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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property Park Apartments (use for publication)

historic name Park Apartments

other names/site number _____

Wartime Emergency Housing In Bridgeport, 1916 - 1920 (Multiple Property Form)

2. Location

street & number 59 Rennell Street not for publication N/A

city, town Bridgeport vicinity

state Connecticut code CT county Fairfield code 001 zip code 06605

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Wartime Emergency Housing In Bridgeport
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

John W. Shanahan 8/9/90
Signature of certifying official John W. Shanahan, State Historic Preservation Officer Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) _____

Beth L. Savage 9-26-90
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/multiple dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals:

Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

roof roll asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located at the southeast corner of Atlantic and Rennell Streets, the Park Apartments are situated in the southwest section of Bridgeport in a residential community near the University of Bridgeport.

This brick apartment building rises four stories above a high basement in a modified "H" plan terminated with a plain brick parapet and a flat roof. Paired, cast-stone band courses separate the first and second floors; a single, deeply molded, double ogee cast-stone band course tops the third floor; and a projecting, molded cast-stone cornice caps the windows of the fourth floor. Throughout the restrained Neo-Federal Revival facade (Photograph 1), 6/6 windows are topped by stepped stone lintels and rest on simple cast-stone sills. On the facade elevation at the second floor, brick blind arches surround the center window in each section of the facades. The central section of the main facade is recessed, and the blind arched elements are flanked at the upper three stories by triple windows articulated as 6/6 sash flanked by narrow 2/2 sash. The elegant entry treatment consists of an open-bed pedimented portico supported by Ionic columns with entasis. The Federal Revival entry is topped by a fanlit transom supported by narrow, half-height sidelights that are, in turn, flanked by Ionic pilasters. The building is surfaced in sandstruck red brick, laid in five-course American bond with raked joints. The side elevations (Photograph 2) are articulated in the same manor as the facade, but the fire escapes open onto 15 light doors with stepped, cast-stone lintels.

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The Park Apartments is owned by The Bridgeport Mutual Management Corporation
240 Fairfield Avenue, Suite 309
Bridgeport, CT 06604

The Park Apartments consists of less than 50 buildings

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development
Architecture
Social History

Period of Significance

1916 - 1920

Significant Dates

1916 - 1920

Cultural Affiliation

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Herbert Lucas

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Park Apartments building is significant as the first development of the Bridgeport Housing Company and the first attempt at providing publicly subsidized housing for the workers of war-related industries. It is a strong visual reminder of its association with Bridgeport's most intense period of growth -- the boom years of World War I. The work of local architect Herbert Lucas, it is probably the earliest example of a large-scale apartment house erected in Bridgeport.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form
(Wartime Emergency Housing in Bridgeport, 1916 - 1928)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
 has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings
 Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering
 Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Bridgeport City Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See Figure #1 (Map)

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Boundary Justification

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The Park Apartments

Boundary Justification

The Park Apartments is located within a clearly defined parcel in Bridgeport outlined by the boundaries of the original land purchased by the the Bridgeport Housing Corporation in 1916. Distinctive architectural features, including overall building design and brick and cast-stone construction, identify the buildings associated with the Bridgeport Housing Corporation development. The building is bordered by nineteenth and twentieth-century residential and commercial construction.

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Park Apartments Photos

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Bridgeport, Connecticut
Park Apartments
59 Rennel Street, facade looking north West
Photograph # 1

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MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM WARTIME EMERGENCY HOUSING IN BRIDGEPORT, 1916 - 1920
Bridgeport, Connecticut
Park Apartments
59 Rennel Street, side and rear elevation, looking southeast
Photograph # 2

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Figure #1
Park Apartments
Photo Key and Boundary Map

