

Project Report

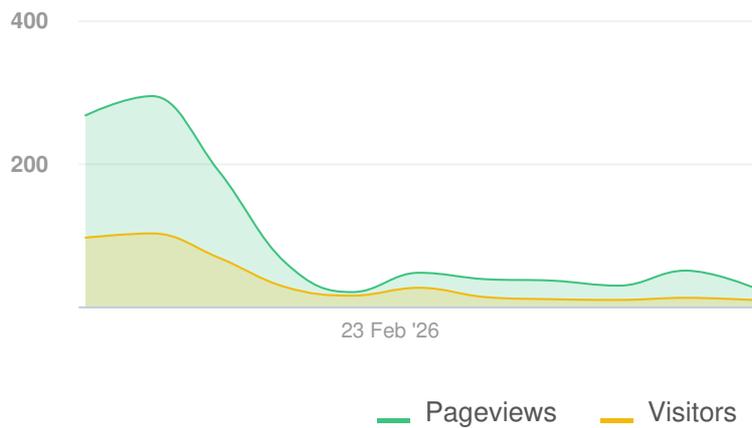
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Let's Talk Hudson

Hudson Gazebo Legacy Project



Visitors Summary

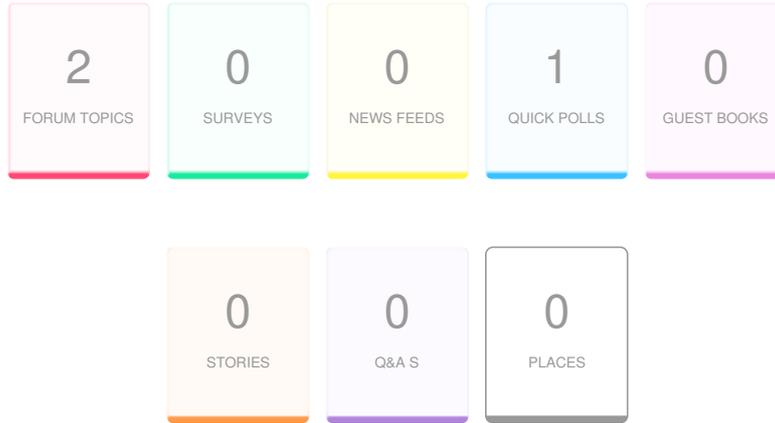


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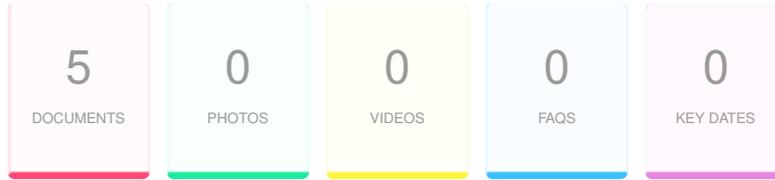
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Informed Participants		Contributed on Forums			
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Informed Actions Performed		Participated in Surveys			
Participants		0	0	0	
Viewed a video	0	Contributed to Newsfeeds			
Viewed a photo	0	0	0	0	
Downloaded a document	19	Participated in Quick Polls			
Visited the Key Dates page	0	0	0	0	
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Posted on Guestbooks			
Visited Instagram Page	0	0	0	0	
Visited Multiple Project Pages	92	Contributed to Stories			
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	36	0	0	0	
		Asked Questions			
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		Placed Pins on Places			
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		Contributed to Ideas			
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ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
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Forum Topic	Updated Renderings Feedback	Published	149	36	0	0
Forum Topic	Rendering Feedback	Archived	18	0	0	0
Quick Poll	The City seeks to balance honoring the existing gazebo ar...	Archived	0	0	0	0

INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Document	UPDATED 2026 Hudson Gazebo Renderings (2-18-2026)	11	12
Document	2026 Hudson Gazebo Renovation Renderings (ORIGINAL 2-5-2026)	8	9
Document	UPDATED 2026 Hudson Gazebo Site Plan (2-18-2026)	7	8
Document	2026 Hudson Gazebo Site Plan (ORIGINAL 2-5-2026)	6	6
Document	Overhead View of the Proposed Gazebo Project	0	0

