New Vision and Reuse: Yale Pump Station

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**Abstract:**  
The strategic location of the Pump Station and its history, scream for a need of a public space that creates a dialogue between the University and the City of Albuquerque. The Pump Station was built in the early 1930s by the City of Albuquerque as a building to house the pump equipment for the large water reservoir. Both were purchased by UNM in 1990, with the reservoir being recently demolished by the Physics and Astronomy Interdisciplinary Studies (PAIS) breaking ground this year, the preservation of the Pump Station has become increasingly important while it has remained underused and forgetting the importance, it once held to both the city and the university. By allowing the preservation of the Pump Station while using the PAIS interdisciplinary model and the stations location, Yale Park, a place of rally and social-political engagement during the 1970’s, adaptation and reuse of the space can be used for integrative and interactive expressions. The project scope is to create a typical “People’s” plaza to foster dialogue and communication, and to allow interdisciplinary acts to share opinion and vision. A stage for poetry reading, simple spontaneous dance performances, visual mapping, film, guitar playing, an interactive place to voice an opinion with different languages which is open to academia and public realms. A proposal for the Pump Station reuse would entail a coffee shop or dining area to help encourage all form of social engagement, as well as a dual theater stage as an outside historically filled space intended to face the City. By allowing a direct interaction between the University and the city, a more integrated space would become available, effectively giving the importance the Pump Station and Yale Park has garnered over the decades as an integral part of the University and the City of Albuquerque.