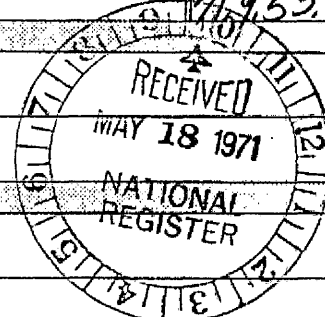


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Washington</b>	
COUNTY: <b>King</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER <b>71.953.0011</b>	DATE <b>9/10/71</b>



1. NAME  
COMMON: **Fire Station #23 No. 23**  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION  
STREET AND NUMBER: **18th and Columbia**  
CITY OR TOWN: **Seattle**  
STATE: **Washington 98122** CODE: **53** COUNTY: **King** CODE: **033**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work In progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
OWNERS NAME: **City of Seattle**  
STREET AND NUMBER: **Seattle Municipal Building**  
CITY OR TOWN: **Seattle** STATE: **Washington 98104** CODE: **53**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **King County Auditor's Office**  
STREET AND NUMBER: **County Courthouse**  
CITY OR TOWN: **Seattle** STATE: **Washington 98104** CODE: **53**  
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.25 acre**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
TITLE OF SURVEY: **Municipal Art Commission list of Historic Buildings**  
DATE OF SURVEY: **1968** Federal  State  County  Local   
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Municipal Art Commission**  
STREET AND NUMBER: **Seattle Municipal Building**  
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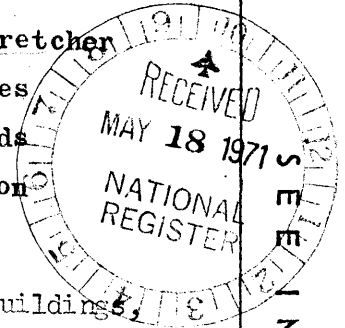
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Diminutive in comparison to the imposing flanking buildings, Fire Station #23 has a style of its own. The long side of the rectangular building faces the street; the first story is taller to allow the fire trucks to pass through the three pairs of swinging doors. The second story formerly served as a dormitory. Arches frame all the windows and doors. The red brick masonry, laid in Flemish double stretcher bond, is very attractive. The five story hose tower rises above the green tile hip roof. At present, the trim needs paint of gayer hue and the grounds around the fire station are overgrown. Lot and building need refurbishing.

To further clarify the statement concerning flanking buildings, since they do not show in the photograph, it should be mentioned that the fire station is adjacent to two large institutions. Providence Hospital, the largest medical facility in the City of Seattle, is across the next street to the south, and rises five and six stories above the small frame homes of the area. It was built at the same period, 1907 to 1909. Across Columbia Street to the north is the three story Immaculate Conception Church and parochial school, consisting of three buildings. Both hospital and church complex are brick with a central tower on the hospital and two towers on the church. The fire station also has its tower, but it is lower. The three brick structures (or groups of structures) were originally the only brick buildings in a neighborhood of frame single family dwellings. Now several other brick buildings of two and three stories have been added to the area - professional and medically oriented office complexes.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

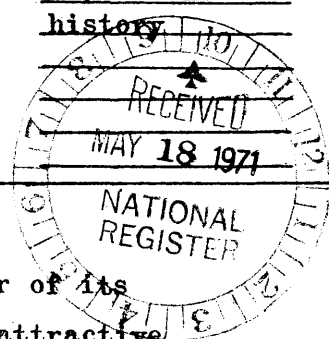
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian  16th Century  18th Century  20th Century   
 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) designed 1908

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Civic: fire</u>	
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Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>				



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Fire Station #23 still presents a reminder of its protective work among wood frame houses in an attractive residential neighborhood. Designed by Everett and Baker in 1908, the fire station was one of the earlier municipal buildings to be designed by architects. The lot and building could be developed into an excellent neighborhood recreational center.

The building was planned as early as 1906, designed and built in 1908. It was listed as in use in 1909. As stated above, it is partially significant as one of the early architect-designed structures for fire prevention - the building specifically planned for the people and equipment using it. (Art is marked above, as no place in this form was designated for architecture, and we were thus directed in these early forms to use ART). ~~(The liaison officer is mystified as to the marking by the volunteer of religion/philos. and would delete it.)~~

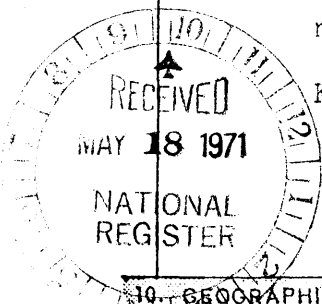
Fire station #23 is significant in the City of Seattle as one of the few reminders of the horse-drawn era of fire fighting. The structure reminds one of the large horse-drawn equipment, and yet at the same time proves that good architecture and design will make a structure contribute to a neighborhood aesthetically for many decades.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

notes by architectural committee, A.I.A., Seattle Chapter.

Kahlo, Dorothy Miller, compiler, History of the Police and Fire Departments. Seattle, Lumbermen's Printing Co., 1907.



