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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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

historic name Fire Station #11
other names/site number Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

2. Location

street & number 1250 - 13th Street North not for publication
city, town Birmingham vicinity
state Alabama code AL county Jefferson code 073 zip code 35203

3. Classification

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Fire Stations of Birmingham, Alabama, 1906-1929 Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register NA

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.
Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 9-13-90
Alabama Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Office)
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:) _____
[Signature] 10/25/90
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social/Civic

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Commercial Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Brick

roof Tin
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Fire Station #11 is a small one-story commercial style brick masonry building with a flat roof. The main elevation features a one-bay garage opening, a central pedestrian entrance and a bay of windows. The utilitarian building is decorated with a brick belt course running along the roof line above the office area of the building. Two triangular stone insets are located at the roof line to frame the front facade. There is an original awning located above the garage opening.

INTEGRITY:

Fire Station #11 has experienced several insensitive modernizations which include partially closing in and removing the original garage door, and inserting modern aluminum framed windows and doors. The interior has had sheetrock placed on the walls and ceiling, vinyl tile floor covering.

Despite these alterations, Fire Station #11 still retains its integrity as an early twentieth-century plain utilitarian fire station. Although the garage opening has been enclosed, it still reads as a garage door. The original interior spaces also remain intact.

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1910

Significant Dates

c. 1910

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

CRITERION C: ARCHITECTURE

Fire Station #11 is locally architecturally significant as one of two one-story pre-1920 utilitarian commercial style historic fire stations remaining in Birmingham. Built in c. 1910, Fire Station #11 was built as a single-use station in the brick, urban commercial style rather than the suburban tone of the pre-1920s fire house construction. The fire station is located next to an alley, which is typical of the property type. Although this property has experienced several modern alterations, the building is significant as the only remaining early commercial fire station type located in an early twentieth-century working-class Birmingham neighborhood.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1/16 acre

UTM References

A 16 516410 3709320
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

P O B 205S Ft. N. of the nNW Intersection of 12th Ave. North and 13th St. North, then North 755 ft. then NW 184s Ft. then South 87s ft. then East 190s Ft. to P O B.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

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city or town Birmingham state Alabama zip code 35205

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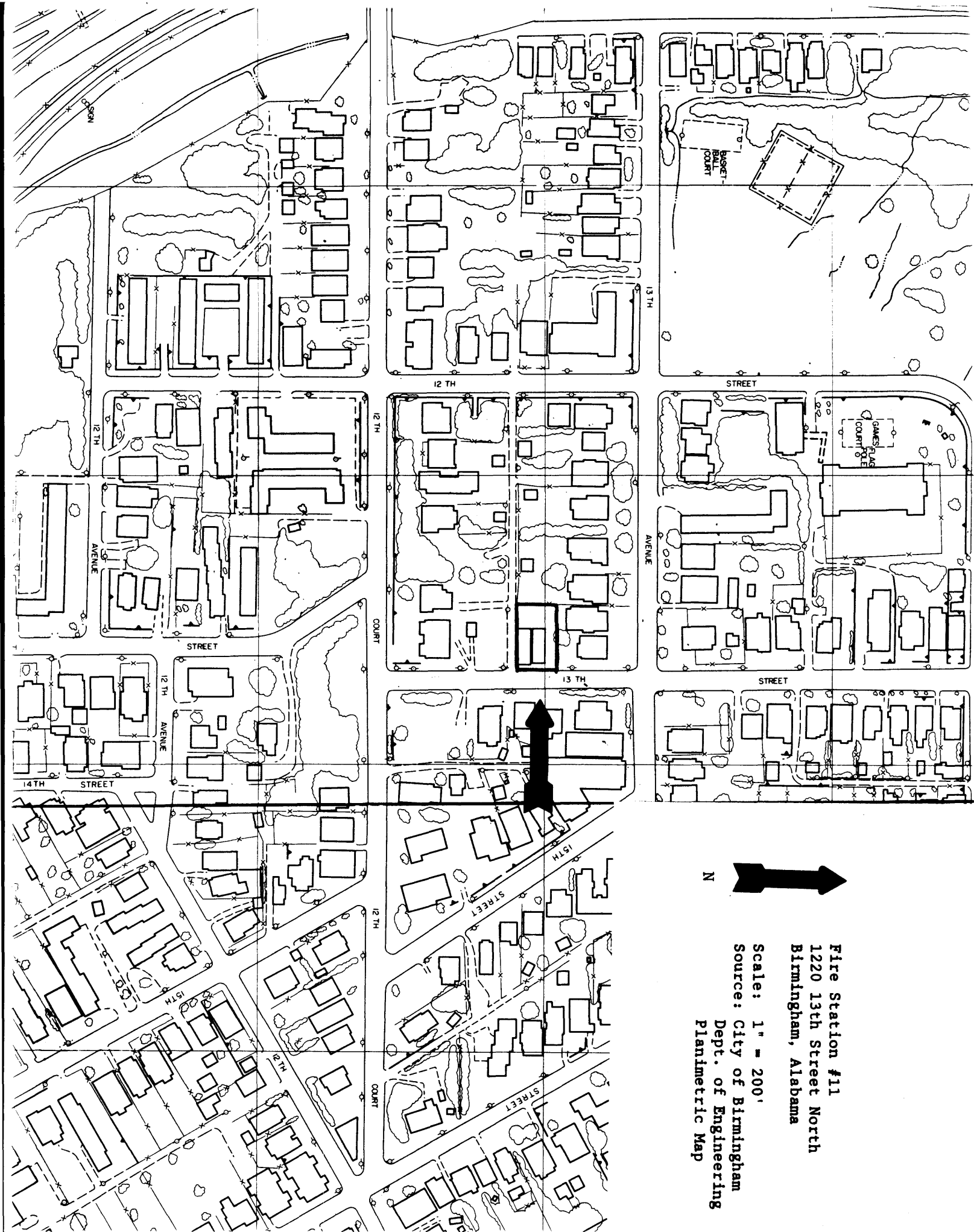
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Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
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Birmingham-P. King
View of exterior facing NW.
#1.
2. Fire Station #11
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
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Birmingham - P. King
View of 1st floor interior facing East.
#2.
3. Fire Station #11
Birmingham, Alabama
Pamela King
3/90
Birmingham - P. King
View of downstairs original residential area facing NE.
#3.



Fire Station #11
 1220 13th Street North
 Birmingham, Alabama

Scale: 1" = 200'
 Source: City of Birmingham
 Dept. of Engineering
 Planimetric Map