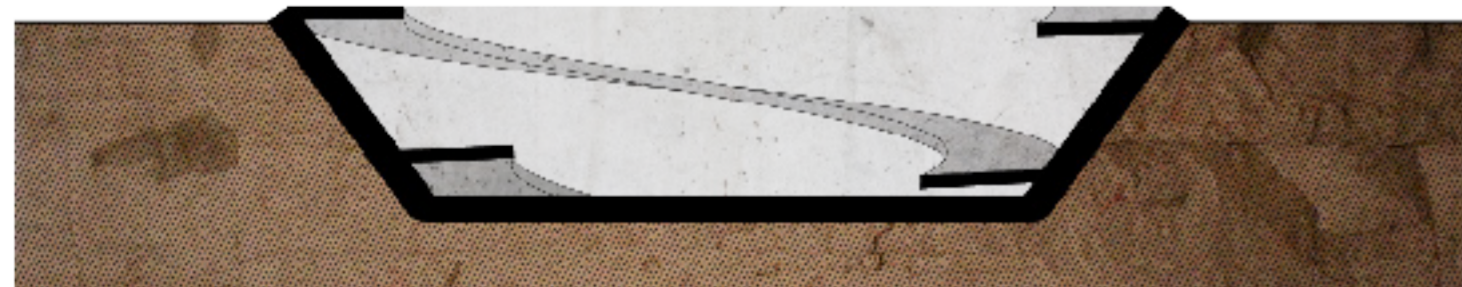


Silence Is Amiss Le silence détonne

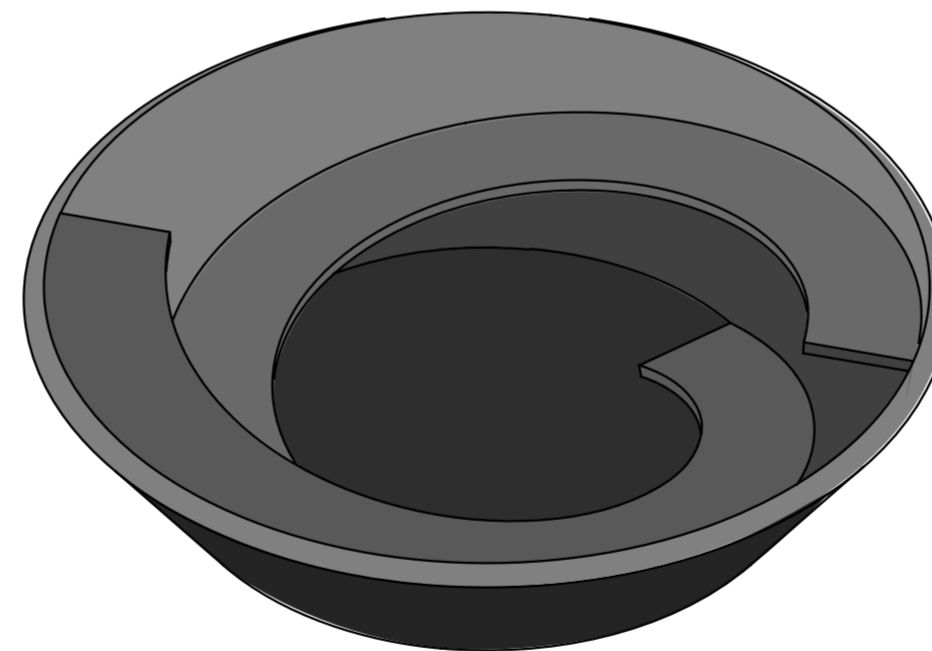
There is a disconnect between decision makers and those whom they make the decisions for. When those democratically elected begin work from self-interest, is there a means for the public to voice discontent? How can action then follow? A promise may be made in the heat of a debate, but what is its worth when one does not follow through — will there be accountability?

Agoras are government-funded civic constructions that provide both physical and virtual platforms for discussion. Decentralized and spread throughout the city, each provide secure internet access and a meeting place for discussion. Pedestrians descend via spiraling ramps, along which polling stations are placed. The agoras supplement contemporary discussion through polls and discourse and the base level is available for public congress. To mitigate nefarious activities, those that utilize them do so in open public with their identities unveiled. The structure is recessed from the ground plane, providing discretion for those in the agora and an informal theatre for those outside peering inward.

Each agora is connected wirelessly to a centralized structure, the Satellite, that hovers above the city. Able to suppress an area's telecommunication transmissions, the Satellite's location in the sky is in accordance/representative of the data gathered through discussions made in the agoras. If a majority is reached then the Satellite will impose its silence. With this telecommunications suppression, the recipient is pressured to meet the public, and placed into confrontation.



