

xietian · xiedi

Take your shoes off before coming in the house! If Portsmouth Square is Chinatown's "Living Room",



then the garden entrance is the front door—where

you slip your shoes on or off, coming or going.

Art Proposal for Portsmouth Square Sculpture

離天・ 謝天

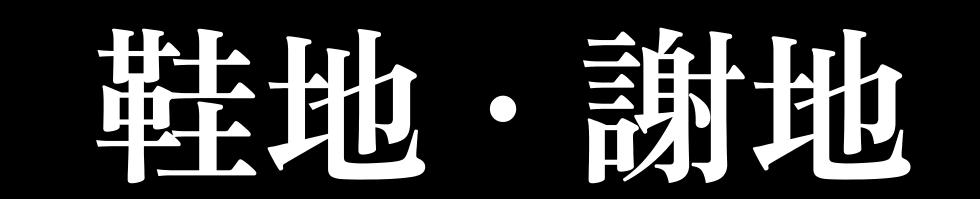
xietian Rocket Boot: Launch into the Future



"Shoe for the sky"

Shoot for the sky! xietian, boosted by a stylized flame, captures the childlike thrill of rocket boots. Stepping forward, it honors our community's spirit of self-determination, while nodding to San Francisco's imagination





xiedi Root Boot : Grounded in History



Guardian lions

Inspired by traditional guardian lions that protect the entrances of homes and temples, xietian and xiedi serve as symbols of good fortune and protection.



and tech-driven energy.



"Boots on the ground"

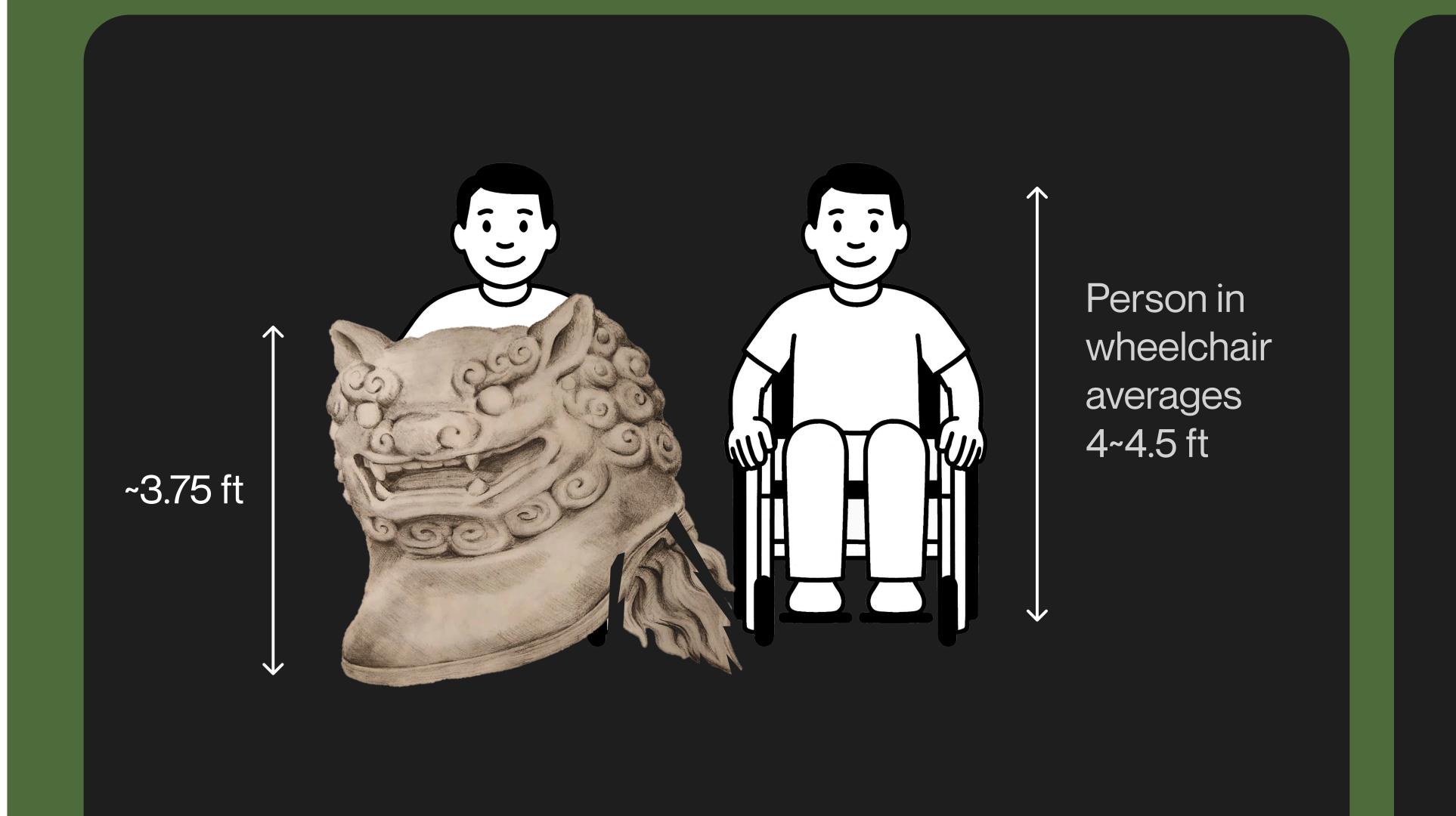
xiedi is firmly planted and represents the foundation of our community: the resilience of elders, dedication of workers, and organizing spirit that keeps us together.

