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HISTORICAL NAME: District 6 Schoolhouse

COMMON NAME: Girl Scout House

LOCATION: 347 Willett Avenue

OWNER City of East Providence
City Hall
Taunton Avenue
East Providence, R.I. 02904

DESCRIPTION:

The District 6 Schoolhouse, more commonly known today as the Riverside Girl Scout House, is located on a small, grassy lot in a suburban neighborhood of nineteenth- and twentieth-century dwellings. Built between 1864 and 1874, it is a one-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed, rectangular frame structure on a stone foundation, oriented narrow end to street. The main (east) facade contains two doorways with gabled hoods supported by gently curved braces and a double-arched window in the gable above. Each side has three very large six-over-six double-hung windows with shallow, gabled, bracketed hoods. Exterior walls are sheathed with clapboards. The interior has been totally altered for contemporary use as a meeting hall and is of no historical or architectural interest.

DATE: between 1864 and 1874

SIGNIFICANCE:

The District 6 Schoolhouse is architecturally and historically significant. It is the earliest school building in East Providence to survive in recognizable form and is the only extant local example of a once-common structural type: the double-entry one-room schoolhouse. It is also an important artifact reflecting the expansion and development of civic institutions--in this case public education--to meet the needs of a growing community with an increasing population.

ACREAGE: less than one acre

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Assessor's Plat 60, Lot 288

UTM: 19: 304240: 4627050

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local