

NIGHT PARK
CÔNG VIÊN ĐÊM

What is Night Park?

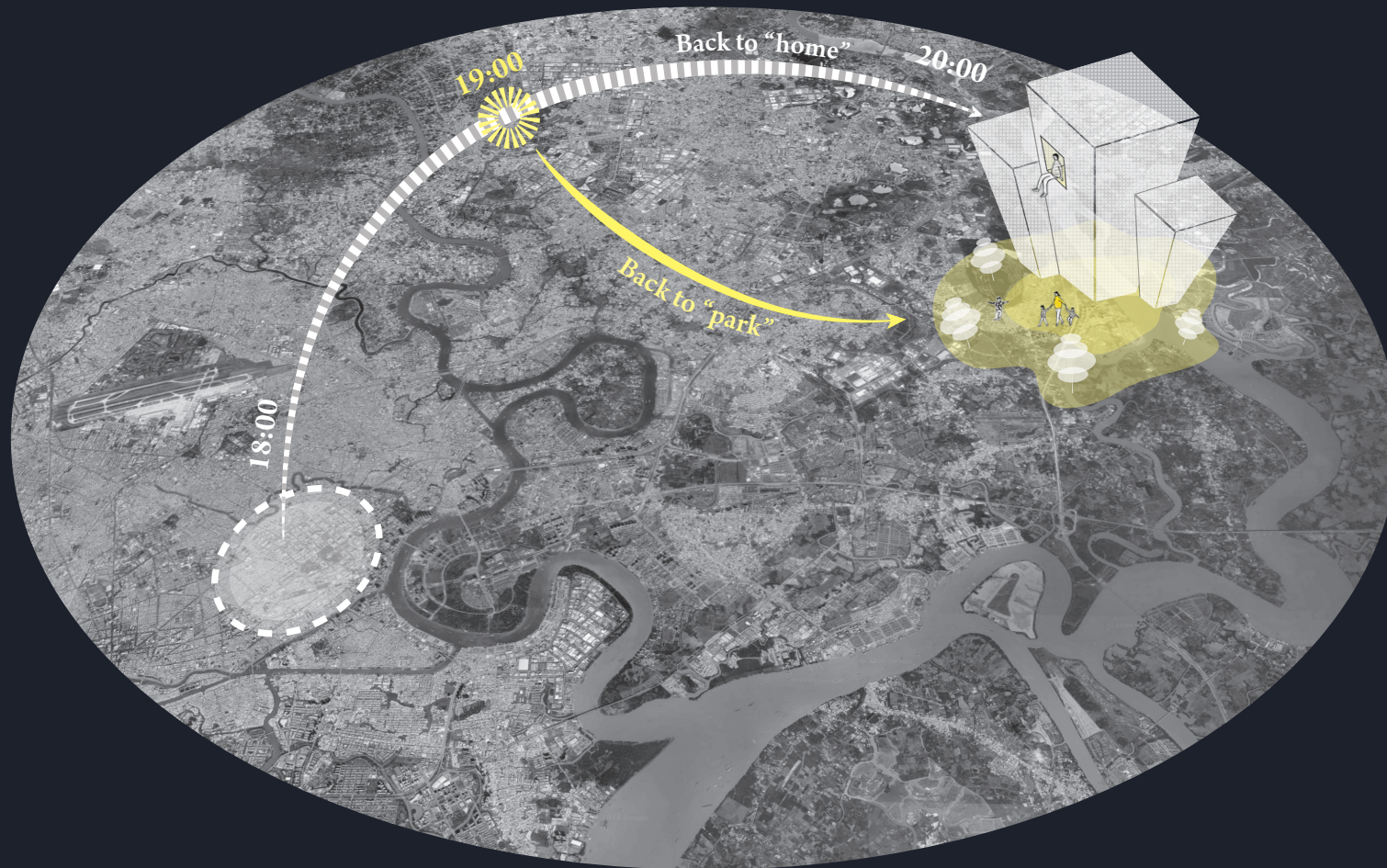


Night Park/ NEWSKOOL, Open A / 2023 in Osaka, Japan

Night Park is an attempt to activate nighttime activities by creating a public space where people can casually stop by after dark. In Japan, many precedents are centered around stations or commercial districts, and are closely tied to commercial contexts such as circulation and extended stays. In contrast, this project is located in a residential area, where the central question is how space can function as an extension of everyday life.

In Vietnam, daytime temperatures are often too high for comfortable outdoor use. At the same time, once residents return home, they tend to lose the opportunity to go out again. In response to these daily rhythms, this proposal focuses on time periods when the park is not fully utilized, aiming to explore new possibilities for its use during these hours.

Life After 7 PM in Sài Gòn



Grand Park is a large-scale housing complex located in District 9. Residents who work in downtown Ho Chi Minh City typically leave their workplaces around 6 PM, arriving home around 7 PM.

However, after returning home for dinner, few people venture outside again.

Our proposal introduces a new reason to spend time outdoors within this daily timeline, positioning 7 PM as the starting point for evening activities.

Hypothesis : Gardening



Gardening is introduced as one hypothesis; while private gardens are common in Saigon, they are not found in Grand Park.

This proposal goes beyond balcony gardens, bringing personal gardening into public space.



Cultivate, eat, gather — a Night Park centered on farming and food-related activities.

In collaboration with The Green Dots, a Vietnam-based team working on rooftop and community gardens, this approach fosters community connections and creates opportunities for learning through growing, eating, and nurturing healthy soil.



Observation Through Intervention

2025-12-20
Installation

2025-12-30 Logo

2025-12-23 Chair

2025-12-30 Sticker

2026-01-04 Standee

2026-01-10 Workshop I

2026-01-10 Gardening tool

2026-01-13 Chess board

2026-01-24 Workshop II

2026-01-24 Dimming lighting

2026-02-07 Workshop III

2026-02-09
Dismantle

Through iterative updates, we observed shifts in residents' interactions.



Cùng góp cây
Let's donate plants!



