

Landmarks Preservation Board

Nomination Form

NAME (present) PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE(historic) Old FIRE STATION #3ADDRESS 301 TERRY AVE.

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 EA9-4381Reviewed [Signature]

Historic Preservation Officer

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

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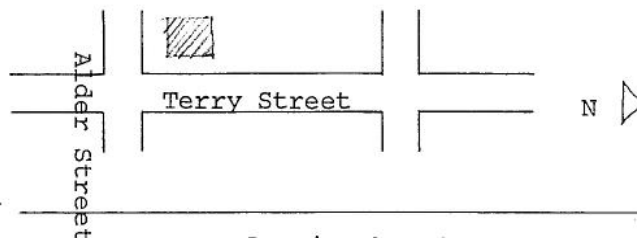
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Seattle Historic Building Data Sheet

1. Name (common or present and/or historic) Old Fire Station No. 3
2. Street and Number 301 Terry Avenue Block _____ Lot _____ Year Built 1903
3. Present Owner City of Seattle Present Use Park maintenance shop
4. Interim Owner(s) City of Seattle Interim Use(s) _____
5. Original Owner City of Seattle Original Use Fire Station
6. Architect _____ Builder _____
7. Assessed Value: Building _____ Land _____ Assessors File No. _____
8. Classification:
- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied | Open to Public:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No
Hours <u>Upon request</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work
in progress | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened by
demolition | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
9. Neighborhood Information:
- A. Compatibility With Neighborhood
- Structure Yes _____ No X
- Use Yes _____ No X
- B. Importance to Neighborhood
- Great _____
- Moderate _____
- Minor _____
- C. Architecturally Strong Neighborhood
- Comments The neighborhood, originally residential, has been much disrupted by recent development of Harborview Hospital, nearby clinics and apartment houses.
10. Special Research Sources (Be Specific, list name or item and where found)
- National Register Nomination Form
- "Seattle Firehouses" by Jim Stevenson

11. Cross Street Reference



12. Photos Attached & Photographer

Drawing by Jim Stevenson

13. Physical Description

A. Style of Architecture
Residential - Tudor Style

B. Construction Material

Ground Floor brick
Upper Floor - wood frame

C. No. of Stories

D. Condition

Excellent _____
Good X _____
Fair _____
Poor _____

E. Exterior Deseccration of
Original Design

None or little X _____
Moderate amount _____
Considerable _____

Note: Hose drying tower removed.

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 Firehouse No. 3 sited on the northeast corner of the intersection of Terry Avenue and Alder Street, was set back from the street with a well landscaped yard in an effort to make the building more compatible with the then residential neighborhood on First Hill. The building itself is of Tudor style architecture, most probably again to be compatible with the large homes of the original neighborhood. The ground floor, of the two-storey structure, is faced in purple and buff brick of common bond. All the original doors remain in operable condition except for the removal of the opening springs. The upper floor and attic are faced to mimic half timber and stucco construction, with pairs of double hung windows having a single pane on the lower half and multiple panes on the upper half. The rear of the building retains the hayloft hatch and beam used to hoist hay to the loft. Especially noteworthy is the wood detailing of the second floor and intricate brackets under the eaves.

The interior of the firehouse contains much of the original equipment used when the building served as a horse-drawn firehouse. The brick floor still contains the steel rails used to park the apparatus. The holes in the ceiling remain visible, although firemen's poles have been removed and the openings patched from above. In the rear of the building the hayloft can still be recognized as well as the stall doors and the horse stables. Many smaller items of this era can also be found upon closer inspection.

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.

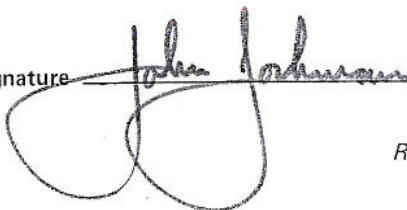
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(1) Old Fire Station No. 3 is Seattle's oldest remaining firehouse. The station, built in 1903 and abandoned as a firehouse 18 years later, housed Engine Hose Company 3, and until 1913 the Ladder Company 3. The station never had motor equipment. The firehouse remains as a reminder of an era of only horse-drawn apparatus. The hay loft in the rear still has its loft door and hoist beam used to lift the bales of hay from the alley to the loft above. Below, the original stables and horse stalls remain, many still covered with sheet metal to protect the wood from gnawing horses. The apparatus room where the fire wagons were kept still has its original brick floor complete with steel rails which gave the wagons a faster start and aided the fireman in backing the wagons back into the firehouse. The large wagon doors, much larger than those of later firehouses designed later, after the introduction of motor equipment, remain in much of their original condition. Upon closer inspection, many smaller items can be found, all reminders of an era past, of firewagons, clanging bells and charging horses.

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(5) The exterior of the firehouse is designed in what might be called "tudor style." This is understandable since when the station was built in 1903, the neighborhood was largely residential, comprised of many of the finest large homes in Seattle. Tudor style architecture is generally associated with residential construction rather than commercial and so this was the choice for the design of Old Firehouse No. 3, which would be more appropriate for the neighborhood. The choice of this style, together with the building being set back from the street and landscaped surrounding lawn, created a design that was compatible with the neighborhood.

Surveyor Signature



Date

18 March 1975

Reviewed:

Historic Preservation Officer

Date