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Updated Renderings Feedback

Visitors 149	Contributors 36	CONTRIBUTIONS 88
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>Jena Stasik</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>AGREES</td> <td>DISAGREES</td> <td>REPLIES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	0	0	0	<p>Thank you for your comment! We are exploring a brick border. The proposed sign/plaq ue is an oversight on this design and should not have been included in the current locat ion and design. I will request an updated rendering to eliminate the confusion.</p>
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>JSHudson</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>AGREES</td> <td>DISAGREES</td> <td>REPLIES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	4	0	1	<p>The amount of cement/concrete is still too large and not fitting with the quaintness of H udson. Also, people love to sit in the gazebo when they are hanging out on the green. Sitting on a bench outside the gazebo just doesn't have the same charm or fun. Please put seating back in the gazebo. I would change the concrete to a much smaller footprin t and possibly brick instead of the cement.</p>
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>HudsonFamily</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>AGREES</td> <td>DISAGREES</td> <td>REPLIES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	0	0	0	<p>Love how you all have incorporated the original charm, while meeting today's structural needs and updating for accessibility. Thanks for putting the seating back inside and tryi ng to keep the historic look/feel!</p>
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>Considerthis</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>AGREES</td> <td>DISAGREES</td> <td>REPLIES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	1	0	0	<p>Definitely think this is a better direction. I would suggest darker pavers or concrete to le t the gazebo stand out more predominantly and not allow the concrete apron to visually become part of the gazebo. Overall I think it's a winning approach</p>
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>DDrummond</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>AGREES</th> <th>DISAGREES</th> <th>REPLIES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	1	0	0	<p>The current design is much better! This space is a gathering venue for many events and I don't think the concrete apron is excessive - you may be able to explore a cost effective coloring of the concrete with dyed concrete admix and possibly a border with a complimentary color on a border. I would stay away from any brick or cobblestone as that presents trip hazards - especially with the senior population. The ADA lift can be a costly venture and typically are very clunky for the user - if it is pursued an in ground single piston hydraulic lift that is flush at grade with no flopped ramp would be my recommendation. Electro-mechanical usually means short life and heavy maintenance cycle.</p>
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>Joann</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>AGREES</th> <th>DISAGREES</th> <th>REPLIES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	0	0	0	<p>This really gives high quality accessibility and a solid attempt at historic accountability. Would like to see a south elevation, but will look forward to that when you present to A HBR. IMO, the concrete pad is still a bit overly large, but they might be able to give you tips to "visually" reduce its impression on the site. (*makes encouraging noises*) An impressive amount of work in a short amount of time.</p>
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>Pat Rydquist</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>AGREES</th> <th>DISAGREES</th> <th>REPLIES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	2	0	0	<p>I'm very disappointed that the City is choosing to increase the concrete pad so much to seat 115 and disregard the historic intention of founder, David Hudson. Adding more cement not only reduces the "green" but goes against the preservation within the historic district. Additional cement adds a small % to global warming and seems to go against the advice of the Landscape subcommittee of the City's Environmental Awareness Council. The City is spending a great amount of money to fix the drainage issues so there is no reason to turn the green into a plaza. Let's keep this park-like, quaint and historic.</p>
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>Hayley</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>AGREES</th> <th>DISAGREES</th> <th>REPLIES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	6	0	1	<p>Just here to comment on accessibility as a wheelchair user. Lifts that require a maintenance worker or someone else to access the lift does not provide independence so it's basically useless. Also, these lifts break down constantly. Ramps really are the better option. Could I suggest a build up style ramp added to the back? It uses dirt to slope the ramp up to the gazebo so you can have more green space. You'll also preserve the look of the front of the gazebo. Also, the wrap around ramp was odd because it didn't end in the gazebo.</p>
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<p>18 February 26</p> <p>Marian Copley</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>AGREES</th> <th>DISAGREES</th> <th>REPLIES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	1	0	0	<p>I hope ADA accessibility will be considered so that all residents and visitors may be included.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES					
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18 February 26			As the concrete pad size likely accommodates today's population and future growth, some landscaping on the exterior perimeter of the pad would help blend the concrete with the green space. Some low lying shrubs and perennials would help soften the presence of the concrete if some perimeter beds were added.