Bồn rửa chung
Common sink



Cùng tưới cây!
Let's water the plants



Cùng ngồi
Let's sit



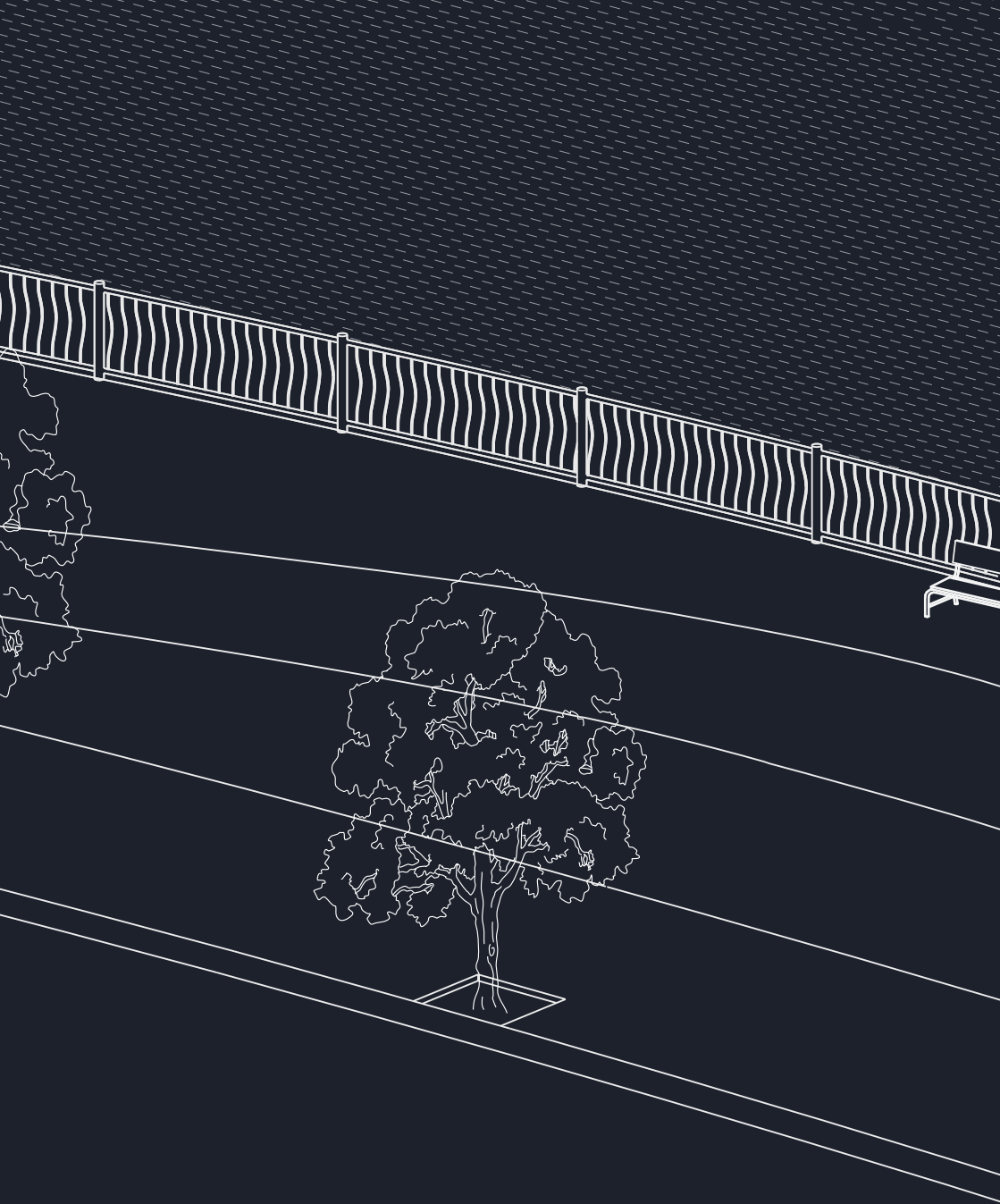
Cùng trồng cây
Let's plant



Cùng ăn
Let's eat

Activities like these—and more—are expected.

