



FORTHCOMING

"Forthcoming" is a partially enclosed human respite from urban surroundings. It emanates from a nine-section radial plan with plywood ribs and a twig weave. Forthcoming, by definition, is uninhibited, expressive and made available when wanted or needed.

Evoking a primitive shelter, a giant basket or a nest, the organic nature of the willow waddle is bound by multi-ply ribs that are CNC cut to shape. The ribs are the support for the plywood bench and fit into slots in the plywood platform. Only two materials are employed in this structure – Plywood and Willow.

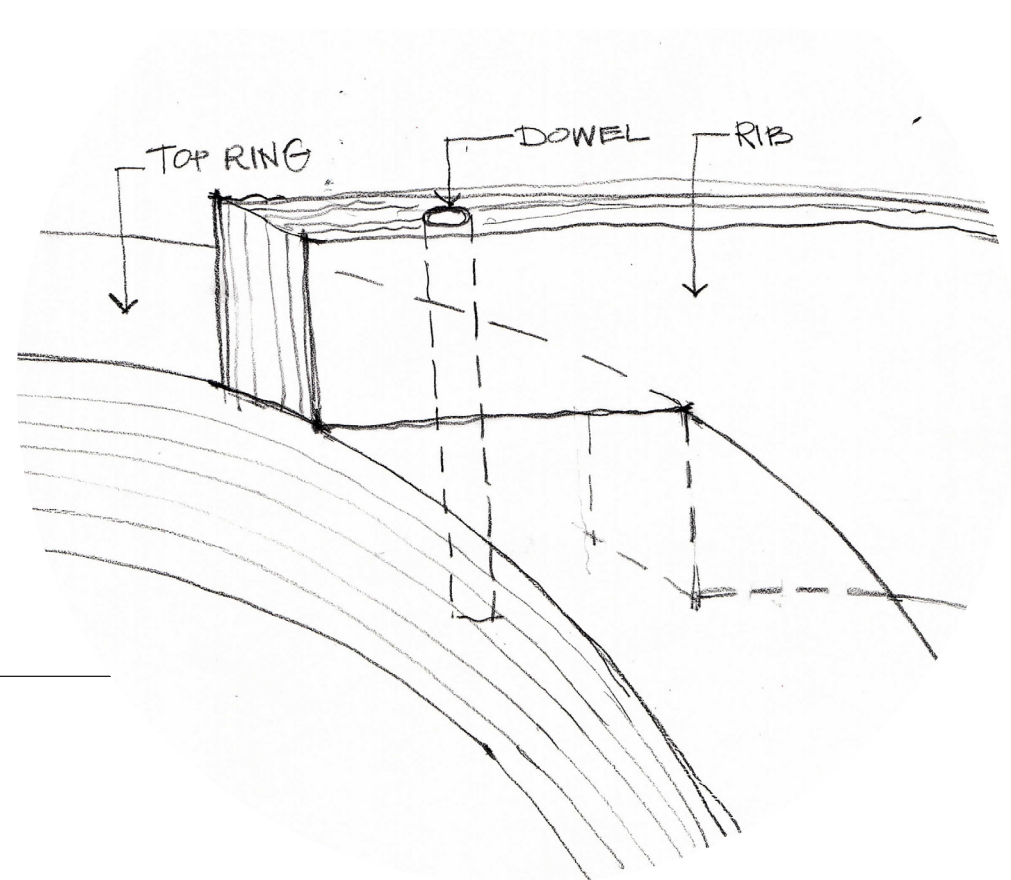
While we sought to find a balance of nature and technology for delight and buildability, the solution is about contrasts. Our hope is that the importance of more balance with nature is forthcoming.

