

# NOTICE OF DECISION

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION – MINOR HISTORIC REVIEW

**CASE NO.:** Historic Review Case HIS15-34 / AMANDA No. 15-115876-DR

**NOTICE OF DECISION DATE:** September 4, 2015

**REQUEST:** Minor historic design review of a proposal to install a new nature play zone within the vacant western portion of the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village site, a non-contributing feature within the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village, which includes the A.C. Gilbert House (1887), individually listed on the National Register, and the Rockenfeld House (1883) and Parrish House (1910), Salem Local Landmarks, located at 116 Marion Street NE, 97301; Marion County Assessor Map and Tax Lot number: 073W22DB 07400.

**OWNER/ APPLICANT:** Joanna Engle for Gilbert House Children's Museum

**LOCATION:** 116 Marion Street NE, 97301

**CRITERIA:** Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapter 230  
230.070 General Guidelines for Non-Contributing Resources:

**FINDINGS:** The applicant proposes to install a new nature play area within a vacant western portion of the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village site, a non-contributing feature. Staff determined that the following standards from SRC Chapter 230 are applicable to this project:

**Criteria 230.070. General Guidelines for Non-Contributing Buildings and Structures.**

In lieu of the standards for non-contributing buildings and structures set forth in SRC 230.030 and SRC 230.045 of this section, an applicant may make changes to a non-contributing building or structure, regardless of type of work, which shall conform to the following guidelines:

- (a) Materials shall be consistent with those present in buildings and structures in the district generally.
- (b) Alterations and additions shall be compatible in design and construction with the general character of buildings or structures in the historic district. Factors in evaluating compatibility include, but are not limited to:
  - (1) Architectural elements such as porches, dormers, doors and windows reflect the spacing, placement, scale, orientation and proportion of buildings in the district, generally.
  - (2) The location is at the rear, or on an inconspicuous side, of the building or structure.
  - (3) The size and scale is consistent and harmonious with the buildings and structures in the district generally.
  - (4) The design reflects, but does not replicate, the architectural style of historic contributing buildings and structures in the district.
  - (5) The building uses similar setbacks, orientation on the site, spacing and distance from adjacent buildings that is found on buildings in the immediate vicinity and the district as a whole.

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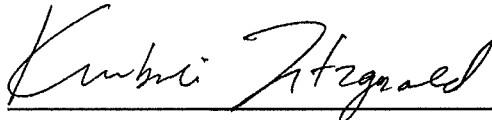
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## **Findings**

The western portion of the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village site is a non-contributing area located at the western edge of the site, and not easily visible from the significant historic resources located on the site. The applicant is proposing to install a new nature playscape, which consist of a river bed made of small river stones, a low music wall made of wood, balance beam logs and an 'eagles nest' made of wood branches, a 'fox den' made of boulders, concrete and gravel and a 'rabbit tunnel' made of concrete, boulders and gravel. The site will include fall material consisting of engineered wood fiber, as well as wooden picnic tables and a wooden kitchen counter and area to simulate campfire cooking made of wood set in concrete.

These materials are typical of those found during the historic period and are compatible with the contributing resources on the site thereby meeting SRC 230.070(a). Staff finds the proposed design will not adversely affect any character defining features of the historic resources on the site and the proposed design is compatible with the resources and that SRC 230.070 and (b)(2) and (3) have been met for this proposal. SRC 230.070(b)(1), (4) and (5) do not apply to this proposal.

**DECISION:** Based upon the application materials deemed complete on September 1, 2015, and the findings as presented in this report, the application is APPROVED.