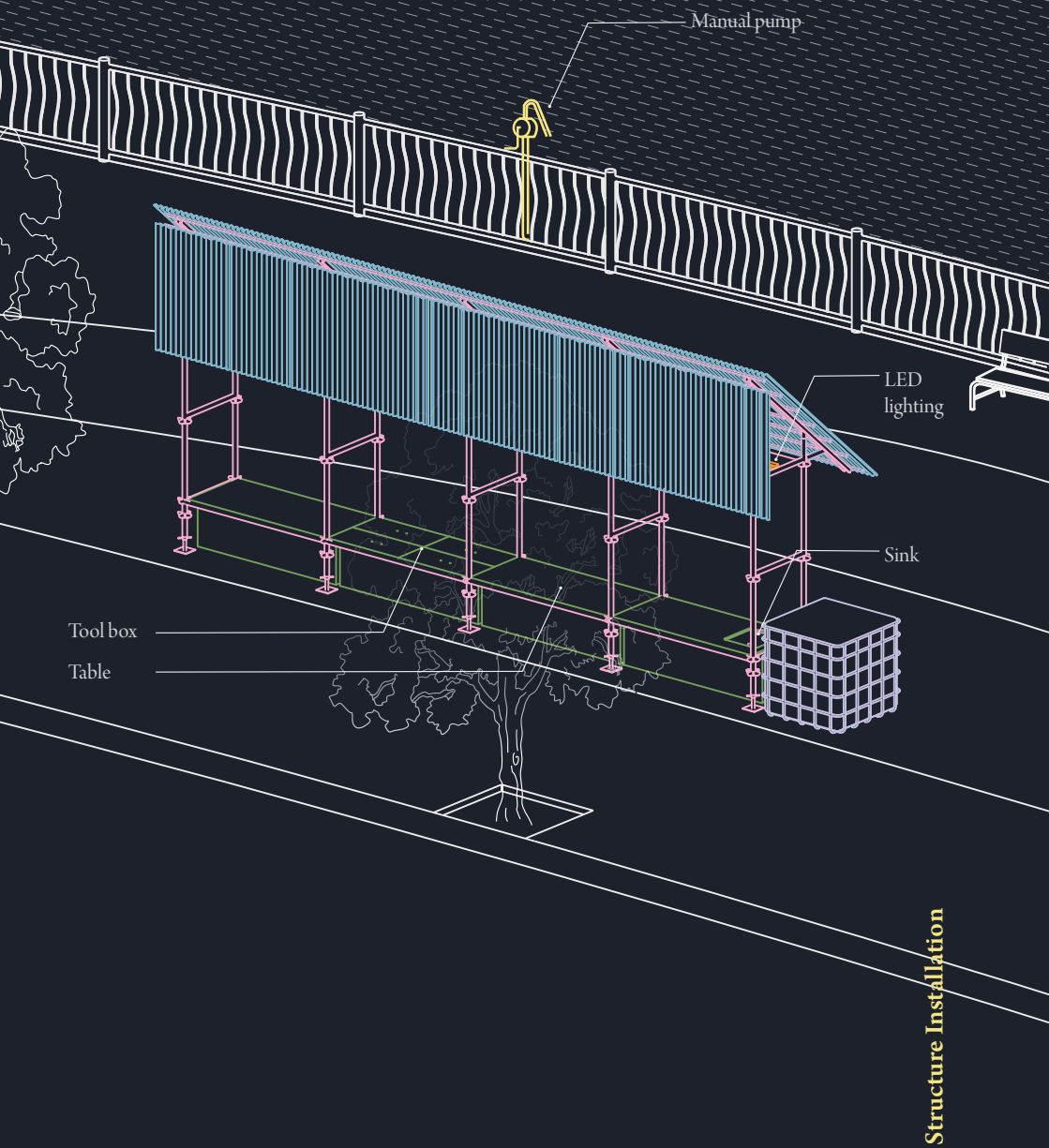
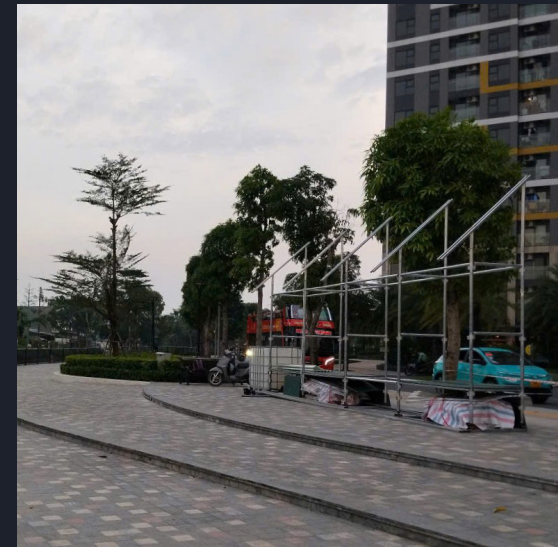
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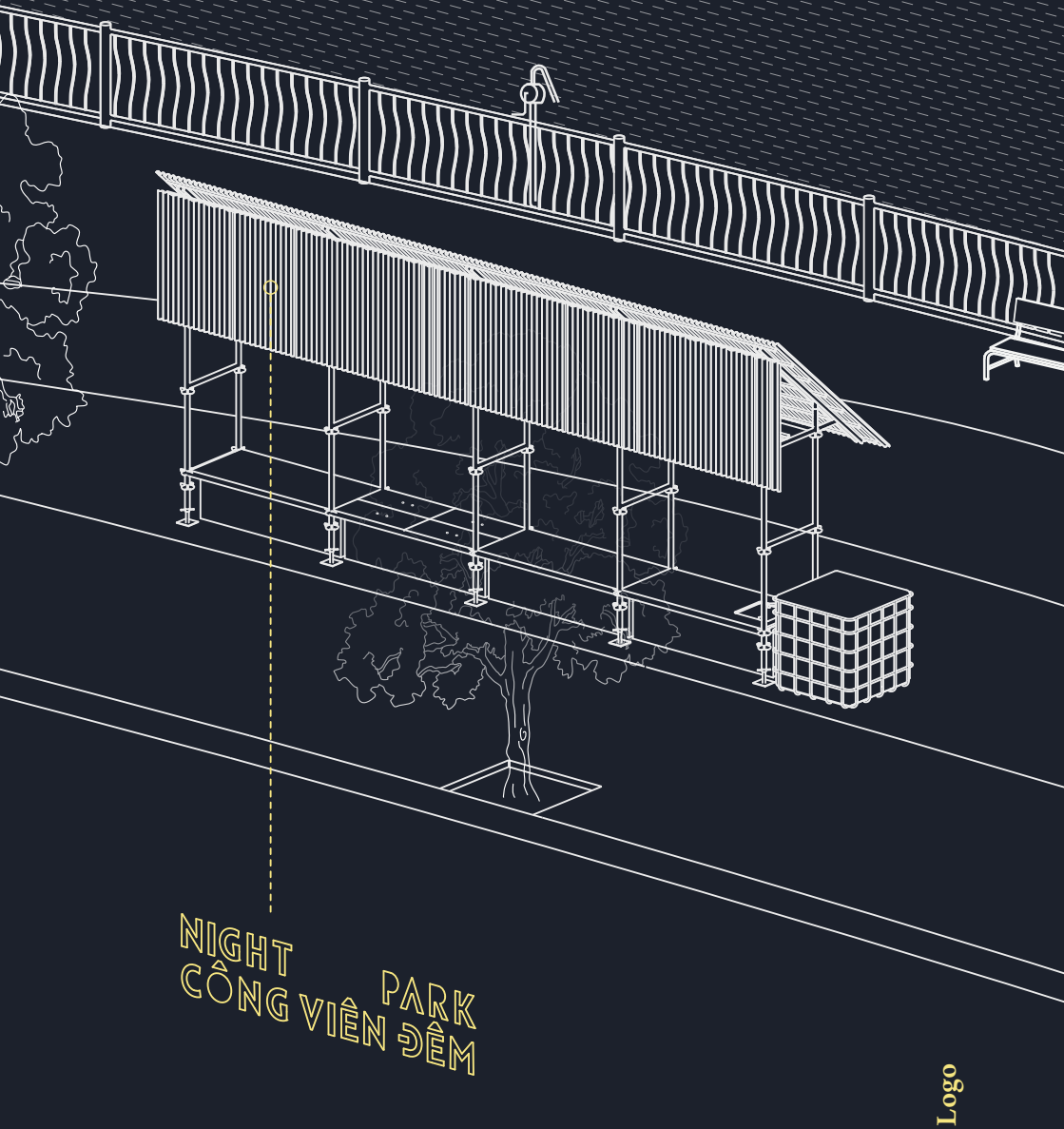
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