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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Tukwila School

AND/OR COMMON

Tukwila City Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14475 59th Avenue South

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Tukwila

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

7th - John Cunningham

STATE

Washington

CODE

COUNTY
King

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Tukwila

STREET & NUMBER

6200 Southcenter Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Tukwila

VICINITY OF

STATE

Washington

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

King County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

400 King County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

STATE

Washington

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

King County Historical Site Survey

DATE

7-18-78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

King County Planning Department

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

STATE

Washington

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building which was originally the Tukwila School and later the Tukwila City Hall faces east at 14475-59th Avenue South in a single-family residential area. A narrow bed of shrubbery surrounds the building. A play shed, built in 1920 to the west, was subsequently used as a combination fire station, police station, and maintenance shop. After the shed burned in 1970, a temporary structure was erected on its site to house the police department, and a new fire station was built to the south. An asphalt parking lot for approximately thirty-nine automobiles occupies the remainder of the 1.2 acre lot.

The former school is a one-story 27 by 60 foot frame structure with a concrete foundation. Its T-shaped plan with intersecting gable roof is dominated by a 10 by 36 foot entry block. The roof is covered with wooden shingles overlaid with asphalt and features closed cornices with returns and plain fascia. The east and north elevations of the building are sheathed in shiplap siding and are decorated with exposed framing in the gable apexes. The framing in the south gable has been removed, and the siding on that elevation has been replaced with aluminum clapboarding to protect the building from further weather damage. The gable end of the east entry block is centered with a panel of board and batten-like members which contrast with the horizontality of the siding. A shed roof with hooded pediment and supporting brackets shelters the entrance, which is framed by sidelights and transom. The school originally had double board and batten doors, one of which has been boarded over; the upper portion of the present single door is glazed. Pairs of double-hung 3 over 3 windows with joined lintels are located on each side of the entry. Vertical boards are applied to the corners of the elevations in an allusion to pilasters. Across the rear or west elevation are two banks of double-hung 6 over 6 windows; in each bank one window has been converted to a door. The upper sash in the window banks were painted over when temporary alterations lowered the ceilings inside the building. On the north elevation a small window was cut. A tall red brick chimney is located at the northwest corner, and a concrete chimney at the juncture of the roof ridges replaces a cupola which functioned as an attic ventilator. A pyramidal-roof bell tower was originally located above the entry but has been removed.

On the interior the original entrance hall has been preserved. The school restrooms were located on opposite sides of the hall, with fixtures totaling six toilets, two basins, one sink and one fountain. During the city hall occupancy, the south girls' restroom was converted to a men's restroom and a security storage room, and the north boys' restroom was divided into janitor's closet, women's restroom, and storage room. One of the two classrooms was used as the city council chambers, paneled to conceal the coat closets and the folding doors which separated the room from the adjoining classroom. The latter was divided by the city into two small offices, a receptionist area, a storage room, and a large computer room connected to an 8 by 16 foot concrete block vault constructed at the northeast corner of the building. The original finish of the interior was plaster with fir trim, the ceilings were fourteen feet high, and heating was supplied by a hot-air furnace located in a 12 by 16 foot basement furnace room with cement floor, later used for storage. After the building was occupied by the Tukwila municipal offices, the ceilings were lowered to seven feet, the wooden floors covered with carpet, the walls overlaid with gypsum board and paneling, and electric baseboard heating installed. Plans are underway by the city to return the building to its original architectural character in preparation for use as a public library.

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tukwila School has played a significant part in the lives of the citizens of Tukwila for nearly sixty years. One of the few buildings remaining in the city that has a historic background, it is also architecturally of interest for its combined references to the Stick and Classical styles. Since its construction, it has continuously been used as a center for civic activities, first as a schoolhouse and subsequently as the city hall. It has seen Tukwila evolve from a small country town characterized by farms, dirt roads, and pastures to a bustling freeway interchange and large commercial/industrial complex. Since the old rural Tukwila is gone, the school is valued locally as a tangible link to the past.

In the early 1900's, families began to settle along the Duwamish River and the Interurban Railroad. They lived on small farms, and some of the men traveled on the Interurban to their jobs in Seattle. In 1908 about one hundred of the people worked together to incorporate the Town of Tukwila, an area of approximately one square mile. Immediately following incorporation, Tukwila's citizens set about improving their town: roads were upgraded, sidewalks constructed, and local regulations adopted. The town soon expanded as people realized the benefits of living there. In 1910, as the population of Tukwila and the surrounding area began to increase, King County School District No. 144 built three two-room schoolhouses to accommodate the growing number of children. One school was built at Thorn-dyke, one at Riverton, and one at Tukwila.

The original Tukwila schoolhouse burned in 1919. In 1920 the present building, designed for thirty to forty students in grades one through six, was constructed on the same site for a cost of \$7,300. The visual impact of the otherwise simple cruciform structure is heightened by its blending of picturesque and academic stylistic influences, obvious in the vertical boarding of the facade gable and more subtle in the stickwork versions of pilasters applied to the corners of the building.

The children of the community attended Tukwila School until 1946, when they were transferred to Showalter, a facility built to replace all two-room schoolhouses in the district. On September 9, 1946, the Town of Tukwila purchased the property from School District 406; however, it was not used as the Tukwila Town Hall until June, 1947. In the fall of 1978, the municipal offices were moved to a newly constructed city hall. The former Tukwila School is currently being restored to its original appearance and after September, 1979, will become the city public library, with the surrounding lot utilized as an organized recreation area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See continuation sheet)

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	5,5	9,9	0	5,2	5,7	7,0	0
	ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING			
C								

B								
	ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING			
D								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is bounded on the east by 59th Avenue South and on the south by 147th Street.

It is located in Lots 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 11 of Hillman's Seattle Garden Tracts.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Melanie Baumgart, Secretary/Receptionist

ORGANIZATION

City of Tukwila

DATE

August 15, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

14475 59th Avenue South

TELEPHONE

(206) 242-7150

CITY OR TOWN

Tukwila

STATE

Washington

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

Jeanne M. Welch

10-8-79

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Care D. Shull

DATE

11-27-79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Kristin O. Connell

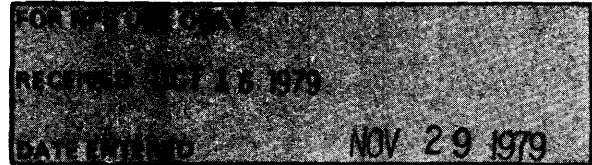
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King County Historical Site Survey, Inventory Form No. JW 95. King County Planning Department, King County Courthouse, Seattle, WA 98104. July 1978.

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INTERVIEWS:

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