Section of agora



Perspective of agora

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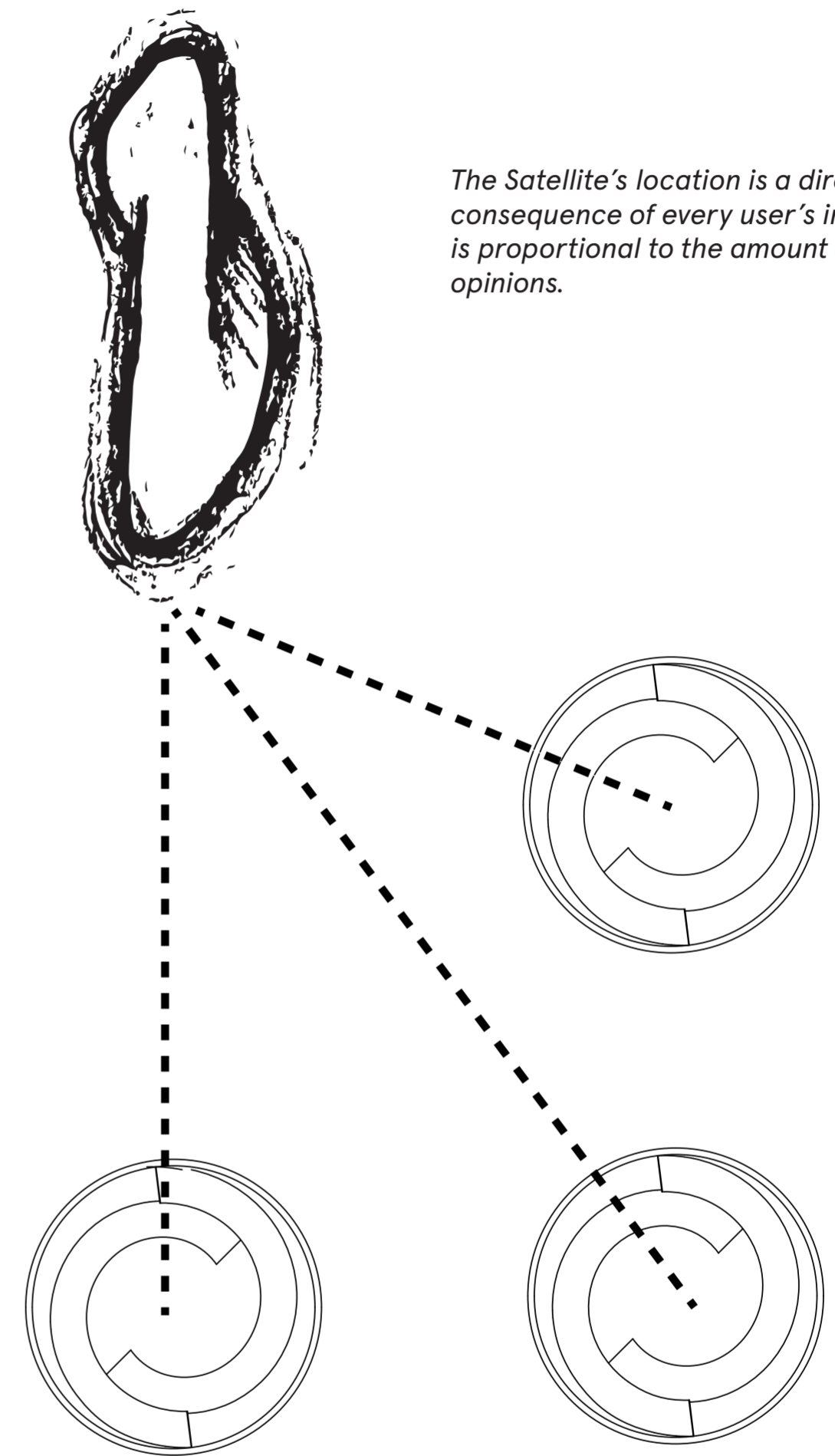
- a. ...
- b. ...
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2) What should be done?

3) What has been done?

4) Should the satellite be activated ?