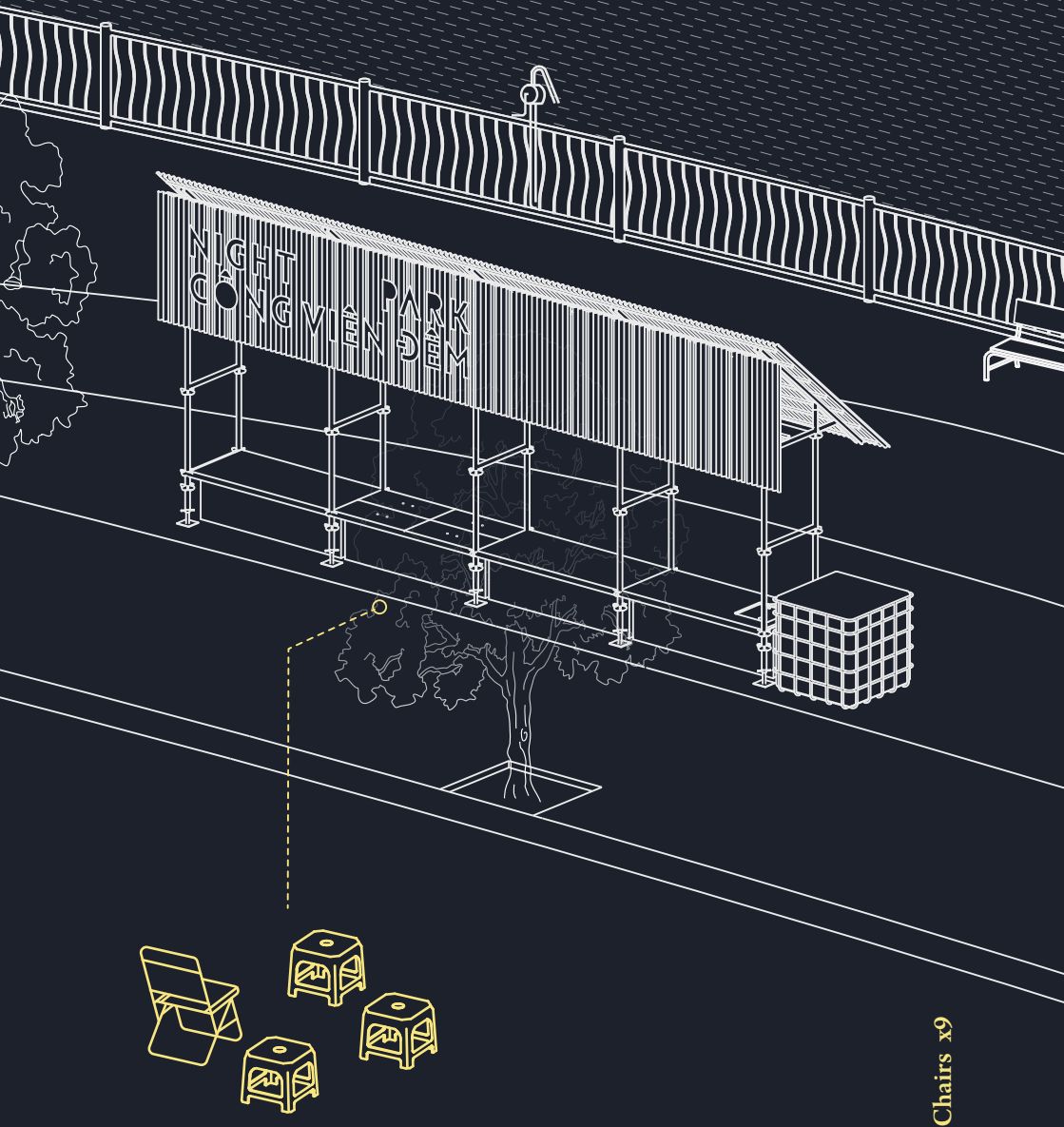
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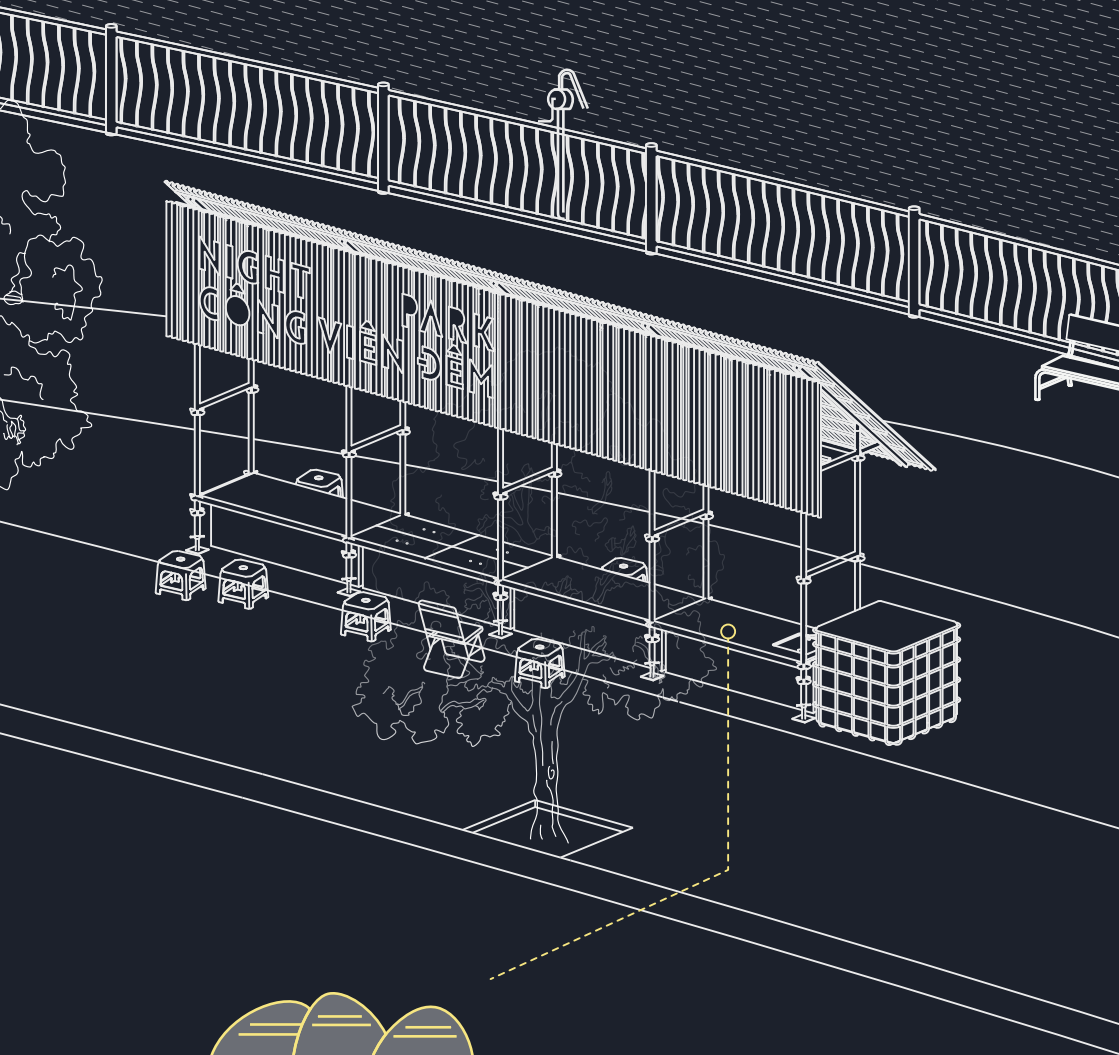
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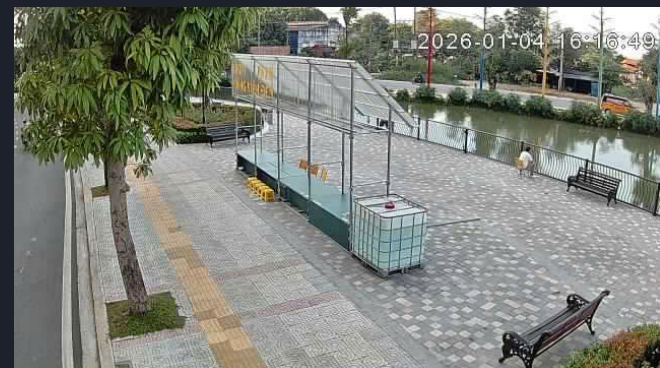