Pose for memories 拍拍照 · 留回憶

Bronze bodies

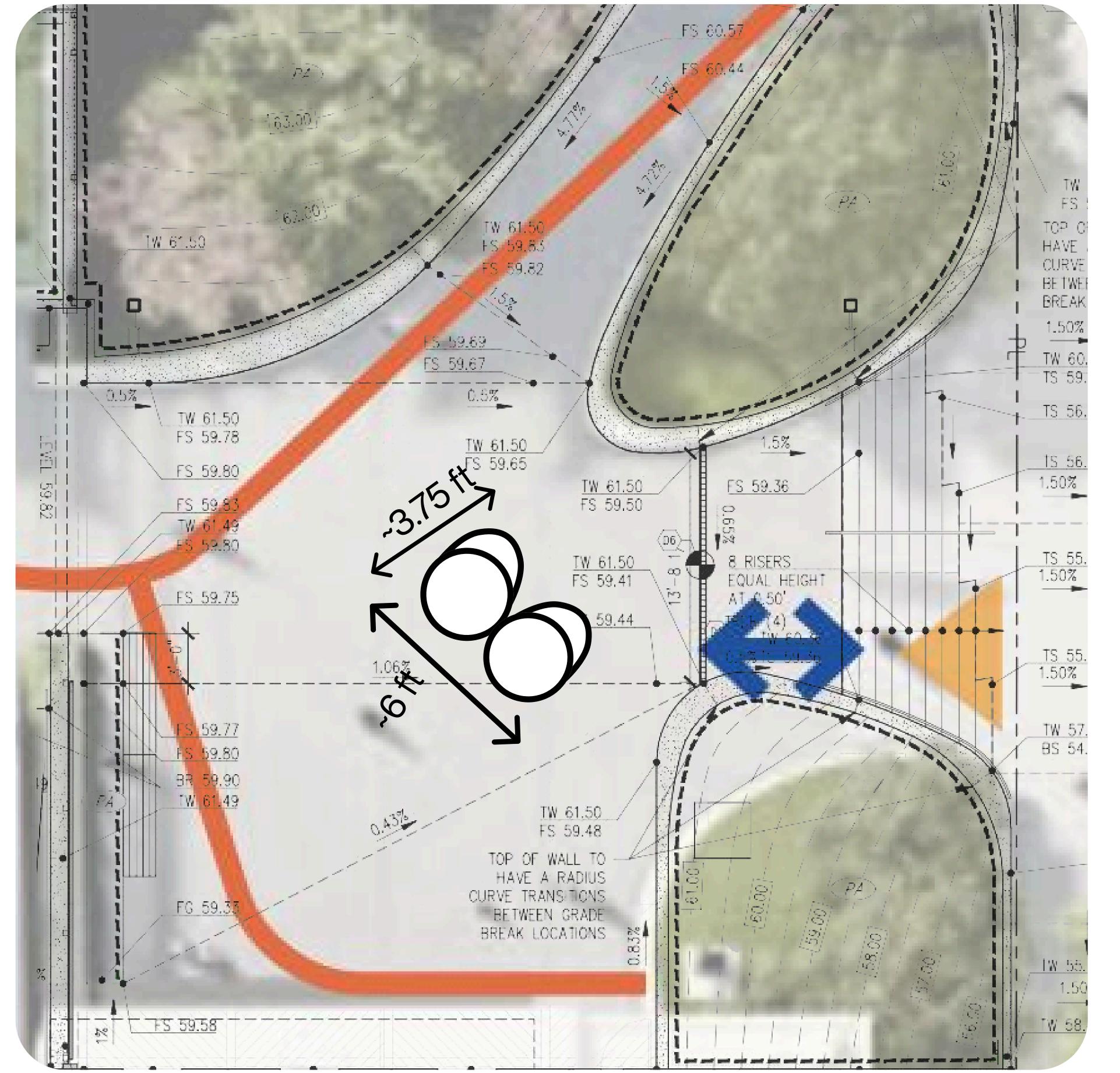
long been used in Chinese culture for sacred objects that honor

ancestors, protect households, and symbolize endurance.









Anyone can pose next to or behind xietian and xiedi for a fun photo opp. The height is designed to accommodate wheelchair visitors & kids.

Thanks to the sloped sidewalk, visitors can stand behind the lions and appear to be "wearing" the shoes through a playful camera-angle illusion.



Pet for good luck 摸頭頭・交好運



Petting a guardian lion is known to provide good luck. This is a simple interaction and joyful moment anyone can enjoy. Xietian and Xiedi's heads bear their names, which sounds like 'Thank the heavens and earth' — when visitors pet them, it's both a greeting and a symbol of gratitude

銅皮鐵骨的鞋獅子,

一脚踏實過風雨,

一脚邁向千里路

Boot on the ground,

shoe for the sky