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Mrs. Seelye Martin, Assistant**

ORGANIZATION: **Seattle Historical Society**      DATE: **18 July 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2161 E. Hamlin**

CITY OR TOWN: **Seattle**      STATE: **Washington, 98102**      CODE: **53** ~~48~~

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National     State     Local

Name: Charles H. Odegaard  
 Charles H. Odegaard  
 Title: Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Annally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

SEP 10 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: William Stanley  
 Keeper of the National Register

AUG 17 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 10-301  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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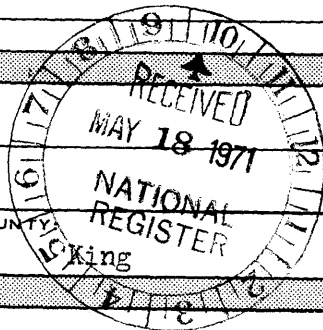
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3. MAP REFERENCE

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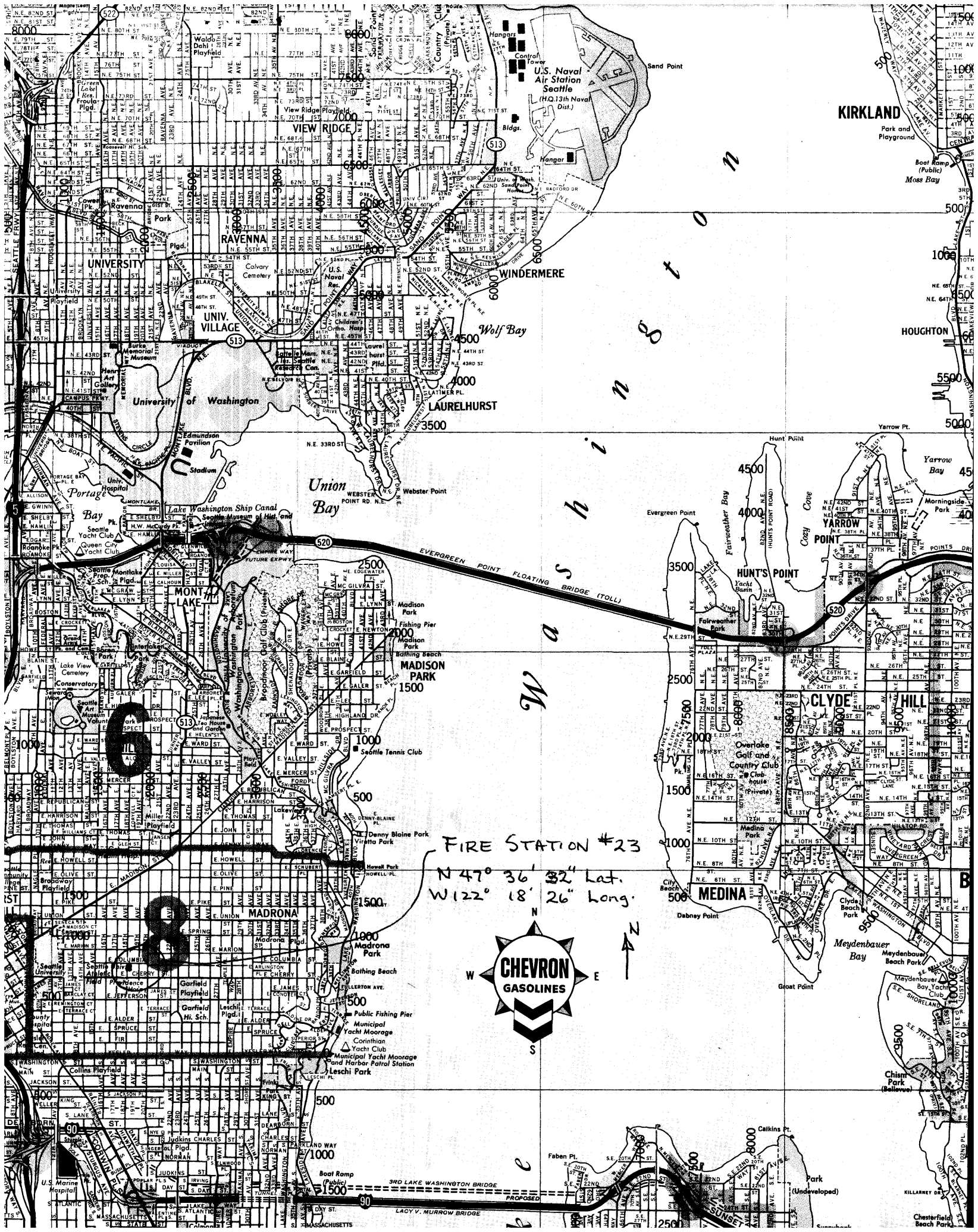
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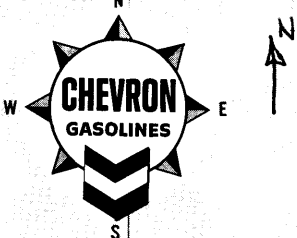
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



FIRE STATION #23  
N 47° 36' 32" Lat.  
W 122° 18' 26" Long.



KIRKLAND  
Park and  
Playground

U.S. Naval  
Air Station  
Seattle  
(H.Q. 13th Naval  
Dist.)

UNIVERSITY  
UNIV. VILLAGE

LAURELHURST

Union  
Bay

MADISON  
PARK  
1500

HUNT'S POINT

CLYDE  
HILL

MEDINA

Meydenbauer  
Bay

Chism  
Park  
(Bellevue)

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LADY V. MURROW BRIDGE

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