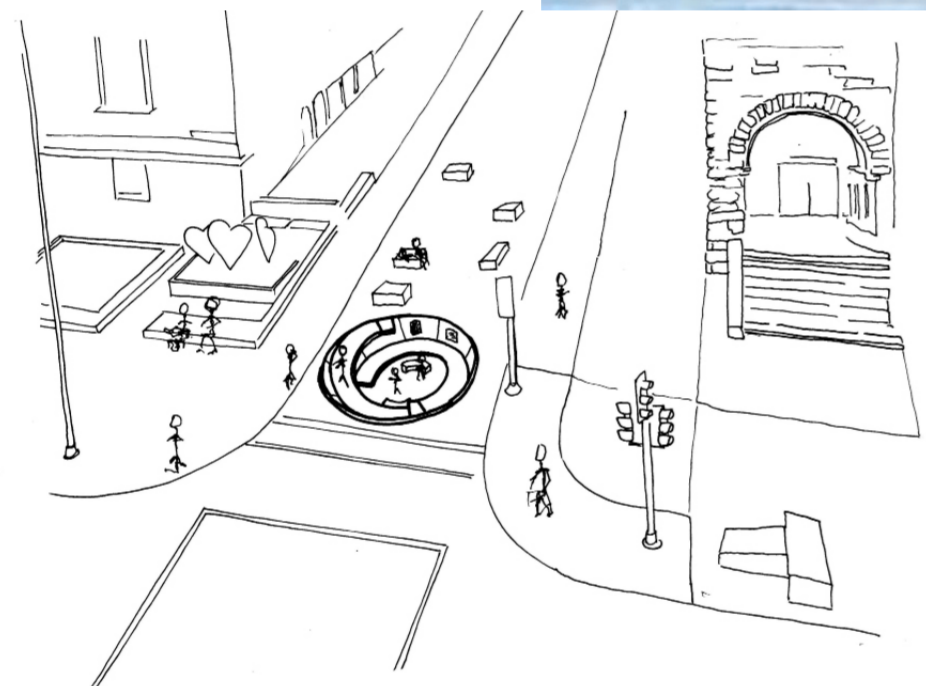
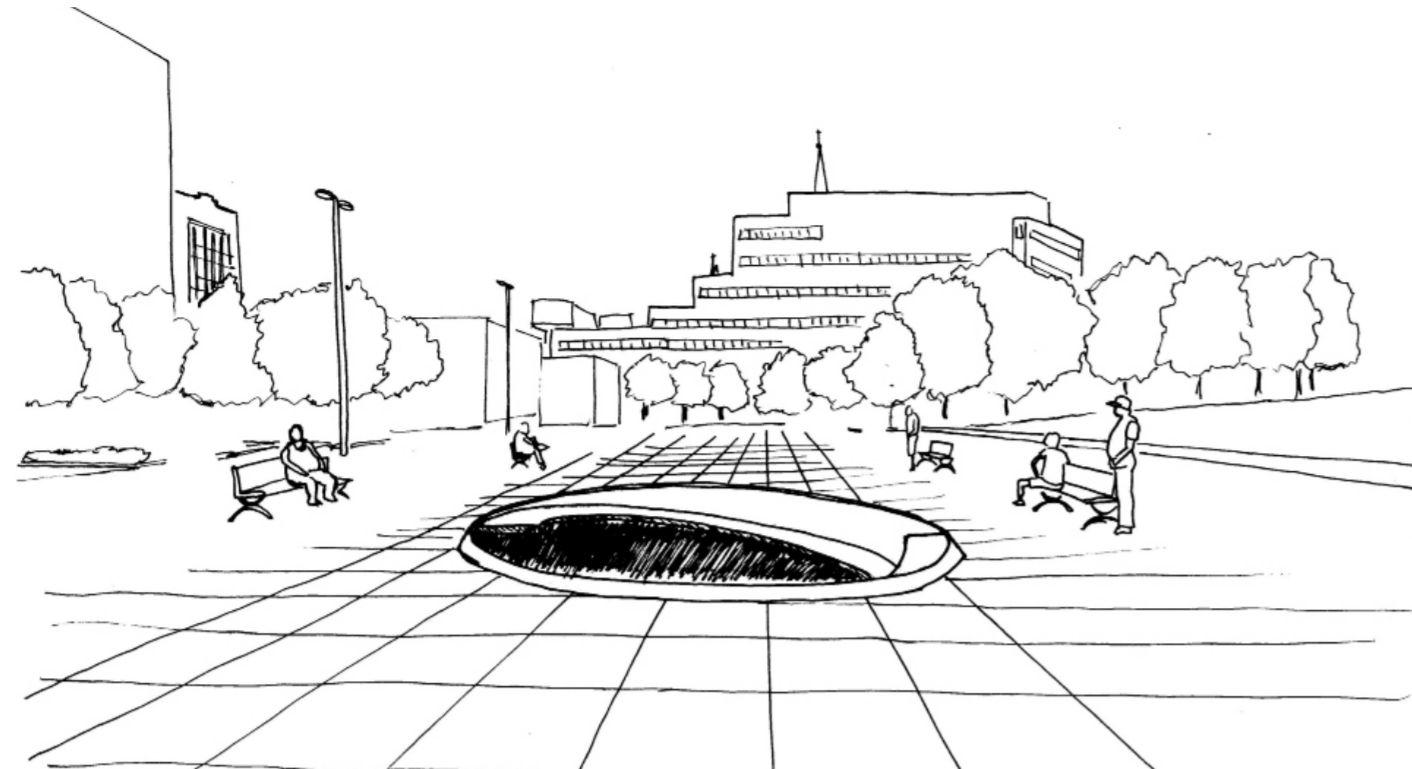
5) Where should it go?



