

GARFIELD PARK PAGODA

Garfield Park's 19th century picnic shelter, affectionately referred to as "The Pagoda," originally housed the superintendent's office, a storage room and public restrooms in a lower level. Subsequent renovations removed the restrooms and superintendent's office and left the sole function of being a park shelter.

The strong Asian design influence of the weighty roof design is juxtaposed against the wrought iron filigree of the structural steel guard rail and frieze, as well as the heavily textured image of the rustic and cut stones. The result is a peaceful image of an architectural folly set within the context of a provincial park character; the perfect respite from the realities of 19th century urban life for the hundreds of neighboring immigrant workers and families.

Completed in 1995, the renovation consisted of masonry tuckpointing, replacing concrete floor, painting of the ornamental and structural metals, roof repairs and ADA compliance upgrades.

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