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- 1 KIMBALL PARK**
E. 12th Street & D Avenue
 Kimball Park is an impressive 30-acre public space that includes baseball fields, tennis and basketball courts, a skate park, and an amphitheater with Veterans War Memorial. Public art is sprinkled throughout the park, including a mosaic wall created by a team of community volunteers and apprentices, and totem sculptures by artist Vicki Leon.
- 2 A REASON TO SURVIVE (ARTS)**
200 E. 12th Street
 ARTS is a non-profit organization with a mission to heal, inspire, and empower youth facing life challenges through therapeutic arts, formal arts education, and college and career preparation. The facility offers classes in the visual arts, digital media and design, music and performing arts, and fabrication.
- 3 BRICK ROW ON HERITAGE SQUARE**
909 A Avenue | Designed by R.C. Ball, 1887
 Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Brick Row was commissioned by National City founder Frank Kimball in 1887. These 10 individual row houses were modeled after the row houses of Philadelphia, to entice the executives of the Santa Fe Railroad.
- 4 8TH & B (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)**
130 E. 8th Street | Designed by Miller Hull Architects, 2021
 The 8th & B innovative mixed-use development will provide 127 residential units from small studios to 4 bedroom townhomes along with a restaurant and commercial spaces designed for local businesses. Amenity spaces on the roof deck and patio terrace will offer city views and mountain vistas while providing a place for neighbors to meet and relax.
- 5 ST. MATTHEWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
521 E. 8th Street | Designed by William Herman, 1887
 Designed by Chula Vista architect William Herman, St. Matthews Episcopal Church was patterned after an English countryside church. The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 6 MARKET ON 8TH**
41 E. 8th Street
 Market on 8th will house a variety of establishments such as a brewery, a coffee shop, a taco shop, and more, all run by amazing local artisans. This public market and venue will provide a place for locals and visitors to bond hang out, relax, and even get some work done.
- 7 NIEDERFRANK'S ICE CREAM**
726 A Avenue
 Elmer Niederfrank opened this ice cream parlor in 1948. He ran a one-man business, making ice cream in the back room of the store. Today Niederfrank's ice cream is still made much the same way using Elmer's 10 gallon batch freezer.
- 8 NAPOLEONE'S PIZZA HOUSE**
619 National City Boulevard
 Napoleone's Pizza House was opened in 1958 by an opera singer from Capri, Italy and a fisherman from Boston, both members of the Napoleone family. It features a unique 1950s dining room style cartoon mural, which wraps around the whole room and tells the story of the business.
- 9 ESQUINA VINTAGE & COFFEE**
640 National City Boulevard
 The first non-chain coffee shop to open in National City, Esquina is also a vintage shop and an homage to South Bay car culture. Visitors will see vintage car parts and low rider memorabilia, as well as a gallery of art and photography by locals.
- 10 OLIVEWOOD GARDENS / NOYES HOUSE**
2525 N Avenue
 Built in 1896, this historic 7.85-acre property, which once served as an olive garden, is now home to the Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center. Olivewood Gardens now serves as an interactive, indoor-outdoor classroom offering environmental education and nutrition lessons, hands-on gardening and cooking classes, and job skills and leadership development programs for youth, adults, and families.
- 11 LINCOLN ACRES LIBRARY & PARK**
2725 Granger Avenue | Designed by Safdie Rabines Architects, 2013
 The Lincoln Acres Library and Community Room replaced an under-sized and over-utilized facility in the unincorporated area of San Diego County, bordering Lincoln Acres County Park. Plans are underway for an expansion of the existing park, to include a perimeter walking path, picnic areas, and restrooms.
- 12 PARADISE CREEK APARTMENTS**
2120 Hoover Avenue | Designed by Pyatok Architects, 2018 (Phase I)
 This transit-oriented community development project by Community Housing Works remediated old underground contamination and built 201 affordable rental homes and a new 3.9 acre public park adjacent to Paradise Creek.
- 13 PARADISE CREEK EDUCATIONAL PARK**
W 20th Street & Harding Avenue | Neri Landscape Architects and others, 2020
 Initial restoration of Paradise Creek included removal of contaminated soils, salvaging existing plant material, and creating new upland habitat, along with construction of an amphitheater and other park improvements. The completed park now provides a curvy perimeter walking wall, a community garden, a stage for public events, and shade structure "blinds" for wildlife viewing.
- 14 NATIONAL CITY HISTORIC DEPOT/ RAILCAR PLAZA**
840 Bay Marina Drive | Built in 1882 / 2000
 The Santa Fe Rail Depot is the only original transcontinental railroad terminus still standing. The restored depot, now a railroad museum, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Across the street from the Historic Depot is Railcar Plaza, which houses the restored Passenger Coach #1, which operated in the early days of the National City & Otay Railway.
- 15 MIDNIGHT ANIMAL COFFEE**
3101 Hoover Avenue
 The vision of owner Christian Arden, Midnight Animal offers espresso-based drinks and drip coffee in an edgy motorcycle-inspired space. The seating area features a mural by a local artist and furnishings designed and fabricated by Ardel.
- 16 NATIONAL CITY AQUATIC CENTER & PEPPER PARK**
3300 Goesno Place | Designed by Safdie Rabines Architects, 2016
 Positioned on the southern edge of the 5½-acre Pepper Park at the mouth of the Sweetwater River Channel, the National City Aquatic Center was designed to facilitate recreational and educational services for the community.
- 17 BAYSHORE BIKEWAY**
1024 Marina Way
 The Bayshore Bikeway is a regional corridor that will eventually extend 24 miles around San Diego Bay, providing a vital and scenic connection to major bayfront employers, as well as tourist and recreational destinations. Approximately 17 ½ miles of paved path has been constructed to date, including a separated bike path from the National City boundary south to Civic Center Drive and Tidelands Park.