Radial Form/ Urban Grid
Sticks/ Pre-Cut Sheets
Handwoven/ Machine Cut
Enclosure/ Oculus
Sun Filter/ Lamp Shade

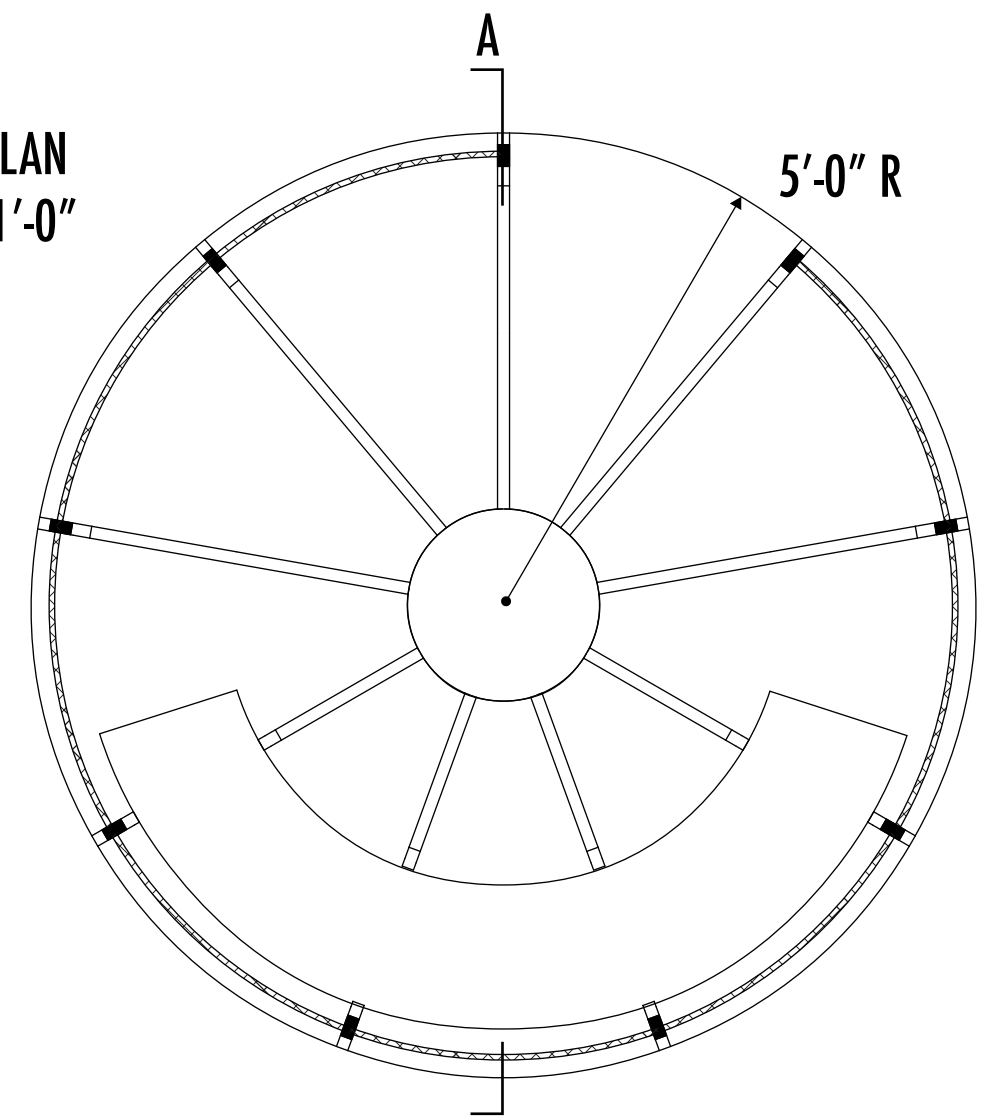
An odd number of structural ribs was required to end the weave equally and it was established that nine ribs allowed a good span between supports for the bench. The wedges are spaced at a neat 40 degrees and the opening meets the needs of an accessible entry at 42" wide. 9 is symbolic in numerology for one seeking wisdom and in this refuge from downtown, a little time spent in Forthcoming could be the answer.

The positioning of Forthcoming is flexible depending on time of year and hemisphere. For the Court House Square Sit the plan is to locate the opening just east of north. Rib number one is due north. The willow will dapple sunlight into the space. protect people from harsh western sun this summer and at night sun powered lights will burn for 8 hours creating a glow from the inside that act like a giant lamp shade.

