

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 4/10/2012 Ald. Milele Coggs District: 6 Staff reviewer: Paul Jakubovich

PTS #76230

Property 701 E. GARFIELD AV. Kilbourn Reservoir Park Historic District

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Proposal Construct new amphitheater south of North Avenue in the Kilbourn/Reservoir Park

district in an area of the park presently called Kadish Park.

Staff comments The project is composed of three site alterations/additions: A new six foot wide

asphalt path to connect the lower and upper portions of the site; a pavilion of approximately 300 square feet featuring a shell-shaped roof made of curving steel beams that are covered with a stretched fabric roof; and three new, tiered concrete

benches that curve around the performance stage.

The curving design of the performance shelter and benches around it blends well with the rolling hills of Kilbourn/Reservoir Park. The tiered concrete seating is seamlessly nestled into the hillside. The proposed asphalt path will prove a means to connect the pavilion with existing paths closer to E. North Avenue. The proposed work meets the preservation guidelines for the site and is a fine addition to the park.

Recommendation Recommend HPC Approval

Conditions

Previous HPC action

Previous Council action