Resident303			
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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18 February 26			The concrete pad size now allows for more variety of events at the Gazebo while spreading out the foot traffic and the trampling of the surrounding turf. This will help prevent the creation of a mud pit when there's a concert or other event drawing a few hundred spectators.
John B.			
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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18 February 26			We appreciate the quick response to community feedback — while we wish the ramp in the first design had been maintained/adapted, it did not get the user up to the gazebo level. We have considerable concerns about the proposed lift and want to echo other citizens' comments that a ramp of some sort would be less maintenance, more functional, and less of an eye sore. An outdoor lift seems like it will be a maintenance nightmare and an ongoing cost to taxpayers.
HudsonFour			
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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19 February 26			In the original proposal, the accessibility lift was not going to be added immediately (at some later date theoretically). Will the accessibility lift be added alongside renovations now that the ramp has moved? I think the Architectural and Historical Board of Review needs to see a design with how this lift will look and approve both the design AND the lift at the same time. Otherwise there could potentially end up with no accessibility (ramp removed and the lift not approved at a later date). Another commenter correctly stated that if the lift must have an operator available or frequently broken down then it will just be window dressing rather than actual accessibility. Those with wheelchairs and other mobility needs must be able to arrive at the site without notice and use the lift for true accessibility. I am a parent of a child who is a wheelchair user.
Lindsay			
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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19 February 26			It would be a good idea to expand the footprint of the gazebo itself adding 10' around the base floor with small sloping roofs for the original structure over the 10' so the original gazebo top is still fully visible. Still expand the concrete pad too, for those botching a bout concrete use custom-made pavers that you can sell for \$25 (or more ?) with a name of Hudson person, family, group, house of worship etc.
HoraceG			
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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19 February 26 Gh329506			<p>Thank you to City Council and staff for listening to community feedback and making the thoughtful alterations to the gazebo design. It is encouraging to see much of the original character and charm restored, and I appreciate the effort to balance preservation with necessary updates. I do still have some concerns regarding the increased concrete footprint and the inclusion of a vertical platform lift (VPL). As someone who has managed large procurements of VPLs, I've seen that these systems tend to perform best when they are covered and protected from the elements. Exposure to weather, especially snow, ice, and rain, often leads to higher maintenance needs and operational issues, along with ongoing snow removal challenges. I fully understand and support the need to meet ADA compliance when modifying the structure. With that in mind, I would encourage the City to consider revisiting a wrap-around ramp design that could blend more seamlessly with the original gazebo aesthetic while reducing long-term maintenance concerns. Thank you again for your continued engagement and willingness to adjust the design based on public input.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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19 February 26 qpalzm			<p>I would prefer to see less expensive repairs to the current Gazebo structure. I don't feel that a tear down and rebuild is cost effective or necessary.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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19 February 26 Philip Leiter			<p>While I still see no need to alter the existing gazebo other than to repair worn materials, I think this is a much better "design" than the previous trio. I am not in favor of extending the patio for seating. Anyone who has enjoyed a concert during the summer knows that that particular spot gets direct sun and can be quite warm. Imagine if you were sitting on concrete. No thanks! Besides, it's called a "green" on purpose. Go ahead and fix the cracked concrete and steps, but leave it the same footprint. And of course, move the electricity pedestal and fix any drainage issues. Also, I wonder if this is still going to be rushed in order to have it completed in time for July 4. Perhaps it would be better to table this idea so that we can together come up with a whole new plan that the entire community can work on and raise money for - just as they did in the late 70s for the Bicentennial.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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19 February 26 Hudhap			<p>There haven't been any renderings that include an image of the vertical lift. Would a railing be removed to accommodate the lift? How would this change the aesthetics of the Gazebo? Renderings are needed.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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19 February 26 Joann			<p>Hey, Phil, Do you know if there's Velocity on the Green? Would that be something even if folks might like to swap for concrete or is it too expensive? Not sure why that extended apron is wanted, but if we knew who & why, it might be key to figuring out what they'd like more and score a win-win?? ((If that's dumb, apologies, but...this is making me feel like a group project where I haven't chatted up some of the group))</p>
