

**AKRON URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**166 S. HIGH STREET**

- (1) CORRECTION and APPROVAL of Minutes of June 13, 2023.**
  
- (2) NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **UD-2023-02-REV** – Architectural review of Reservoir Park Community Center.
  
- (3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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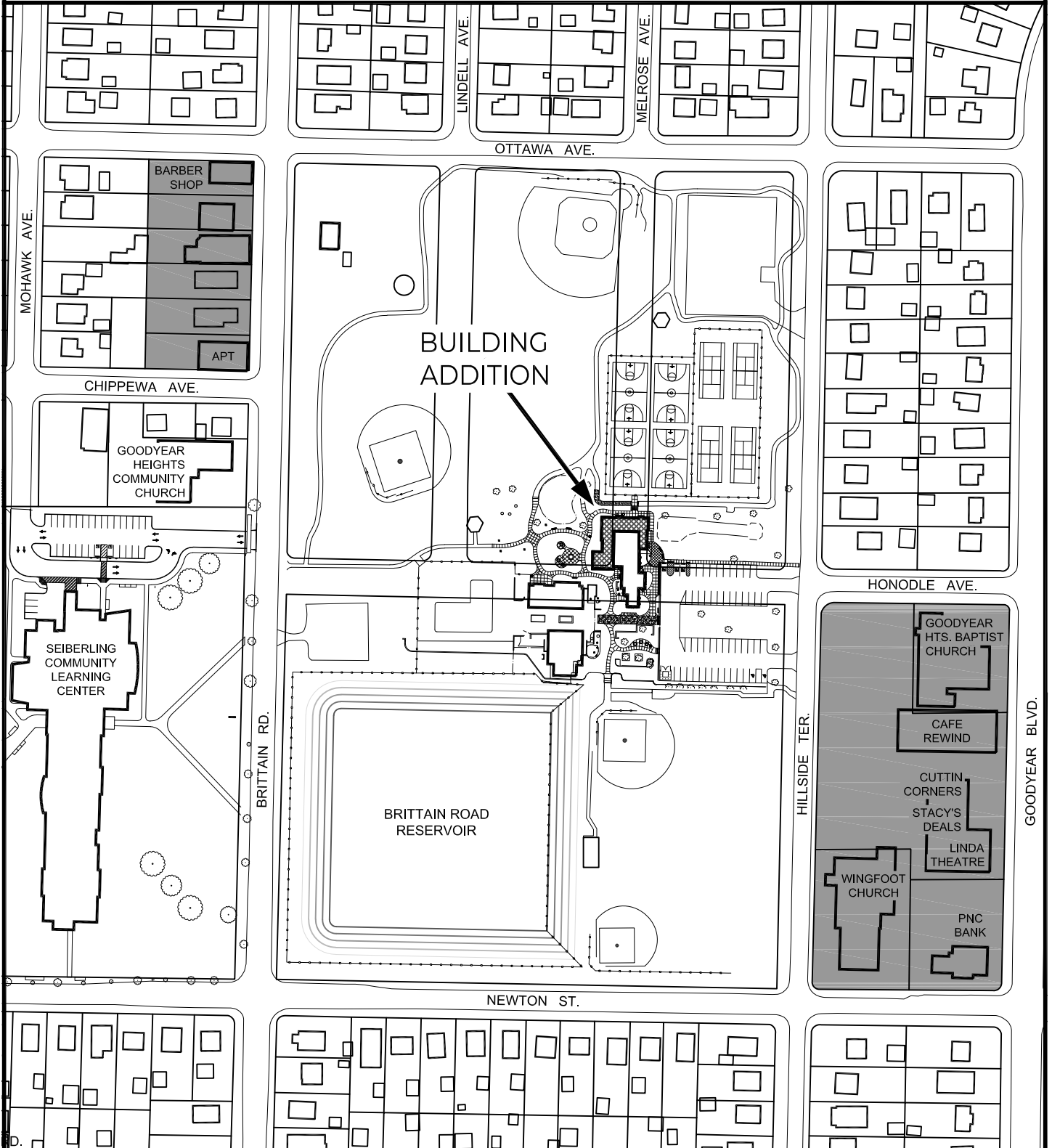
# UD-2023-02-REV

Architectural review of Reservoir  
Park Community Center

- U1 Single Family Residential
- U3 Retail Business



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AKRON URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION      **ITEM #2A**  
**UD-2023-02-REV**

**FROM:** DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 6, 2024

**SUBJECT:** UD-2023-02-REV – Architectural Review of the Reservoir Park Community Center

### **COMMENTS:**

The City of Akron is planning an addition to the existing Reservoir Park Community Center located at 1735 Hillside Terrace. The Community Center is located within Reservoir Park in the Goodyear Heights neighborhood.

Over the past several years, the City of Akron Recreation and Parks Bureau has engaged with residents through surveys and community meetings to identify the programming and design improvements needed at the Reservoir Park Community Center. City staff have worked with residents to ensure that the proposed facility meets the current and future needs of the neighborhood.

The original stone community center building was constructed in 1933, as a Works Progress Administration project. A kitchen and community room were added to the north side of the original structure in 1990. The city proposes to demolish the 1990 addition and build a new 4,854 square foot addition at the northeast corner of the original structure. The completed 8,690 square foot community center will include several multi-purpose activity spaces and meeting rooms, as well as a modern kitchen. The interior of the original facility will be renovated, and the restrooms will be ADA accessible. Interior spaces will be visually connected to exterior patio and green spaces through expansive glazing.

The addition will include a new main entrance facing Hillside Terrace. The massing and gable roof forms of the addition take cues from the original structure, while the simple volumes and clean masonry details of the new addition distinguish it from the original.

The exterior is clad in a brick veneer in colors of tan and gray to pick up on the tones found in the stone of the existing building. The brick on the majority of the addition is laid in a typical running bond pattern. Accent panels of brick in a Flemish bond pattern with projecting corbels add visual texture and shadow lines to the simple building forms.

The addition will have a standing seam metal roof in a dark gray color, while the existing building will receive a new asphalt shingle roof. The canopy over the new entrance will be clad in a metal panel system with concealed fasteners. Windows in the addition will be an aluminum storefront glazing system in a dark bronze finish. Windows in the original building will be replaced with new fiberglass windows. The current double hung windows will be replaced with casement windows in order to return the openings back to their original appearance.

The budget for the Reservoir Park Community Center is \$5.1 million. It is being funded from the city's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation.

The design of all buildings and sitework located on City property is required to be reviewed by the Urban Design and Historic Preservation Commission. Since the new community center will be located within the city's Reservoir Park, the Commission is tasked with making recommendations on the design of the project to the City Administration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Department of Planning and Urban Development staff recommend **APPROVAL** of the Reservoir Park Community Center.

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