This master plan illustrative renovated 5 project sites, formerly used for the Apollo Space Mission, to create a pedestrian-friendly creative campus. The campus features a variety of useable outdoor spaces, and, at the center, a common gathering space with fireplace, trellis, barbeque, variety of seating elements, and food truck area.

The heart of the Apollo at Rosecrans campus. The plaza is programmed with a variety of elements activating the space. Amenities include large double-sided fireplace and trellis, family-style table and café seating, amphitheater-style seating, bbqs and integrated seatwalls and benches.

This building courtyard facing the food truck area provides a comfortable area for lunches and breaks. The seating elements of wood and concrete at the street level provides easy access, while the upper courtyard gives a dramatic difference in elevation to accentuate the architectural elements of the building.

Numerous outdoor spaces and patios allow tenants to take advantage of the mild coastal climate. The patios enclosures of ipe wood, painted metal and board-formed concrete create a comfortable sense of privacy without feeling sterile, and allow peeks into adjacent open-space to retain its connection to the larger environment.

Open tenant patios provide a relaxing decompression zone close to the office for breaks during the long days associated with the creative work environment. These also double as outdoor office spaces for casual conferences and meetings to allow creative minds to wander instead of being confined in the monotony indoors.
Lush landscaping lining generous paths and punctuated with a variety of seating areas contain a variety of playful colors and textures to encourage users to explore the site at leisure. Ample paving at entrances serve as both welcome mat and gathering space to further amplify the site’s comfort and hospitality.

To avoid its use as unclaimed circulation space, the area situated in front of the campus’ central parking structure has been transformed to a casual meeting place. The bamboo hedge disguising the substantial parking structure behind in combination with adjacent shade trees and fabric umbrellas create a comfortable pedestrian-scale environment.

This amphitheater-style seating allows users to interact with the landscape while still being in an urban environment. The differences in seat wall heights is played off with the colorful display of succulent plant material and the carefully located trees and moveable umbrellas provide the cooling comfort of shade.

A typical scene of the plaza, this shows the central elements anchoring the site. The large fireplace and trellis provide a comfortable place to sit during the day or evening to support socialization and outdoor activity. The sites many seating arrangements, soft seating, table and chairs, benches, and seatwalls allow a number of people to hang out without intruding upon others.

Utilizing the existing stairs and raised planters at the building entrance, additional concrete walls and wood benches were integrated to transform a formally high-water using, wasted landscape into drought-tolerant pedestrian-friendly environment. Use of decomposed granite at seating areas reduces the use of impermeable surfaces and adds texture to the landscape.