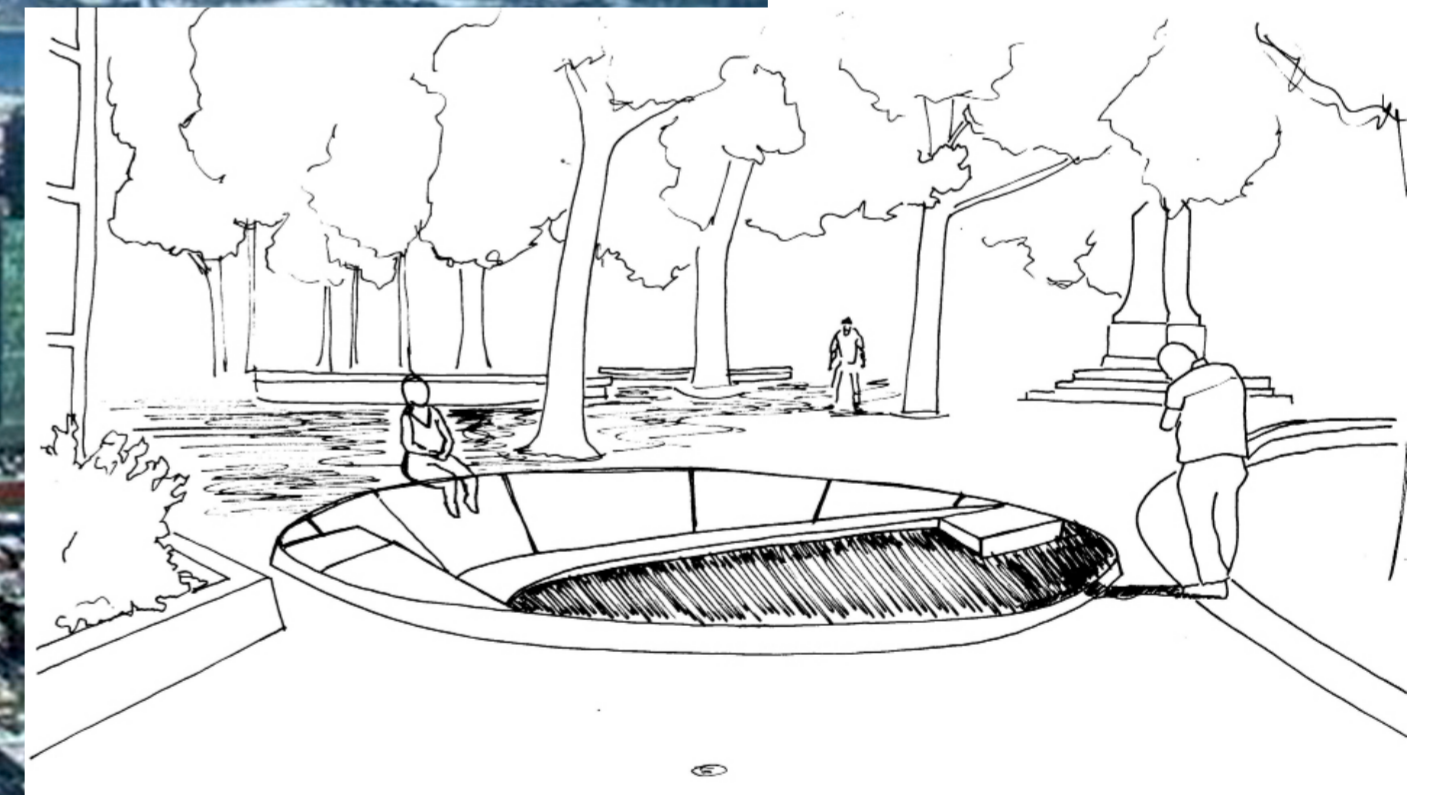
The Satellite's location is a direct consequence of every user's input and it is proportional to the amount of similar opinions.

The agoras are a network of public platforms for discussion that houses the systems interface. The interface's function is to gather and broadcast the users's input in real time - clearly and efficiently.

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