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19 February 26			I have several concerns about an outdoor lift. Were existing installs provided by the lift company to be reviewed for visual and financial impacts? Not only the initial costs, but ongoing repairs and maintenance for an outdoor installation. I noticed the plantings around the gazebo more in this version. I agree with others that plantings, including additional trees for shade, should be used to beautify the area. Is there an updated budget? I didn't see anything broken down.
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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20 February 26			STILL LIKING THE LIFT. I will point out the truism that everything requires maintenance and the irony that the ramp into City Hall is closed for work as we have this discussion. Also that the overhead shot accompanying the City's post shows how very long that ramp is (undoubtedly perfectly matching ADA's rise over run...but so much concrete) So again, while I'd not argue the lift is never going to need maintenance, I just want to UNDERSCORE that the brand mentioned at Council has a lot of positives in their info on line...and I'm sure we'll get more after the staff gets the specs.
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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20 February 26			No to extending the concrete pad, it's called a green for a reason. We need more information about this "lift" before agreeing to anything. Probably a money pit.
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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20 February 26			I agree with the most recent feedback from 2/18. It's wonderful to have a fully accessible gazebo via a lift. The original accessibility solution wouldn't have allowed for disabled residents to actually access the gazebo itself still. A lift solves this problem. I also agree that the original design had too much hardscape. I'm very much for adding some more landscaping and of course fixing the drainage issues.
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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20 February 26			Our Hudson Green must remain just that GREEN. The proposed large architectural plaza in concrete is opposite to this green space intent!!!! Replanning is needed before moving forward!!!!
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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20 February 26			I feel that we should keep the current gazebo the way it is. If it really needs repair then absolutely do it. I would not like to see more concrete. I agree with other comments. This is why it's called a green, not concrete green. I do not feel a lift is necessary. People can enjoy the gazebo by admiring it. They do not have to sit in it. I feel we need to try to keep some historical properties and there were not lifts in historical times.
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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20 February 26			The revised concept is better but not great. Still far, far, far too much concrete and hardscape. Improving drainage does NOT mean just pave it. Remove at least 90% of the proposed hardscape and concrete.
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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21 February 26			<p>The new proposal is better, but could be improved by two things: - The concrete should be permeable, with green growing through it, making it fit in to the greenscape. - The concept states that there will be a "mechanic lift on the back of the gazebo, remove railing" The railing should not be removed but made removable. The "back" of the gazebo is, after all, the front view of anyone passing on Route 303.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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21 February 26			<p>Other than maintenance of the existing design, there is absolutely no need to modify the bandstand. The renderings show a new roof as well, with a change in pitch. I was a Hudson resident from 1986-2008. I recorded Hudson Summer Music Festival concerts from 2007-2010 and the structure functioned as designed. If you absolutely must add a wheelchair lift, fine. I remember the destruction of sandstone to put in a cheap-looking veterans memorial at the cemetery. I worry this is going to be a repeat of that. On a minor note, I also think the city should refer to the structure as the bandstand, as the original architect did.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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23 February 26			<p>Hi! For clarification, the existing structure in the updated design has no changes except a proposed ADA lift on the south side. The pitch of the roof is not changing or being altered in any way. Thank you!</p>
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23 February 26			<p>Hi! As it is presented in the updated rendering, there will be no changes to the current gazebo outside of needed repairs and maintenance with the exception of the ADA lift proposal. This project is not a tear down and rebuild. Thank you!</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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23 February 26			<p>Hi, the lift we are exploring would not require a key, so it could be used at any time. The intention would be to install a lift soon after the repairs and maintenance are completed.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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23 February 26			<p>Hi, thank you for your feedback! The lift option we are exploring would not require a key. Additionally, we plan to install a button next to it that would direct connect to dispatch. Please send me an email (jstasik@hudson.oh.us) if you have any other thoughts or ideas on accessibility options we should research.</p>