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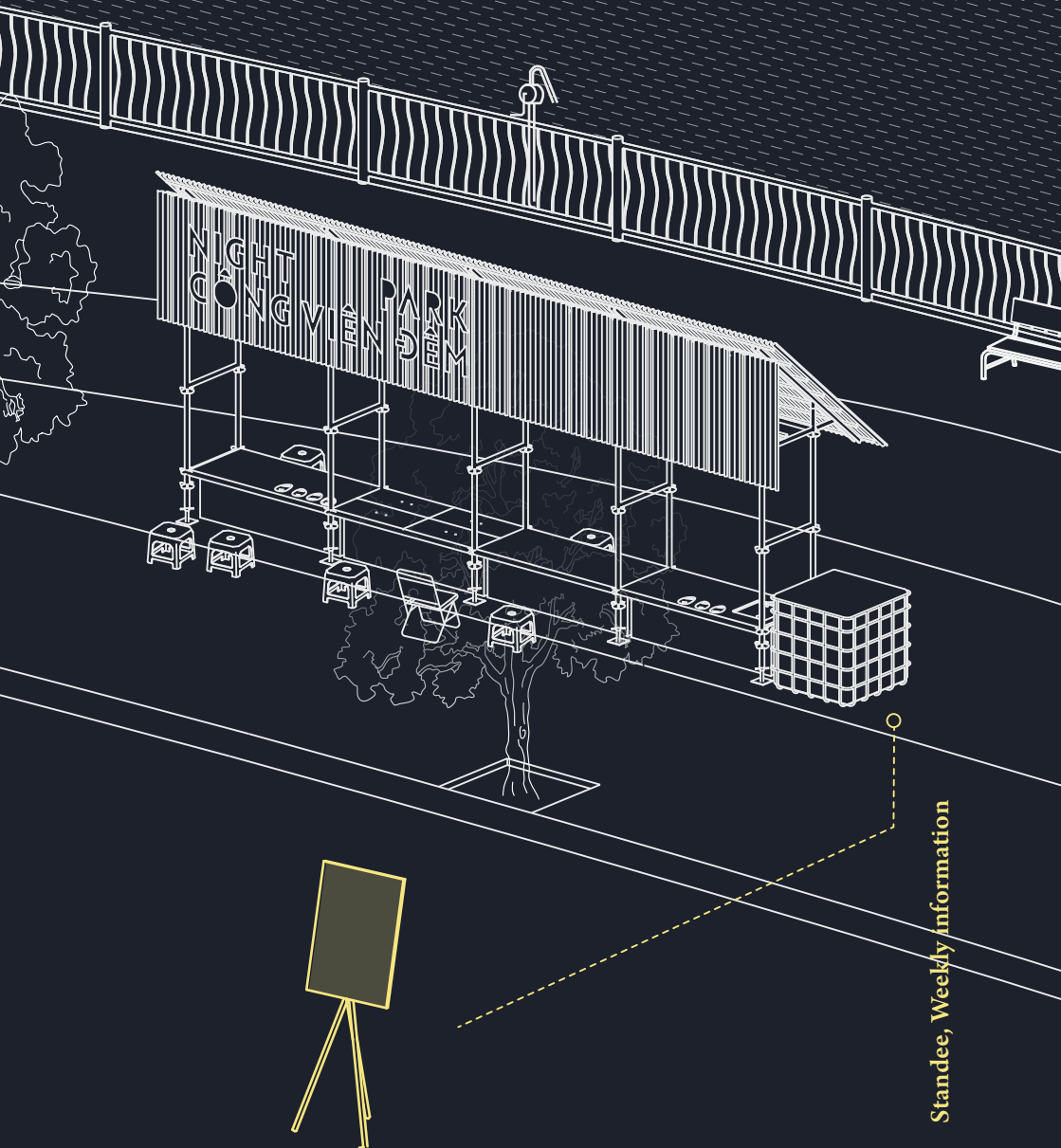
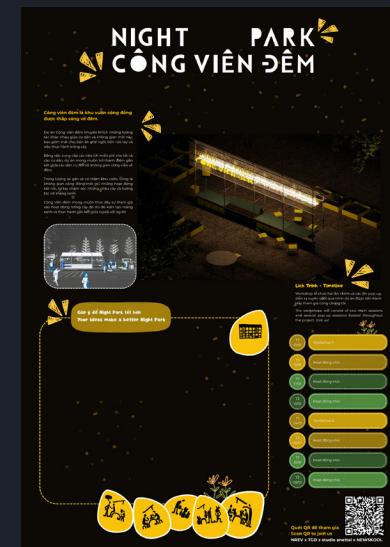
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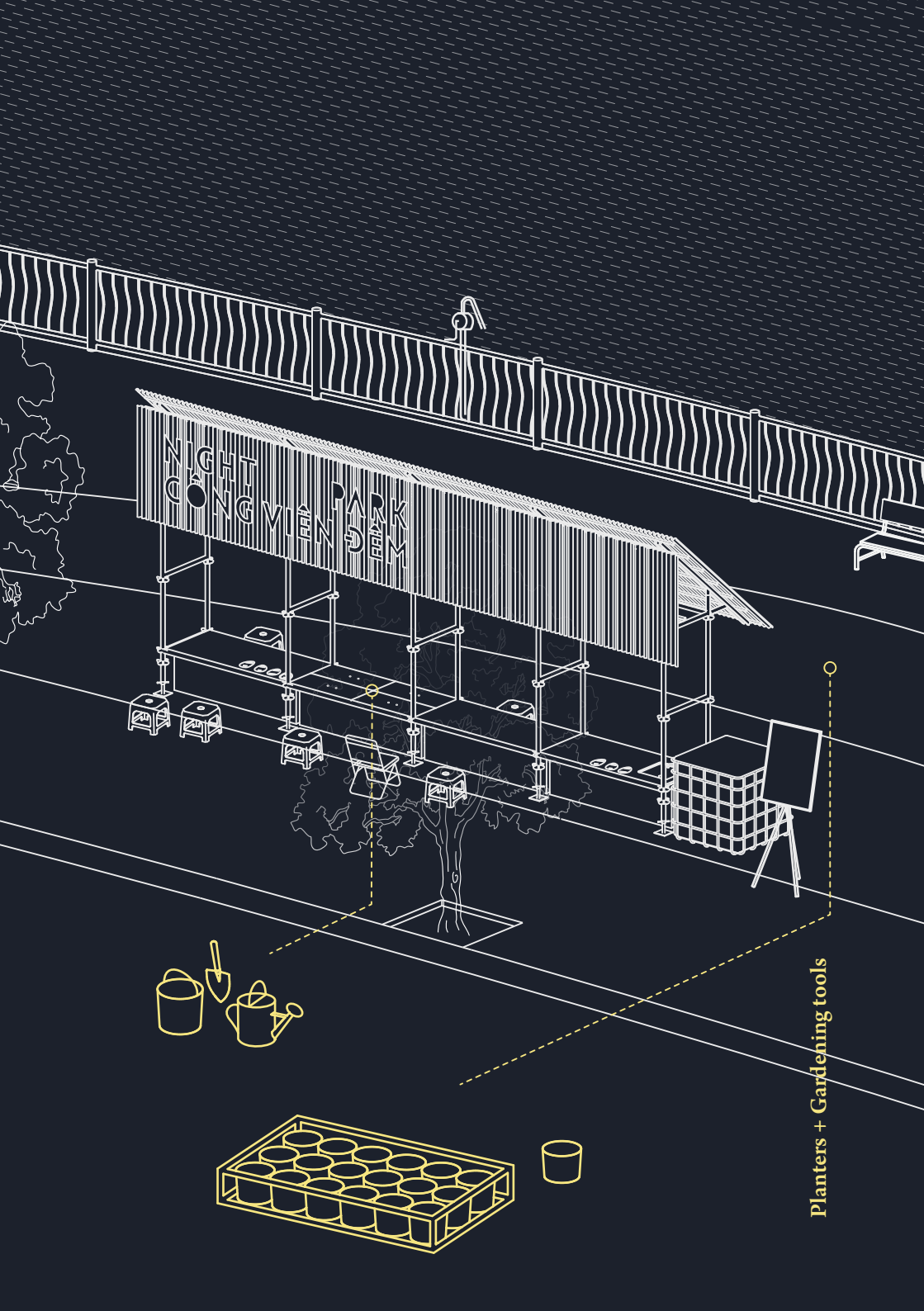


