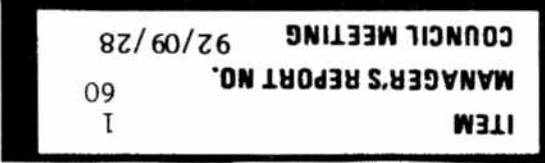
Annual horticulture and grounds maintenance costs for this part of Central Park will be \$10,482. The funds have been included in the 1993 Provisional budget.

#### 5.0 FUNDING CONDITIONS:

The funding is subject to the donor's conditions, including the following:

- . A donor's plaque no less than 12" X 24" be incorporated into the design.
- . Final wording for the plaque will be provided by the Lohn Foundation, for approval by Parks.
- . Construction signs will identify the project and its donor.
- . The whole project, including arch restoration, will be completed as one project.
- . That a press release will be issued to the two Burnaby papers and the Vancouver Sun. The Burnaby papers will be invited to do a full length story.
- . That the project shall be completed no later than Spring 1993.

All of the above requests will be implemented as required.



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6.0 SCHEDULE:

Restoration of the Royal Jubilee Arch is in process and is expected to be completed this fall. Design development and working drawings for the garden and plaza are complete, except for the pool and fountain, which will be completed in October. Approvals from the Ministry of Transport and Greater Vancouver Water District will be finalized this fall.

Preliminary site work, including rough grading and service connections, will proceed this fall, in preparation for the main phase of construction early next spring. It is expected that the project will be complete by late Spring 1993, weather permitting.

7.0 SUMMARY:

Last April, the Parks and Recreation Commission accepted the offer to donate \$250,000 from the Estate of Earl Lohn for the development of this garden, to spend the project funds in 1992. A cheque for \$250,000. has now been received. Upon receipt of authorization for expenditures, the construction process will begin.

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Attachments (3)

cc: Director Finance  
Director Planning and Building  
Secretary, Heritage Advisory Committee

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2 FAGUS SYLVATICA PURPUREA

### ROYAL JUBILEE ARCH

1 SEQUOIA SEMPERVIRENS

1 MAGNOLIA STELLATA

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1 OSMANTHUS YUNNANENSE

1 PHILADELPHUS VIRGINALIS

1 WISTERIA CHINENSIS

1 CLEMATIS TANGUTICA

1 WISTERIA CHINENSIS

1 JASMINUM NUDFLORUM

### DONOR PLAQUE

1 PRUNUS LUSITANICA

TAKUS MEDIA HICKS II

1 PRUNUS LUSITANICA

2 BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS

### POOL & FOUNTAIN

1 WISTERIA CHINENSIS

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### PLAQUE & BENCH

### HISTORIC OAK TREES

KINGSWAY

PATTERSON AVE.