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23 February 26			<p>There are not any proposed changes to the seating inside the gazebo - sorry for the confusion!</p>
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23 February 26			Please consider accessibility for the entire area in your plans. Thank you.
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24 February 26			I think the new gazebo design is vastly improved. Several things come to mind, however, when I view the site plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why the asymmetrical design on the hardscape? Symmetry is preferred in this case! • The vast expanse of cement that currently exists and that is being proposed is unattractive. Why not introduce turf joints to break up the monotony? Doing so would have the added benefit of being more ecofriendly and more aesthetically pleasing. • All the sidewalks through both the north and south Village Green are randomly placed. I believe more thought should be given (long term) to their location. • Formal landscape design creates a sense of order, balance, and elegance. Could the COH develop a master site plan that introduces formal landscape elements?
Concerned			
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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24 February 26			Seeing the recently added overhead sketch with the enlarged concrete pad superimposed on the Green it is far, far too big. Do we really need all that concrete once the new under-drains are installed? If so could we swap out some clay soil for something sandy enough that the grass could drain sufficiently to survive an hour or two of concert crowd? If not, why not substitute a product like Turfstone for much of the concrete "pad" to retain more green on the historic Green?
Echo			
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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26 February 26			Hi, as a caregiver (13 years) for someone in a wheelchair, I am not in agreement with a lift. I don't know what the cost of a lift is, but they do require ongoing maintenance, and I would be concerned about how it would hold up to the harsh winter weather of NE Ohio. I know of a restaurant that had a lift and finally removed it and built a permanent ramp for access. I believe a ramp with some greenery to screen it would be a better option. Also, has there been any consideration to purchasing an aluminum ramp that could be stored onsite and easily be deployed when needed? I'm sure there will be detractors who will shoot holes in this idea, but I personally feel the lift is not a great solution.
ohrhody			
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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26 February 26			My comments looking the rendering <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Too much concrete. We are on the Green of Hudson. We are a quaint town with historical values. Not a new development that uses concrete everywhere. It looks like I would be going to a fortress not a gazebo that has a garden look. 2. Am glad to hear the wood seating will remain 3. The addition of a lift would reduce the site lines of the simplicity of the Gazebo structure. I understand the ADA compliance but this is an outdoor structure so does this apply? 4. Moving the electrical to the south or east side would present a better viewing for watching concerts and photos that take place
Lschmidt			
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27 February 26			<p>As I noted early on, I was waiting with hope/expectation to see more details come from the submittal to AHBR for discussion. As of the Let's Talk deadline, this week's AHBR video is not up on the "watch" page (and, further, the agenda is gone during the wait to repost.) AHBR doesn't stream live, not even this particular week. /// //// I'm stymied. //// // // So, I guess my key takeaway without further background is that I'm in all four groups to some extent. The most important to me is Historic Preservation. I'd like very much to see accessibility (I have mobility issues), but NOT SEEING DETAILED INFO, I'd regretfully bypass that, even for my own needs, to serve preservation. I love conservation & mp; greenspace, so I still have a concern about the Plaza aspect--which, again, not seeing a discussion, I'm not sure is being addressed. I do appreciate the events downtown and support them, but since the bandstand is a bicentennial commemoration, the history is my touchstone until given a full "pitch." /// //// I appreciate at least that the fourth drawing looks much better in concept than anything from the first three...still hoping to see the maintenance done, concrete the same size, history kept.</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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27 February 26			<p>*accessibility, presumably by the proposed retractable stair lift. That was the last proposal as of Council and, indeed, ramps were taken out of play specifically by their timeline discussion. (Which was streamed and impacted discourse here.)</p>
AGREES	DISAGREES	REPLIES	
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28 February 26			<p>Appreciate the efforts in both the original design and willingness to change based on feedback. I just want to emphasize, as a citizen of Hudson and disability professional, that accessibility is not optional, and the ADA should be considered a bare-minimum floor or standard. Of course older, historical structures built before ADA standards are grandfathered in, but any update/upgrade to any parks, public spaces and of course the Gazebos needs to include attention to accessibility, not just to make it legal but to ensure that all residents can access. Therefore "just doing the bare minimum repairs" as many have suggested is not an option! And although not broken down in detail, I would think that the ramp (much preferred, as others have noted) or lift does account for a high percentage of the overall cost of all the other proposed changes.</p>
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