

Landmarks Preservation Board

Nomination Form

NAME (present) OLD FIRE STATION # 33(historic) FIRE STATION # 33ADDRESS 62ND AVE. S. & S. PRENTICE ST.

NOMINATION AS:

- ☒ Building
☐ Site
☐ Structure
☐ District
☐ Object

NOMINATED UNDER CRITERIA (ORDINANCE 102229)

☒ (1) has significant character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or Nation; or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past; or

☐ (2) is the site of an historic event with a significant effect upon society; or

☐ (3) exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community; or

☒ (4) portrays the environment in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style; or

☒ (5) embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type or engineering specimen; or

☐ (6) is the work of a designer whose individual work has significantly influenced the development of Seattle; or

☒ (7) contains elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation; or

☐ (8) by being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif; or

☒ (9) owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or city; or

☐ (10) has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

NOMINEE Jim Stevensonaddress 1922 E CALHOUN ST.phone EA 9-4381Reviewed [Signature]

Historic Preservation Officer

date 12/18/74NOMINATION DATE 12/18/74

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Seattle Historic Building Data Sheet

1. Name (common or present and/or historic) Old Firehouse No. 33
2. Street and Number 62nd Ave. South Block 1 Lot 9 & 10 Year Built 1914
near South Ryan Fern Hill Addition
3. Present Owner City of Seattle Present Use Vacant
4. Interim Owner(s) _____ Interim Use(s) _____
5. Original Owner City of Seattle Original Use Firehouse
6. Architect D. R. Huntington Builder _____
7. Assessed Value: Building _____ Land _____ Assessors File No. _____

8. Classification:
- | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied | Open to Public: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | in progress | Hours _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened by | |
| | | demolition | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |

9. Neighborhood Information:

A. Compatibility With Neighborhood

Structure Yes X No _____

Use Yes _____ No _____

B. Importance to Neighborhood

Great X

Moderate _____

Minor _____

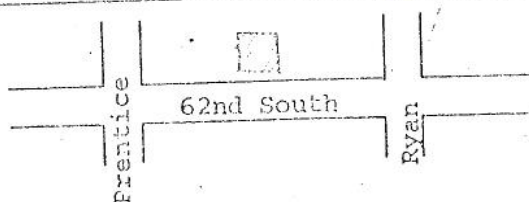
C. Architecturally Strong Neighborhood

Comments Mixed periods,generally older neighborhood,residential

10. Special Research Sources (Be Specific, list name or item and where found)

"Seattle Firehouses" by Jim Stevenson, 1972

11. Cross Street Reference



12. Photos Attached & Photographer

Drawing by Jim Stevenson

13. Physical Description

A. Style of Architecture

Modified Tudor

B. Construction Material

Wood frame

C. No. of Stories

2½

D. Condition

Excellent _____
 Good X _____
 Fair _____
 Poor _____

E. Exterior Deterioration of Original Design

None or little X _____
 Moderate amount _____
 Considerable _____

F. Architectural worth at Example of Its Style

Exceptional _____
 Excellent X _____
 Good _____
 Fair _____
 Poor _____

G. Notable Features: (Be specific, i.e., detailing, craftsmanship, proportions, materials, colors, interior, etc. Refer to Guidelines of Landmarks Preservation Board).

Old Fire Station No. 33 built in 1914 is one of a series of stations designed by city architect D. R. Huntington. This was a period of transition from horse-drawn to motor equipment. Firehouse No. 33 was designed to accommodate horses, which it did until 1924. It is unusual in that it is one of two designed for horse-drawn equipment having only one equipment bay. The small wood frame building was a design of modified tudor style to blend into the residential neighborhood within which it was located. The hose tower was sunk into the ground rather than extended above the roof line. Wood shingles cover the exterior of the 2½ storey except for below the eaves at the ends of the steeply pitched gable roof, which is finished in vertical half timbers and stucco. Basement windows of the first and second floor and dormer were originally multipaned although some have been replaced with a single sheet of glass. Below the second floor windows of the front were window boxes held by wooden brackets. The boxes have since been removed but the brackets remain. A manure bin alongside the building still remains as well as the forage loft lookout (a beam used to attach the block and tackle for lifting hay to the loft).

The interior remains much its original condition. The apparatus floor (where the firewagon was kept) is sloped forward to reduce the starting jolt to the horses caused by the weight of the apparatus. The forage loft remains unfinished, never sealed with plaster and wainscoting (decorative wood paneling along the lower half of interior walls) as are the living quarters.

14. Significance

A. Major Significance

- ☐ Historical
- ☒ Architectural
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Cultural
- ☐ Geographical
- ☐ Archaeological

B. Level of Significance

- ☐ National
- ☐ State
- ☒ Community

C. Statement of Significance (Be specific, history, personages, events, etc.)

Numbers apply to Landmarks Ordinance criteria Section 6. Numbers not listed do not significantly apply to subject property.

Section 6

(1) Old Fire Station No. 33, built in 1914, is one of a series of stations designed by city architect D. R. Huntington. It was built to accommodate horses, although by this time the Fire Department had begun to convert to the more modern motor equipment. It is the last of two that were built for horses and had only one equipment bay. The horse-drawn equipment of this station was not replaced until 1924. Because of this and the fact that it was a small station it had only one equipment bay. The firehouse still contains its original configuration. The sloping apparatus floor, hay loft, and residential quarters remain in much of their original condition.

Section 6

(5) Particularly noteworthy for the design of Firehouse No. 33 is the carefull attention to the residential quality of the building. The style and choice of materials were carefully done to be compatible with houses in the neighborhood. This is exemplified by the choice of sinking a shaft into the ground in which to hang the hoses vertically to dry, which was a function usually accommodated by an adjacent tower. This practice of mimicking residential architecture was carried out in a handful of small stations probably carried to its fullest use in the design of the Old Firehouse No. 34 built in Madison Park that same year and demolished in 1971. Firehouse No. 33 remains as a fine example of this effort.

Surveyor Signature



Date

13 March 1975

Reviewed:

Historic Preservation Officer

Date