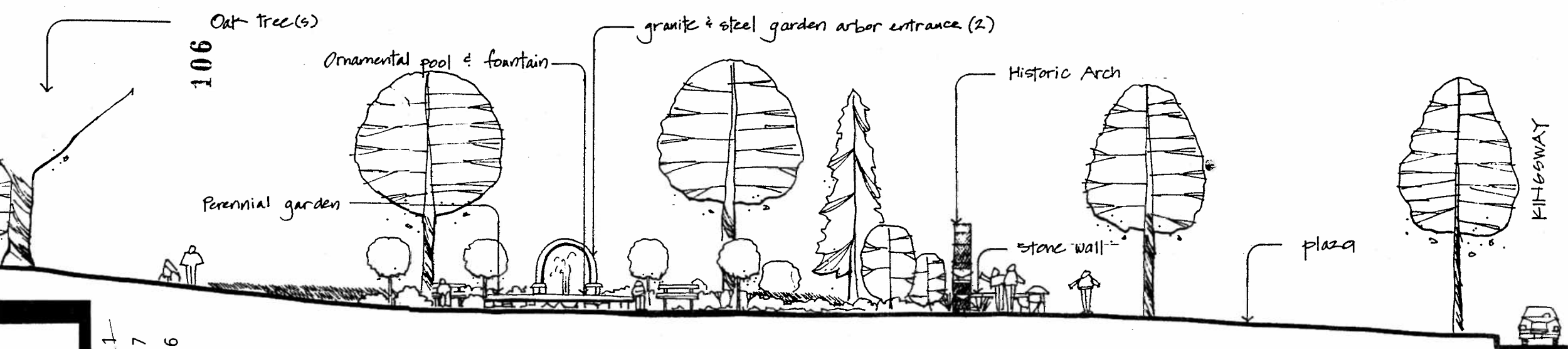
ARCH ENTRY PLAZA  
ARCH PLAQUE  
LOW STONE SEATING WALL

# CENTRAL PARK - JUBILEE ARCH GARDEN & PLAZA - PLAN - ATTACHMENT #1.

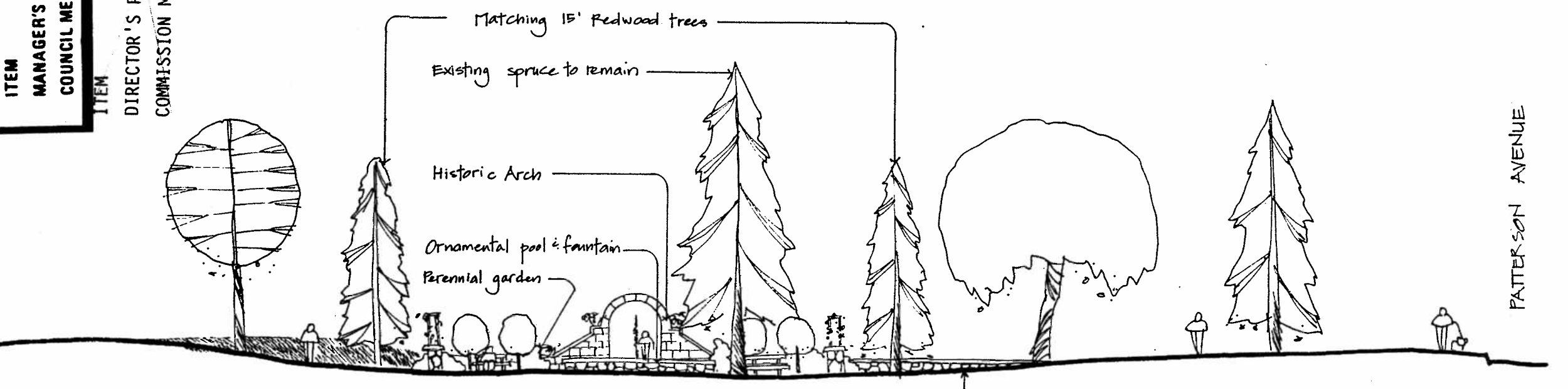
<p>BURNABY PARKS &amp; RECREATION DEPARTMENT</p>	
<p>PROJECT JUBILEE ARCH PLAZA &amp; GARDEN PLANTING PLAN</p>	
<p>DESIGNED BY K. CLARKE</p>	<p>DATE JULY 1992</p>
<p>DRAWN BY L. WYATY</p>	<p>DATE APP 27-2-1995</p>
<p>CHECKED BY</p>	<p>DATE</p>

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2. ORNAMENTAL POOL & GARDEN - SOUTH ELEVATION

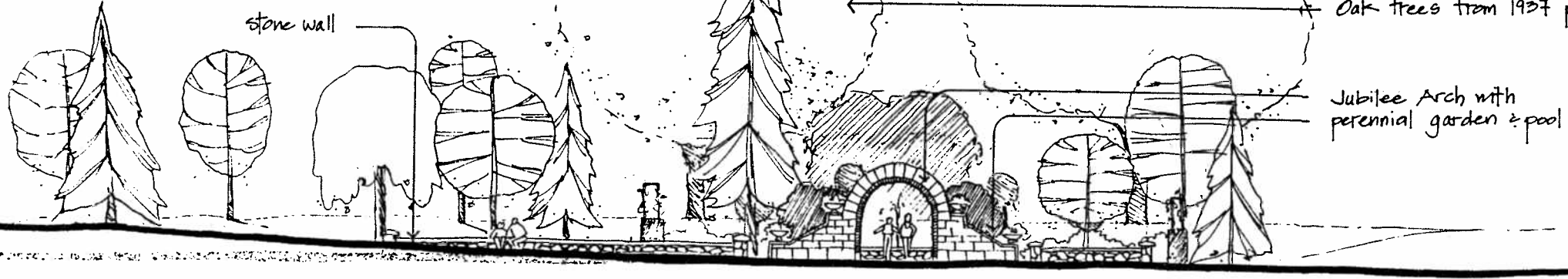
CENTRAL PARK - JUBILEE ARCH GARDEN: PLAZA - ELEVATIONS  
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Existing spruce to remain

stone wall

Oak trees from 1937 planting

Jubilee Arch with perennial garden & pool (behind Arch)



1. HISTORIC ARCH & PLAZA - NORTH ELEVATION

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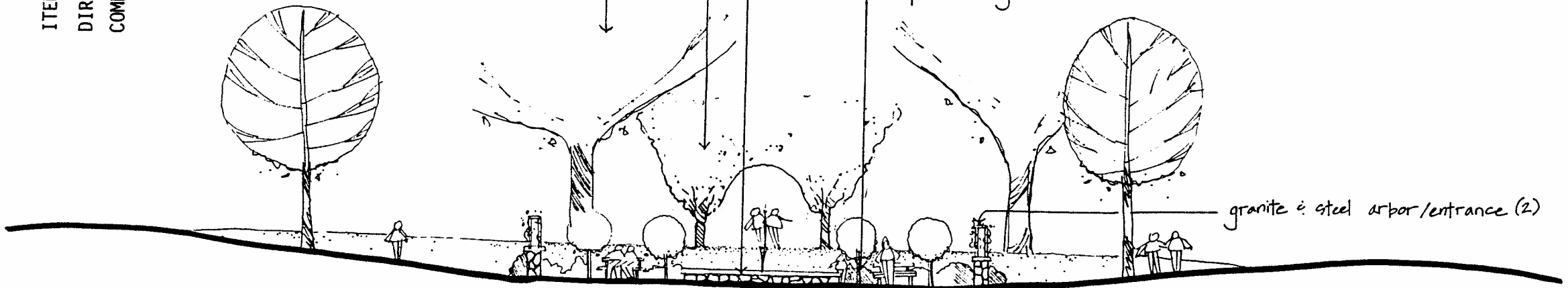
Existing Oak trees frame garden axis

Existing holly trees trimmed to form Archway

Ornamental pool & fountain

perennial garden

granite & steel arbor/entrance (2)



2. ORNAMENTAL POOL & GARDEN - NORTH ELEVATION