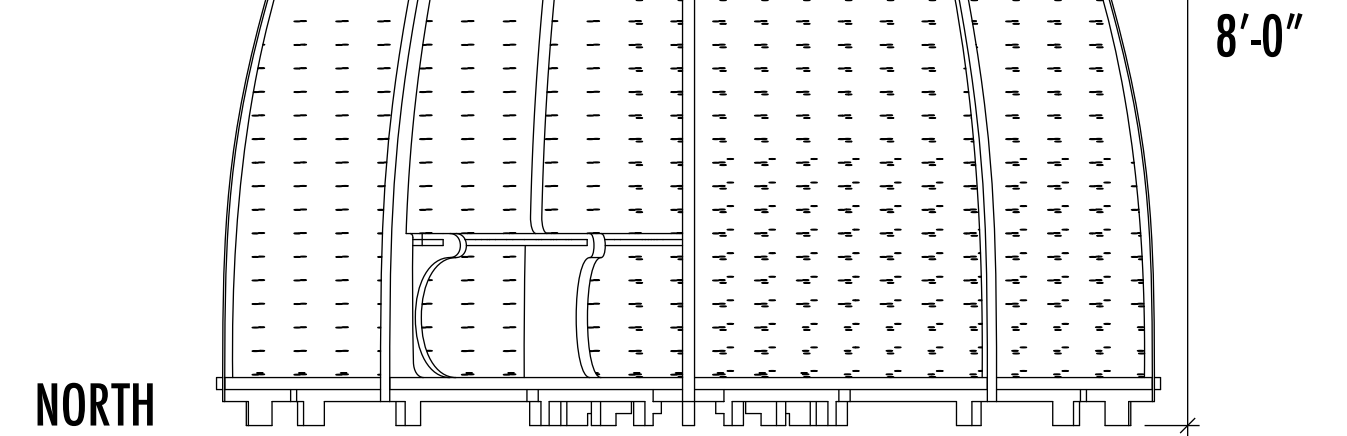
Construction Method: The plywood will be CNC cut for precision and use slotting and pegging in a plywood base and top ring. This method will provide prefabrication, portability and speed of assembly. We are designing the cuts for the standard 4x8 panels with minimal waste. 9 panels will each provide one rib, one wedge of platform and its intermediate support. The 10th panel will be the top and bottom ring and the bench itself.