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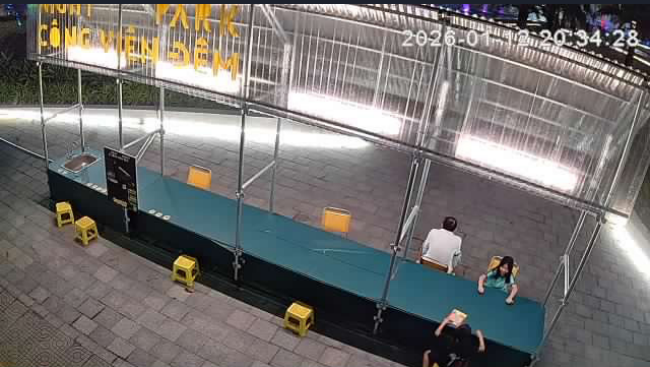
Workshop I



- 17:00 TGDs and Interns preparing for the gardening workshop
- 18:00 Welcome residents
- 18:15 Start the gardening workshop
- 20:00 Finish planting and tea-break
- 20:30 Finish gardening workshop



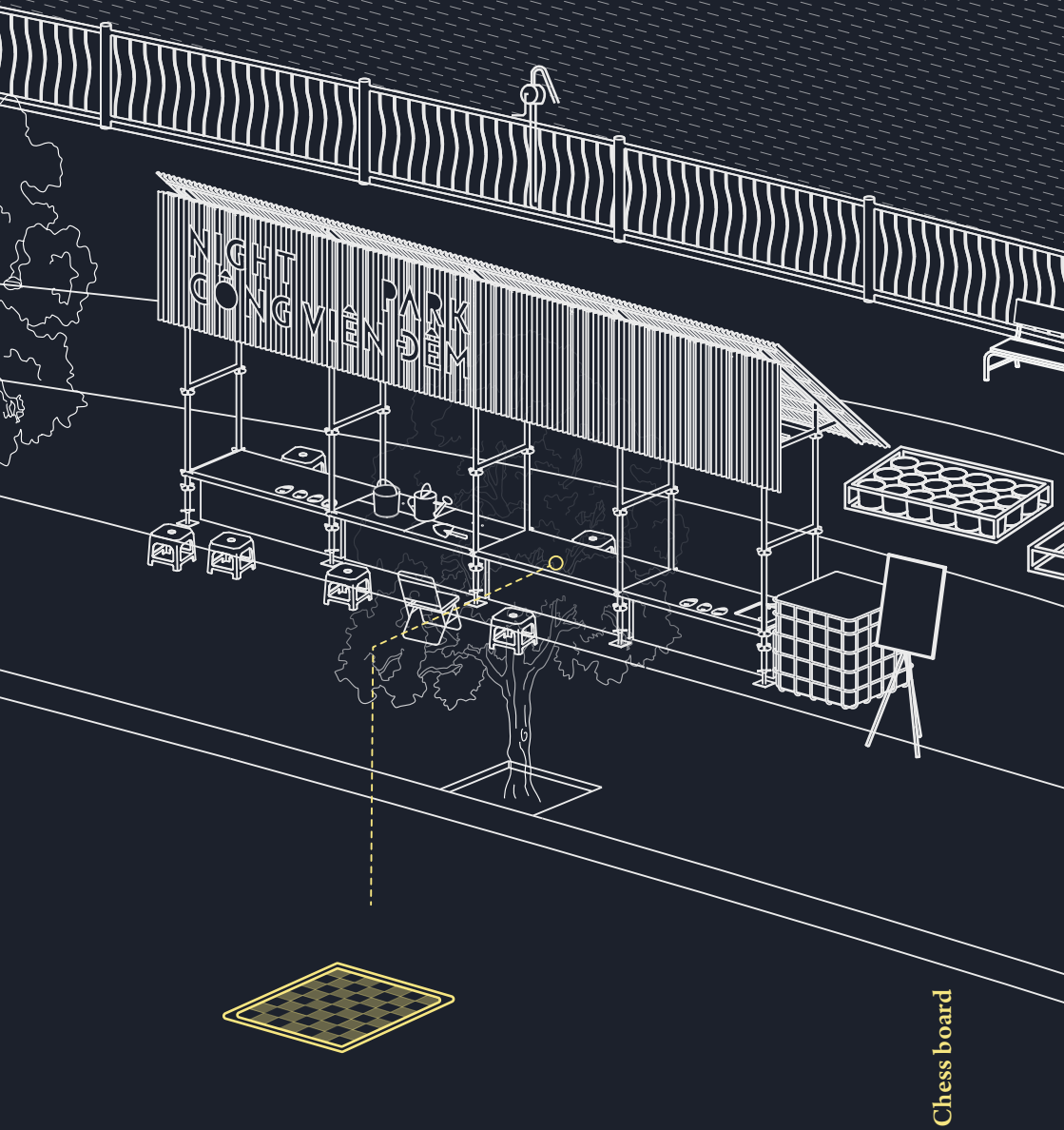
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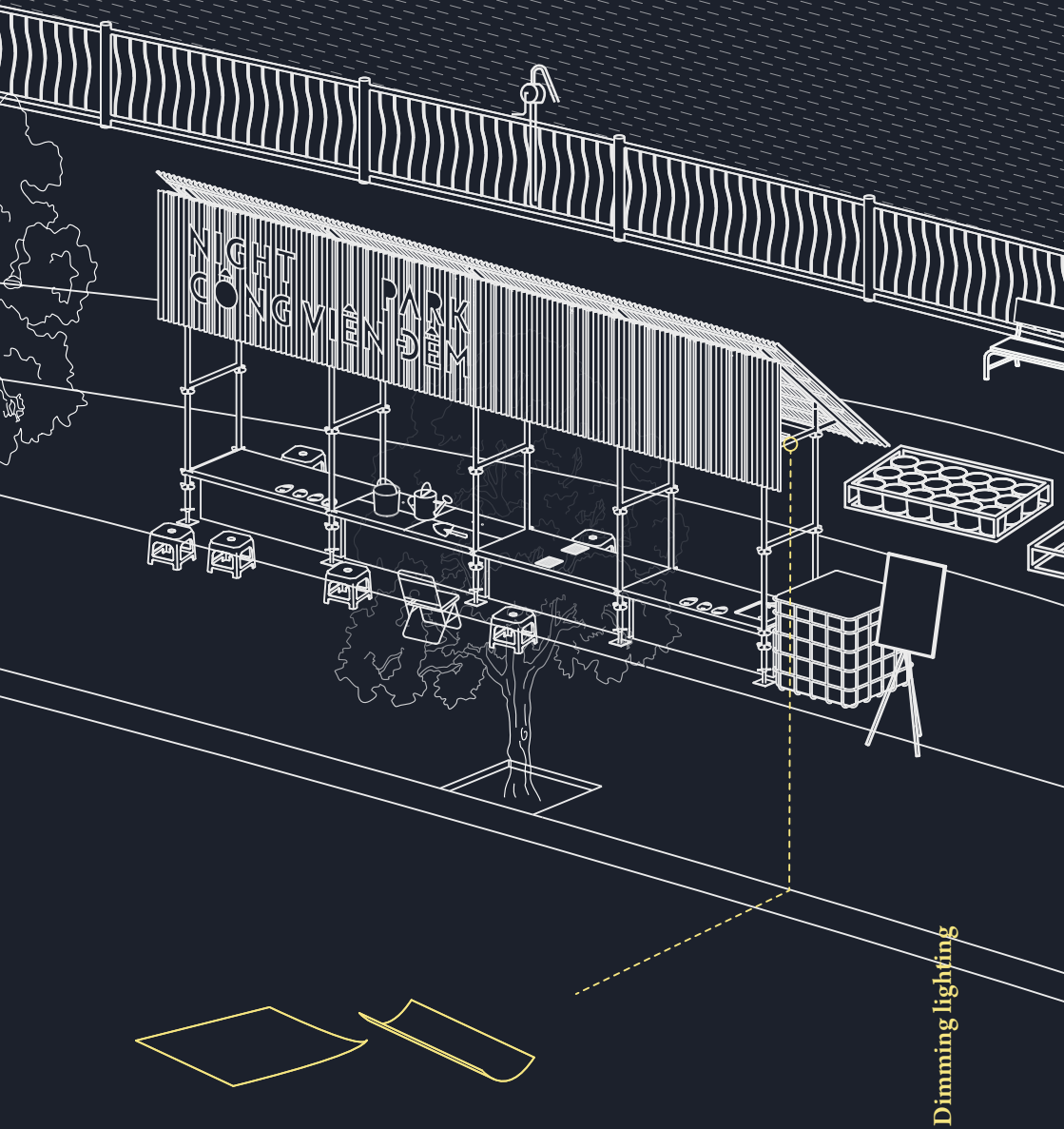
Workshop II