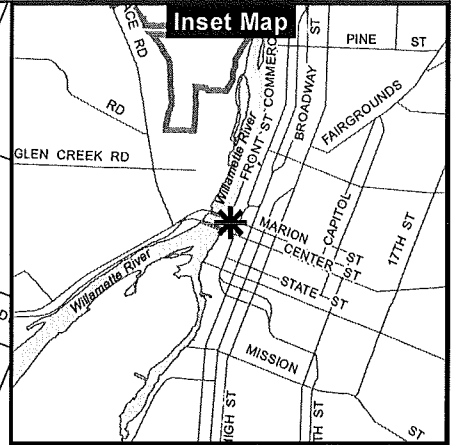
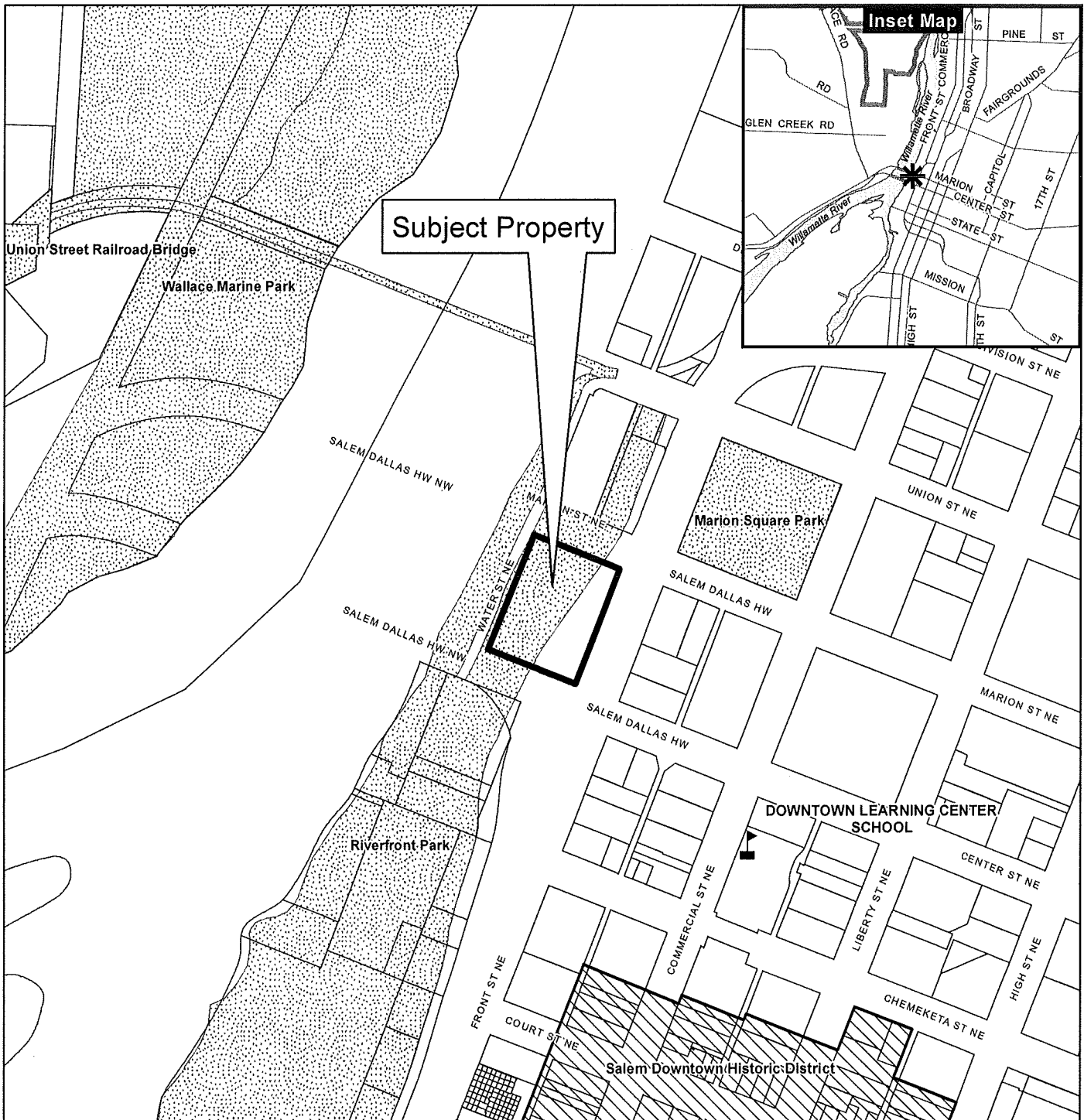
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The rights granted by this decision must be exercised by September 22, 2017 or this approval shall be null and void.

Application Deemed Complete: September 1, 2015  
Notice of Decision Mailing Date: September 4, 2015  
Decision Effective Date: September 22, 2015  
State Mandated Decision Date: December 30, 2015








This decision is final unless written appeal from an aggrieved party is filed with the City of Salem Planning Division, Room 305, 555 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97301, no later than 5:00 p.m., September 21, 2015. The appeal must state where the decision failed to conform to the provisions of the historic preservation ordinance (SRC Chapter 230). The appeal must be filed in duplicate with the City of Salem Planning Division. The appeal fee must be paid at the time of filing. If the appeal is untimely and/or lacks the proper fee, the appeal will be rejected. The Salem Historic Landmarks Commission will review the appeal at a public hearing. After the hearing, the Historic Landmarks Commission may amend, rescind, or affirm the action, or refer the matter to staff for additional information.