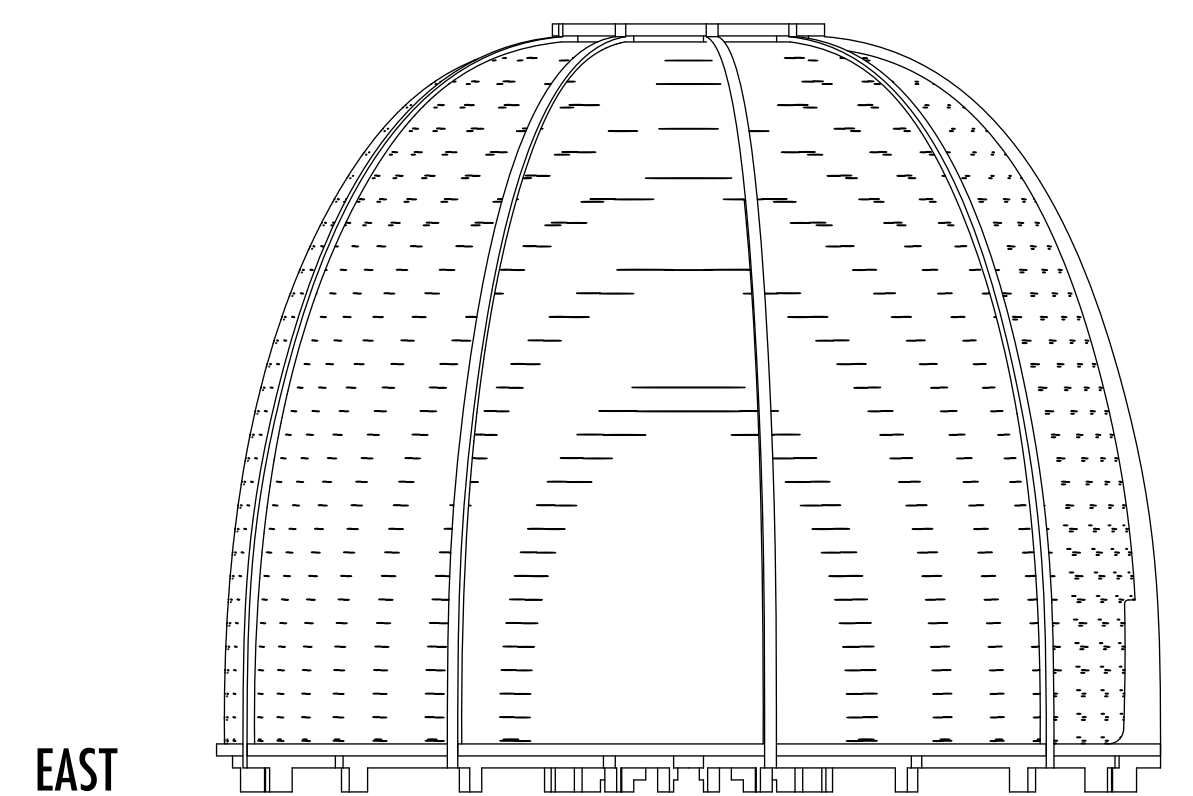
FLOOR PLAN
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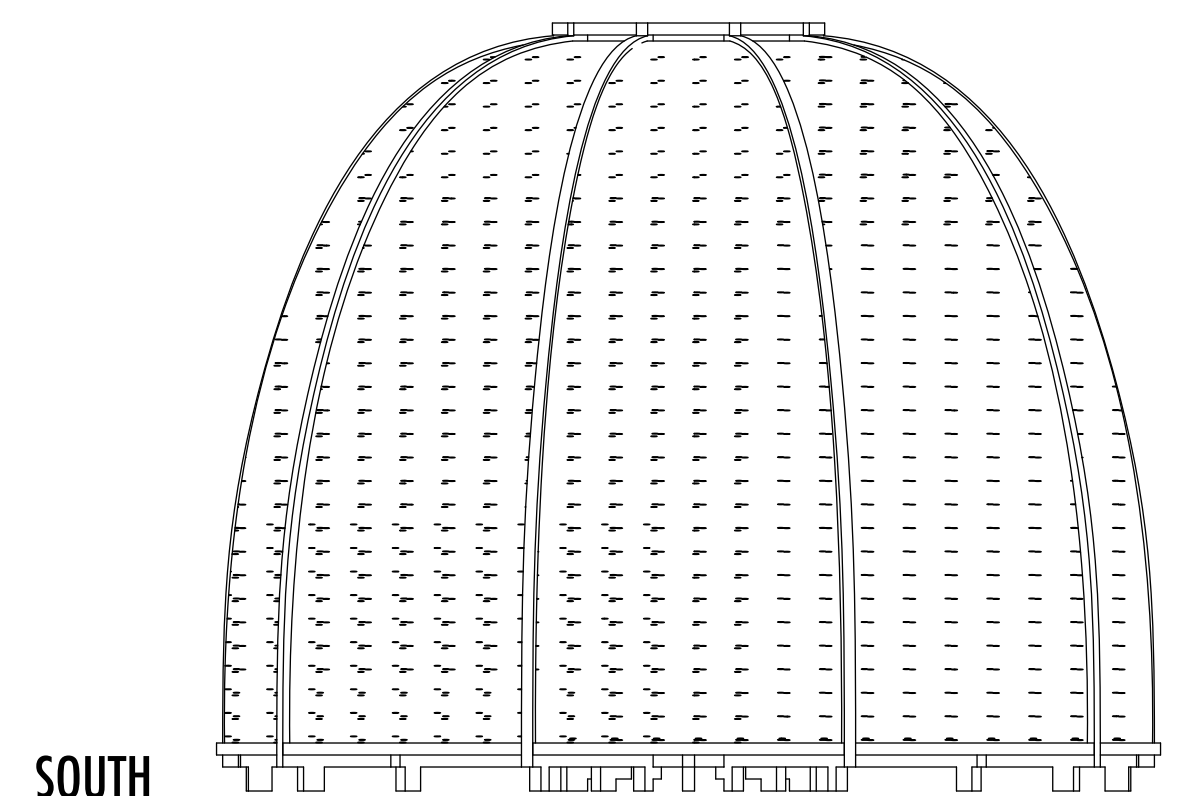
ELEVATIONS
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