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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic WOMAN'S CLUB OF REDONDO BEACH

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 400 South Broadway n/a not for publication

city, town Redondo Beach n/a vicinity of

state California code 06 county Los Angeles code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Clubhouse
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

4. Owner of Property

name WOMAN'S CLUB OF REDONDO BEACH

street & number 400 South Broadway

city, town Redondo Beach n/a vicinity of state California, 90277

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. City Hall
City of Redondo Beach

street & number 415 Diamond Street

city, town Redondo Beach state California, 90277

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title To the best of our knowledge, the
Woman's Club is not listed in any has this property been determined eligible? yes no
local or other existing surveys.

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>n/a</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Redondo Beach Woman's Club is a single-story wood frame building of irregular height and massing. The brown-painted redwood board and batten building is located on a corner lot in the older central section of the community. Built in 1922, it has changed very little since its original construction.

Situated on a corner lot, the Woman's Club has retained its original appearance. Roughly rectangular in shape, the redwood building (interior and exterior) follows the vernacular bungalow tradition in design. The exterior is of board and batten, painted the original chocolate color. Its dimensions are approximately thirty-five feet wide and ninety-nine feet long, plus an entry eight by thirteen feet, and a porch at the rear five by ten feet. The medium gable roof extends the length of the building, with three side gables: one over the entry, one over the second story space above the stage, and one over the rear of the building. Across the facade there are four pairs of French windows, each pair topped by a six-light transom in which the glass has been replaced with wood. On each side of the auditorium four large windows consisting of two sashes topped with six-light transoms repeat those of the facade. Three high side windows to the rear consist solely of six-light transoms. The marble cornerstone set into the foundation reads "Womans Club of Redondo Beach 1922". The double door entry is sheltered by glass panels on the street side.

Inside the large beamed and raftered auditorium a wooden proscenium arch, painted with a stenciled pattern, outlines the stage. The walls are paneled with natural redwood curved boards which overlap vertically. The flooring is hardwood.

Alterations to the original fabric of the structure include repairs to the foundation and kitchen and restroom fixtures. A porch was added to the rear circa 1951. The structural integrity of the original exterior is not affected by the porch; it could be dismantled without adverse effects to the building.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1922 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Woman's Club is significant to the area for its continuous association with the development and welfare of the Redondo Beach community, from its construction in 1922 to the present. Its central site was selected for its convenience for all the residents. This redwood board and batten structure is an excellent example of the vernacular bungalow tradition once popular in Southern California coastal communities and is one of the few remaining historic structures in the original Redondo Beach townsite. Although the early emphasis of the city as a seaside resort expanded, after many years, to include a focus on condominium developments and King Harbor, the Woman's Club has remained continuously without interruption as a club for women, which still serves its original purposes: philanthropy, civic and educational betterment.

The club, the only women's club in the area, was formed in 1908 by an open invitation through a local newspaper, inviting interested women to a meeting. By 1921, the Woman's Club was described as "one of the most active factors in the development of the city's resources, taking part in every issue...for civic betterment", and the proposed building was hailed as a milestone, not only for the club but in the history of Redondo Beach.¹

One block to the west was the center of the popular resort attractions of the 1920s, the luxurious Hotel Redondo, with its magnificent grounds. There were the shoreline attractions of a salt water plunge and a dancing pavilion. Visitors arrived daily at the nearby station of the Los Angeles and Redondo Railway.

Cultural events, recitals, and speakers such as Charles Lummis enhanced the lives of the local residents from the stage in the clubhouse. It was the center for enlisting civic support for parks, funds for scholarships and crises, wartime efforts, and community leadership. The history of the Woman's Club parallels the history of Redondo Beach.

The design of the building reflects the beach community character of Redondo Beach during its early years. Using redwood board and batten construction, the building expresses the vernacular bungalow tradition once popular in Southern California's coastal areas. This building is one of the largest expressions of its type and period remaining in the South Beach communities. At present, few original structures remain in the downtown area of Redondo Beach, due to clearance for urban renewal and the construction of King Harbor, condominiums, and apartments. The Woman's Club remains as an important survivor of its architectural type and is unique in its continuous existence for the promotion of welfare of the community.

¹Redondo Reflex, Volume XVII, Number 10, September 16, 1921.

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property .123

Quadrangle name Redondo Beach

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Building occupies its historic parcel. The nominated property occupies city lot 24, block 166, parcel number 17, and is roughly 50' x 150'.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county n/a code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization n/a date May 31, 1983

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city or town Manhattan Beach state California, 90266

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Marian Mitchell Wilson 3/6/84

title State Historic Preservation Officer (Deputy) date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 4/19/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Chief of Registration

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