- 17:00 TGDs and Interns preparing for the gardening workshop
- 18:00 Welcome residents
- 18:00 Start the gardening workshop
- Start the Plant-sketching for waiting participants
- 19:30 Finish the gardening and Plant-sketching activity
- 19:30 Lemon drink contest
- 20:30 Finish gardening workshop



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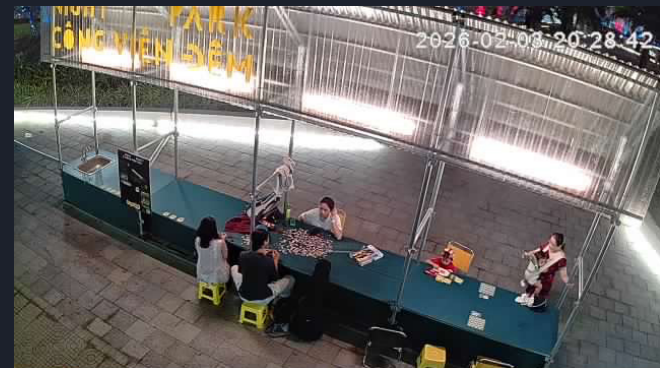
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2026-02-03







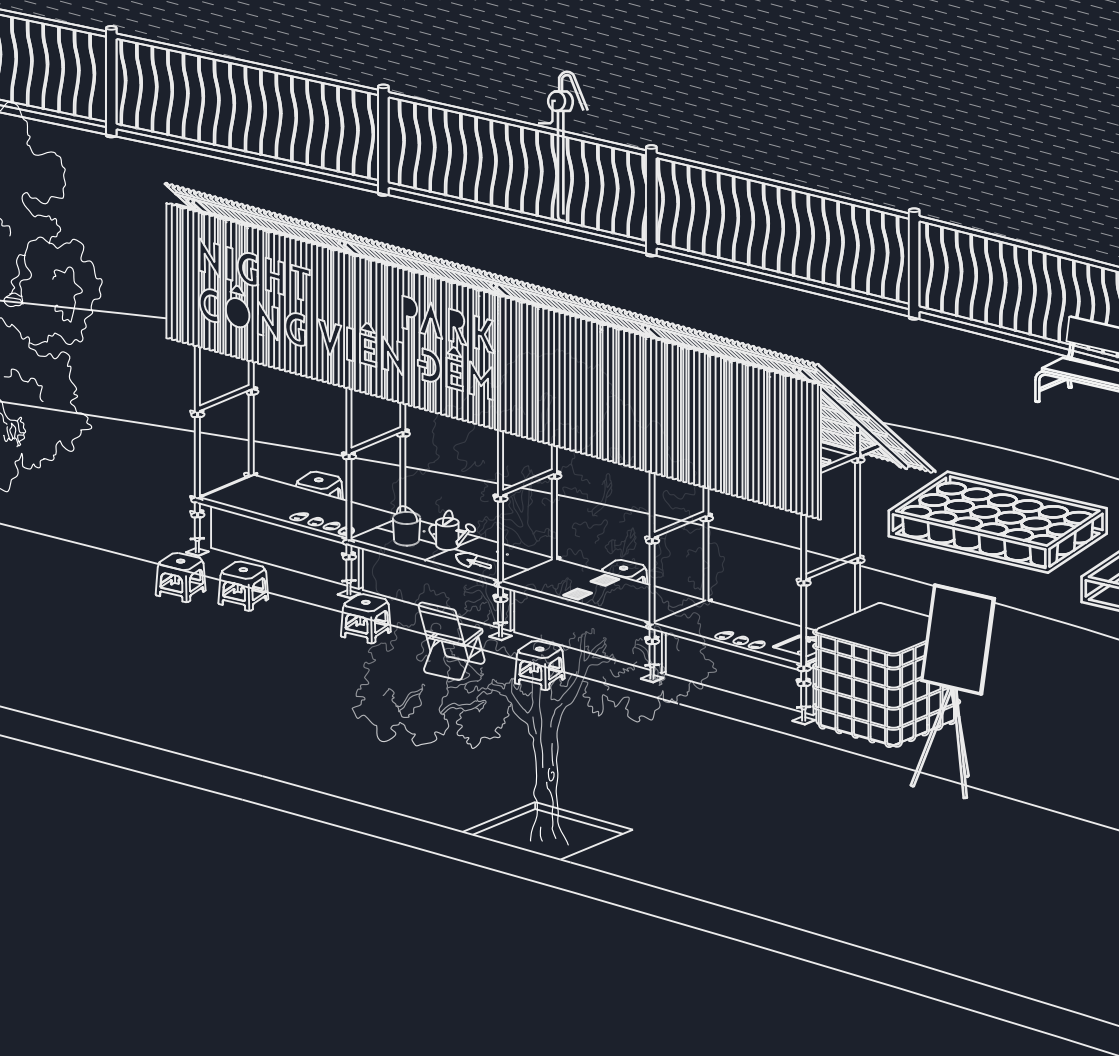
18:30 Jogging session combined with a tree-planting game
 20:00 Giving away plants for residents to take home and grow