# Vicinity Map 116 Marion St NE

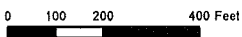


Subject Property

## Legend

-  Taxlots
-  Urban Growth Boundary
-  City Limits
-  Outside Salem City Limits
-  Historic District
-  Schools
-  Parks

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### Historic Alteration Review - Public Resource Worksheet

Site Address: 116 Marion Street  
NE Salem, OR, 97301

Resource Status:  Contributing  
 Non- Contributing

#### Type of Work: Activity Proposed

Major  Minor  New Construction:

#### Replacement, Alteration, Restoration or Addition of:

**Architectural Feature:**

- Awning
- Door
- Exterior Trim, Lintel
- Other architectural feature
- Roof/Cornice
- Masonry/Siding
- Storefront
- Window(s) Number of windows: \_\_\_\_\_

**Landscape Feature:**

- Fence
- Streetscape
- Other Site feature (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**New:**

- Addition
- New Accessory Structure
- Sign
- Mural
- Accessibility Ramp
- Energy Improvements
- Mechanical Equipment

Will the proposed alteration be visible from any public right-of-way?  YES  NO *limited view from gate -*

Project's Existing Material: \_\_\_\_\_ Project's New Material: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Project Description

*Willing to cover gate if needed.*

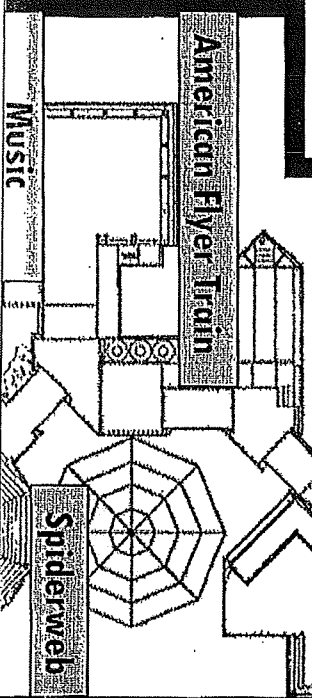
Briefly provide an overview of the type of work proposed. Describe how it meets the applicable design criteria in SRC Chapter 230. Please attach any additional information (i.e., product specification sheets) that will help staff and the HLC clearly understand the proposed work:

To install a playscape in underused area  
of Gilbert House Childrens Museum.  
Please see attached

*Janna Eryk*  
Signature of Applicant

8-21-15  
Date Submitted/Signed

PATHWAY TO CAROUSEL AND RIVERFRONT PARK



MUSIC

American Flyer Train

Spiderweb

Sternwheeler

Erector Set Stage

Erector Set Maze

Two Story Slide

Little Gem Store

Wilson-Durbin House

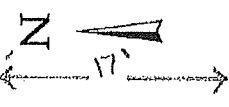
Gazebo

Parish House

Preschool

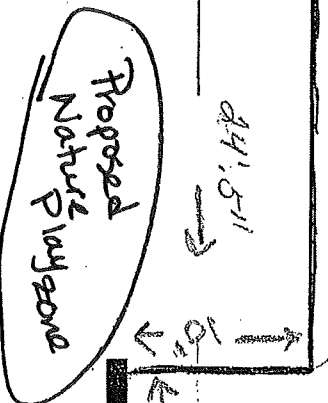


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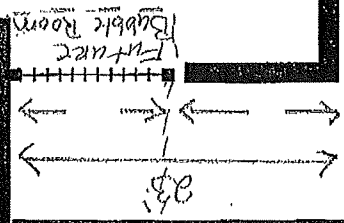
*These measurements are  
not correct -  
drawing is  
not to  
scale*

26'



16' 5 1/2"

*MAY need  
to install  
gate when Bobbin's  
Bobbie built*



PATHWAY TO CAROUSEL AND RIVERFRONT PARK



## Kimberli Fitzgerald – Gilbert House Playscape Materials List

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**From:** "Joanna Engle" <executivedirector@acgilbert.org>  
**To:** "Kimberli Fitzgerald" <KFitzgerald@cityofsalem.net>  
**Date:** 9/1/2015 12:27 PM  
**Subject:** Gilbert House Playscape Materials List

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Hi Kimberli,  
Here is the materials list for the Playscape.

- The fall material will be the engineered wood fiber that meets the safety standards of American Standard for Testing Materials (ASTM) and International Playground Equipment Manufacturer's Association (IPEMA).

- River Bed: small river stones
- Picnic Tables: wood
- Campfire Cooking: wood set in concrete
- Music Wall: Wood with miscellaneous pots and pans attached (to bang on)
- Kitchen Counter: Wood
- Wood Climbing Tent (no longer applicable, decided to remove)
- Balance Beam Logs: Wood
- Elevated Chip Path: engineered wood fiber
- Eagle's Nest: hazelnut branches
- Fox Den: boulders, concrete, gravel
- Walk On Logs: wood
- Rabbit Tunnel: concrete, boulders, gravel
- Log Stairs: Wood

Let me know if you need anything else.