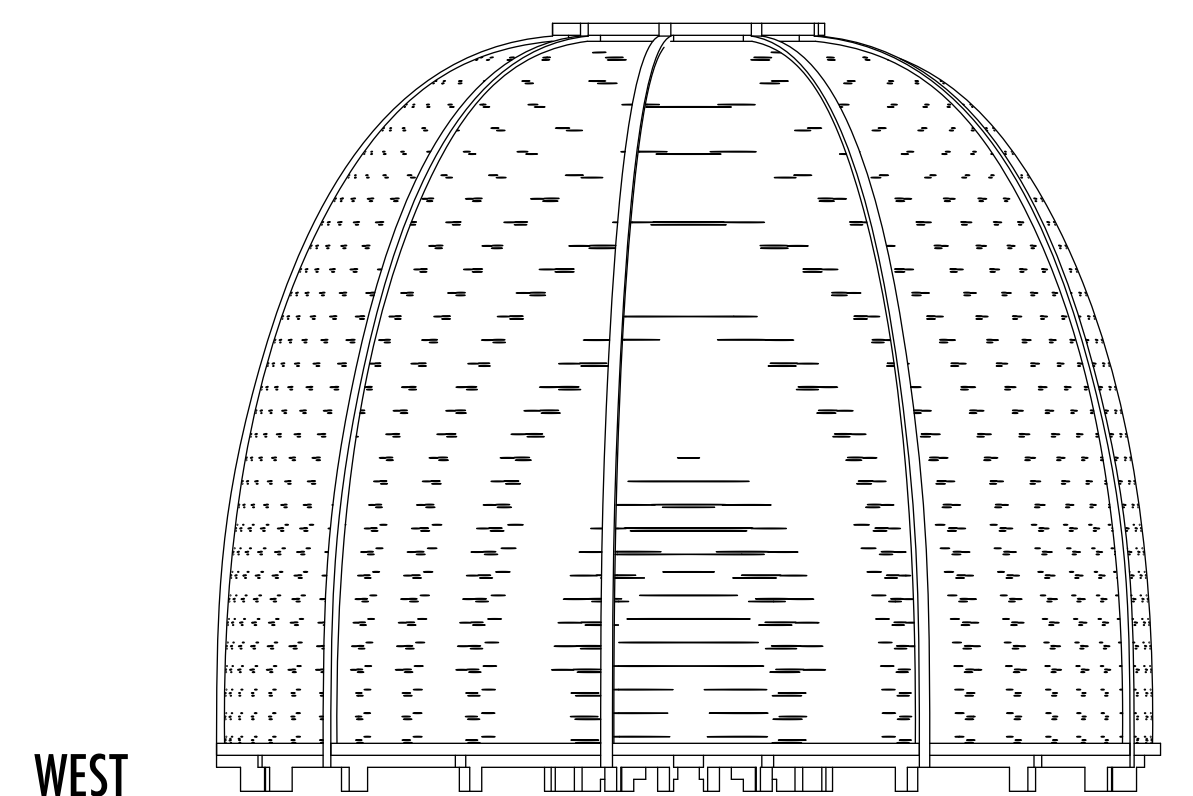
NORTH



EAST



SOUTH



WEST

UPPER TENSILE RI*NG*

WILLOW WADDLE

STRUCTURAL RIBS*

SEATING*

PLATFORM WEDGES*

LOWER TENSILE RING*

*CNC PLYWOOD

SECTION A
1/2" = 1'-0"