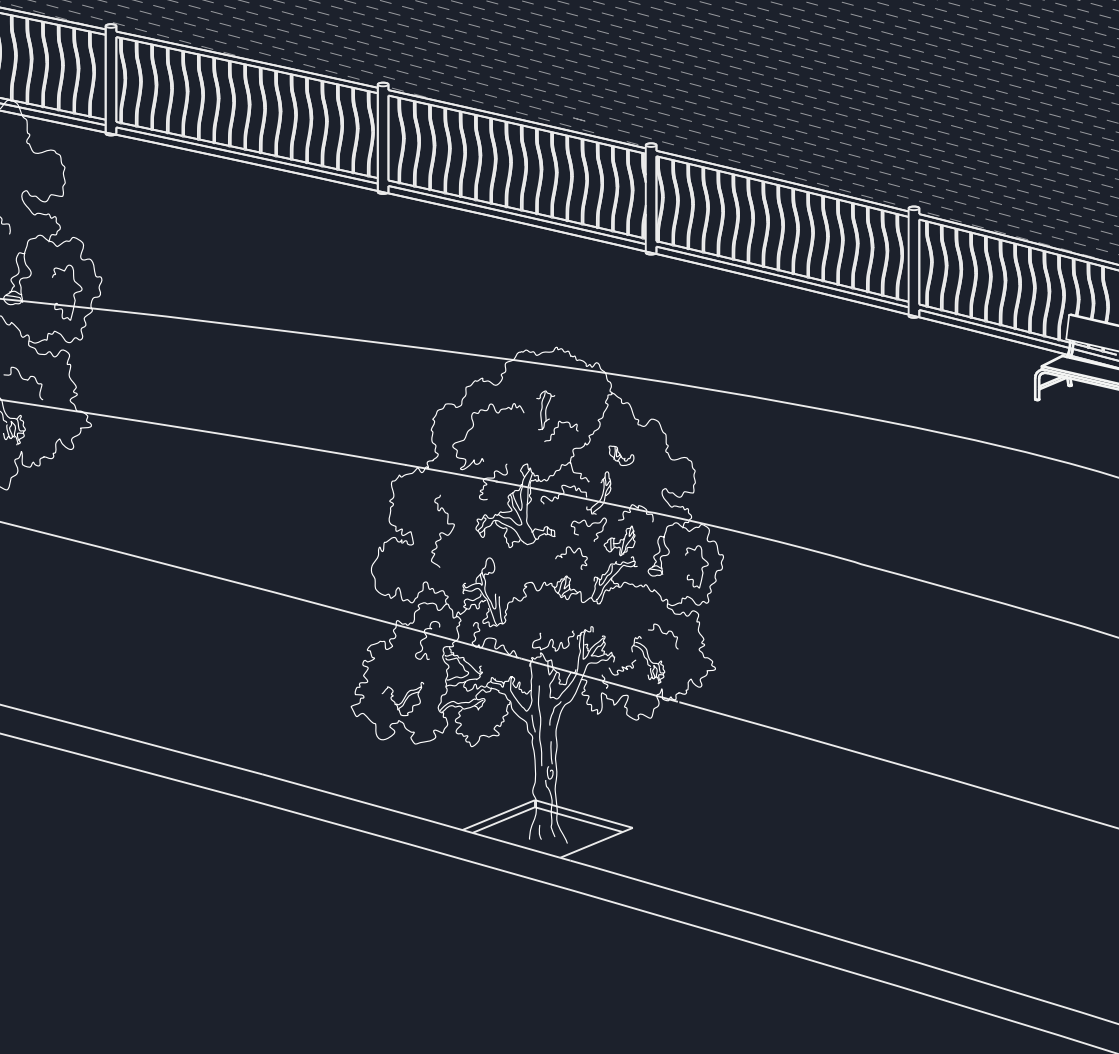
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Dismantle

Observation note

2026-01-04

People sitting on the existing benches rather than on our place.

Structure can be seen as a large lamp that illuminates the surrounding.

2026-01-06

While the stickers alone did not consistently attract attention, the presence of music prompted residents to slow down, stop, and look more closely at the site.

2026-01-13

A couple said that she saw the planting event last Saturday but was too busy to join, and somehow she just realized that she can return and contribute her rosemary here. She seems to be very happy to know that all of the gardening equipment is here and she believes that her rosemary can grow better here since her balcony does not have enough sunlight.

2026-01-27

Less questions about the purpose of the place

More specific questions about the NP's activities.

2026-01-31

The space gradually transformed into a communal hub where people not only played but also ate, chatted, and even video called.

2026-02-03

The parents then joined and realized that NP is a safe and suitable place for their kids to have fun. They might come back weekly as scheduled or even hold the game session for their children.

2026-02-07

Some individuals finally started to join to help a hand and take plants+soil home for later use.

2026-02-07

Some people asked for the project's continuity: "uống quá", "không làm tiếp à các em?", "sau tết có quay lại không?"

2026-02-07

Initially, it was the plants on our shelves, rather than the workshop itself, that caught people's attention.

2026-02-07

the bond between parents and children in Vietnam is so incredibly tight, the parents only began to value and engage with the workshop once they saw their children getting involved.

Night Park - Công Viên Đêm

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Logo design	: Neo
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Construction	: METTA
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