thanks so much,  
Joanna

Joanna Engle, Executive Director  
Gilbert House Children's Museum

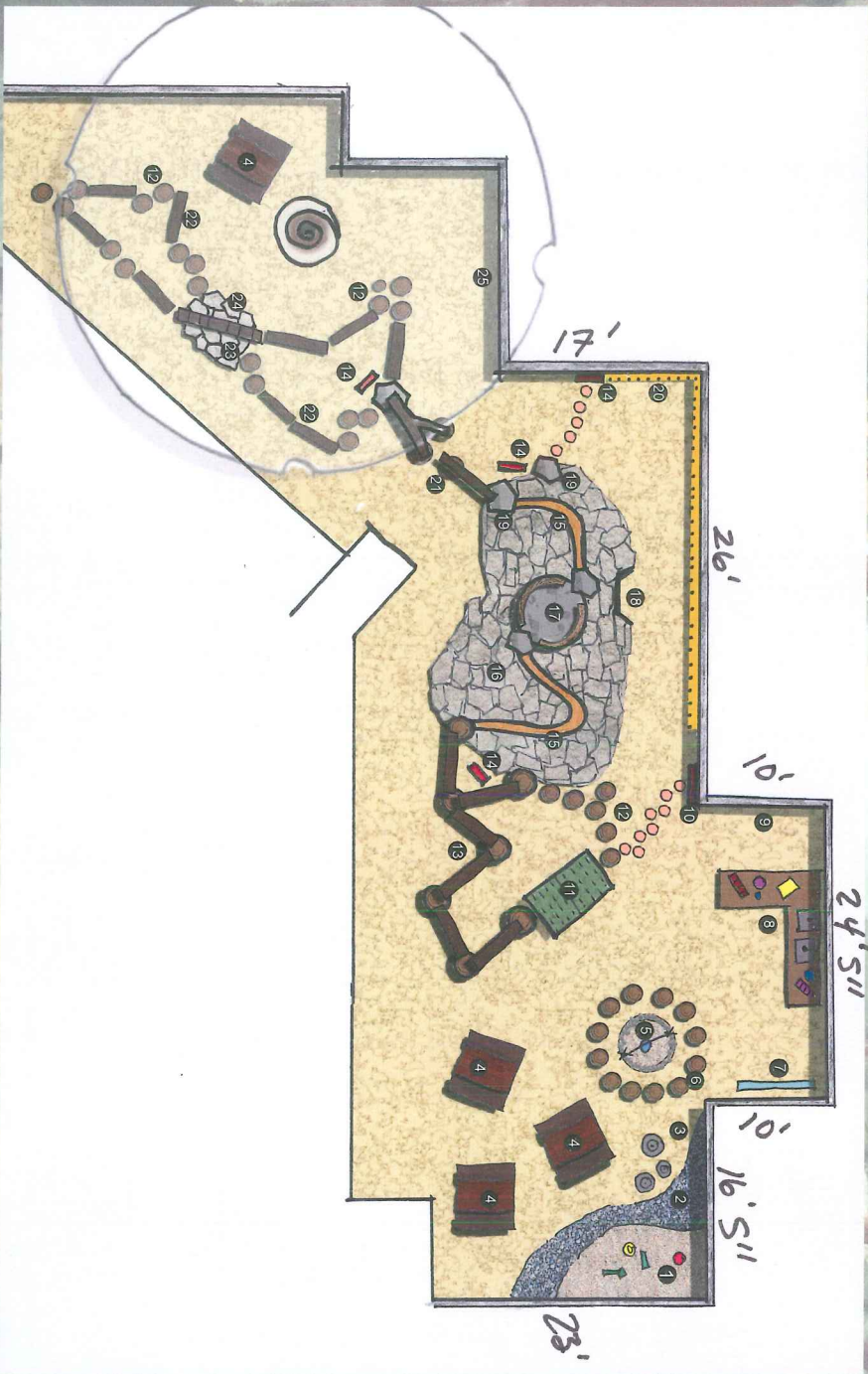
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LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED PLAYScape

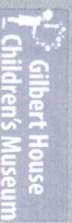


**Nature Play Zone**

- 1 Gravel Digging Area
- 2 River Bed
- 3 Cairn Building Area
- 4 Picnic Tables
- 5 Campfire Cooking
- 6 Log Seats
- 7 Music Wall
- 8 Kitchen Counter
- 9 Camping Mural
- 10 Start of Trail Kiosk
- 11 Wood Climbing Tent
- 12 Log Sleepers
- 13 Balance Beam Logs
- 14 Trail Signage
- 15 Log Path
- 16 Boulder Climbing Mound
- 17 Eagle's Nest
- 18 Fox Den Entrance- Den Under Mound
- 19 Boulders
- 20 Climbing Wall Return Path
- 21 Squirrel Limb Jump
- 22 Walk-on Logs
- 23 Rabbit Tunnel Inside Mound
- 24 Log Stairs over Mound
- 25 Hiking Mural

**Nature Play Concept Plan**

Gilbert House Children's Museum



March 30, 2015