



## Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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**HPC meeting date: 5/8/2012**  
**Ald. Milele Coggs District: 6**  
**Staff reviewer: Paul Jakubovich**  
**PTS #79763**

<b>Property</b>	671 E. NORTH <b>Kilbourn/Reservoir Park Historic District</b>	
<b>Owner/Applicant</b>	CITY OF MILWAUKEE C/O CITY REAL ESTATE 809 N BROADWAY MILWAUKEE WI 53202	Janice Christensen 829 E. Clarke St. Milwaukee, WI 53212 Phone: (414) 430-4795
<b>Proposal</b>	Install new wooden garden gateway at entrance to existing community garden south of E. North Avenue.	
<b>Staff comments</b>	<p>The garden gateway is a structure made of de-barked cedar branches and covers an area approximately 4 feet by 8 feet. The natural wood will be left exposed to weather to a silver-gray color. It will serve as a place-making element for the community garden in the park.</p> <p>The gateway is small in scale and its design and materials reflect the rustic style garden structures of the 19th century. Although it will be placed on small concrete footings, it is decidedly a temporary structure. Then too, the raised garden beds around the structure are considered to be of temporary construction.</p> <p>The principal staff concern here is that the park is relatively small and it should not be overloaded with structures. It should be noted that HPC at its last meeting approved construction of a small amphitheater at the southern-most edge of Kilbourn Park. Construction in the park beyond the gateway is not recommended.</p> <p>Also, over time the gateway will deteriorate and there should be an understanding that at some point the structure should be removed. The lease for the garden expires May 4, 2015 and it is recommended that at that time the structure be reviewed again by HPC. During the span of the current lease, any significant deterioration or damage to the structure should be repaired.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Recommend HPC Approval as a temporary structure	
<b>Conditions</b>	Include the staff recommendations above.	
<b>Previous HPC action</b>		
<b>Previous Council action</b>		