

City Facilities Study RFP Addendum No. 1 Attachment A

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

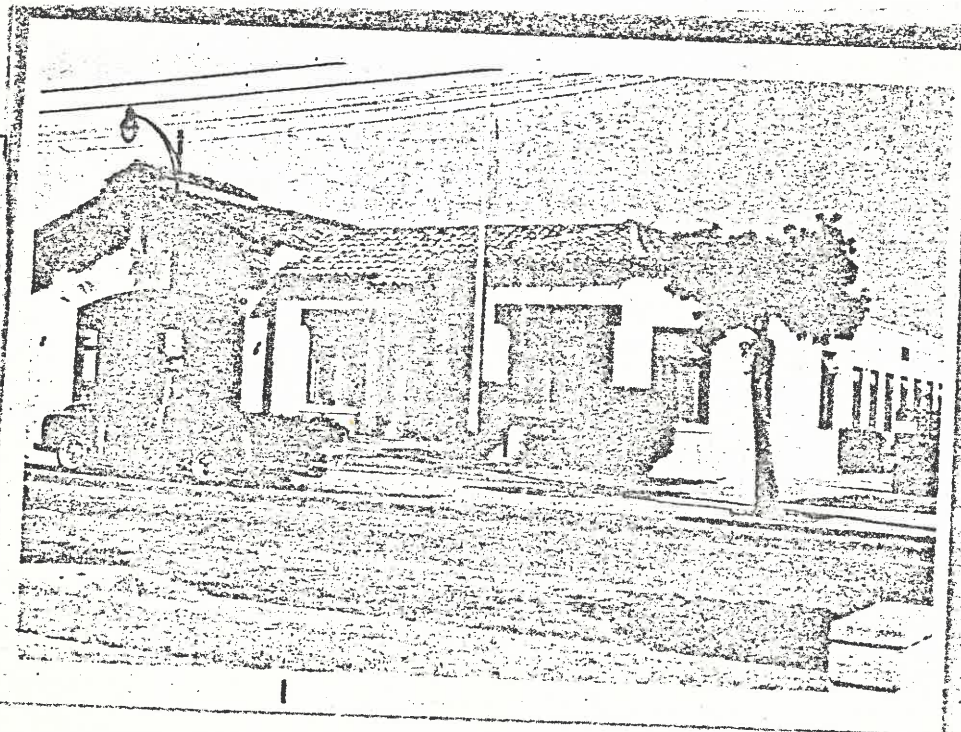
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: City of Alameda Fire Station
2. Historic name: same
3. Street or rural address: 635 Pacific Avenue
 City Alameda Zip 94501 County Alameda
4. Parcel number: 074 0431 006 00
5. Present Owner: City of Alameda Address: _____
 City Alameda Zip 94501 Ownership is: Public Private _____
6. Present Use: Fire Station Original use: Fire station

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Spanish Colonial Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This is a one-story wood-frame stucco-sheathed Spanish Colonial Revival fire station, with T-shaped plan, capped with combination hipped and gabled bed-tile roof. The front elevation contains the visual interest: the garage on the left surmounted by gable with large decorative brackets has striking scalloped entry and double wood doors; this is balanced by projecting small hipped-roofed wing to the right. Both of these frame the entry. Windows are metal-sash casement, and surmounted by stout wooden lintels. A flag-pole is in front of the building.



Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1928

9. Architect Carl Werner

10. Builder Geo. Swanstrom

Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 210 Depth 145
or approx. acreage _____

Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Dec. 1979

13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: None
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up _____
Residential _____ Industrial _____ Commercial _____ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: Flagpole

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This is one of three fire stations designed by Carl Werner for the City of Alameda in the 1920's. Carl Werner, more than any other local architect, changed the face of 20th-century Alameda. He was very nearly the "official" city architect in the 1920's. Like Meyers, he was a successful regional architect with his offices in San Francisco and home in Alameda. He was a professionally trained architect who studied at M.I.T. Werner moved to Alameda in 1908, the year he built the superb house for himself in the English Arts-and-Crafts mode, at 1303 Bay Street. The following year his firm (O'Brien and Werner) designed the Lum House at 1200 San Antonio Avenue. Werner's impact on Alameda was primarily in his civic buildings. The First Church of Christ, Scientist (1921) is a neo-classical gem that became a cameo study for the Alameda High School of 1926. The buildings reinforce each other along Central Avenue to create a strong urban design. The City Health Center (1923) at 2226 Santa Clara Avenue; the three fire stations at 3014 Jackson (1926), 635 Pacific (1927) and 1703 Grand (1929); and the Bureau of Electricity Building (1928) at 2440 Santa Clara, all employ the stucco-and-tile imagery Alameda was the West End Branch Library (1935) at 8th and Santa Clara.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Building permit

22. Date form prepared June 1980
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