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1. Name

Auditorium & Recreation Building

2. Location

street & number: 1900 North White Sands Blvd., NMSVH
city, town: Alamogordo **state:** New Mexico **code:** NM
county: Otero **code:** 035

3. Classification

Category: Building
Ownership: Public
Status: Occupied
Present Use: Auditorium & recreation

4. Owner of Property

name Regents of the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped
street & number: 1900 North White Sands Blvd.
city, town: Alamogordo **state:** New Mexico

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, etc.: Otero County Courthouse
street & number: Corner of 10th and New York
city, town: Alamogordo **state:** New Mexico

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Not applicable.

7. Description

Condition: Excellent

Description: The Auditorium and Recreation Building is a one and one-half-story Decorative Brick style building with a hipped roof of asphalt shingles and soffitted wood overhang with decorative brackets. Windows are metal casement with fan lites. Ground floor windows have continuous concrete sill. West entry has doric wood columns. Side entrances have bracketed hoods with French tile over a shallow relief arch in brick with concrete key stone. Building corners have brick quoins with similar features at the window jambs. The building is "T" shaped. The building was renovated in 1980.

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8. Significance

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Date: 1930

Builder/Architect: George Williamson, Inc., Architects

Statement of Significance, Criterion C: The Auditorium and Recreation Building is one of three buildings on the campus of the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped built in the Decorative Brick Style between 1930 and 1938. As used on this campus the style is closely related to the Mediterranean-style designs of Trost and Trost exemplified by the nominated Administration building, and represents Williamson's interpretation of the pattern established for the campus by Trost, an interpretation which was followed in subsequent buildings. The architect, George, H. Williamson, also designed campus buildings at NMIMT, where he established the use of the California Mission Revival style, as well as at NMSD, and UNM. None of his buildings for these other schools were in the Decorative Brick style which is not found on any of the state-supported New Mexico campuses.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Section 8, p. 69A.

10. Geographic Data

Acreage: 0.14 acre

Quadrangle name & scale: Alamogordo North Quadrangle; 1:24,000

UTM References:

| Zone | Easting | Northing |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 13 | 410375 | 3641925 |

Verbal boundary description and justification: On the lands of the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped from the corner of White Sands Blvd. and Indian Wells Rd. proceed south 250 feet; turn east and proceed 340 feet following the road that goes into the campus; turn SE and proceed 80 feet to the NW corner of the Auditorium and Recreation Building. Using the NW corner of the building as the point of beginning turn south and proceed 40 feet to the SW corner of the building; turn east and proceed 100 feet to the SE corner of the building; turn north and proceed 60 feet to the NE corner of the building; turn west and proceed 100 feet to the point of origin (note: this verbal boundary description is not a legal filed description for the Auditorium and Recreation Building. This description is the area around the building measured and described for the Historic Register generally using a landmark as a beginning and ending point for easier reference.).

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