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☐ Continuation ☒ Update

P2. Location: 196 North Raymond Avenue

B10. Significance:

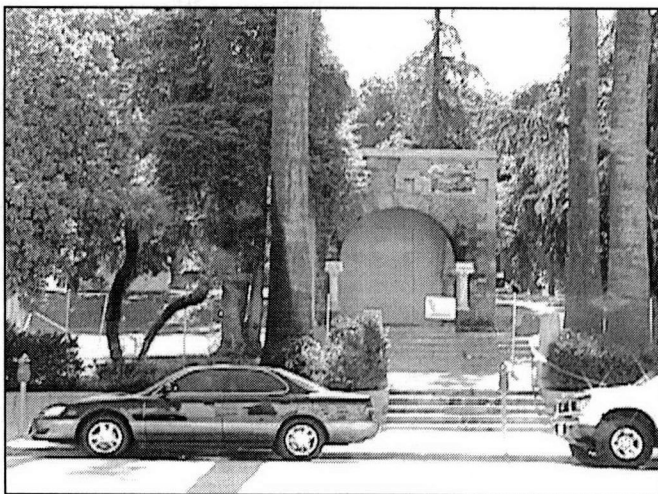
Memorial Park was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 15, 1983 as a contributor to the Civic Center Historic District.

Year of Construction:

Architect:

Builder:

P5b. Description/Date of Photo: Views toward: 1) northeast/January 2000; 2) bowl/January 2000; 3) east/May 1998



P8. Recorded by: Leslie Heumann, PCR, 233 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 130, Santa Monica, CA 90401

P9. Date Recorded: August 30, 2000

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary # _____
HRI # _____
Trinomial _____
NRHP Status Code: 1D

Other Listings
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

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Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Memorial Park

P1. Other Identifier: Memorial Park

P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☐ Unrestricted
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

a. County Los Angeles

b. USGS 7.5' Quad _____ Date _____ T _____ ; R _____ ; 1/4 of _____ 1/4 of Sec _____ ;

c. Address: Raymond/Holly/Walnut/Light Rail Line City Pasadena Zip 91101

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/linear resources) _____ ; mE/ _____ mN

e. Other Locational Data (Enter Parcel #, legal description, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

Parcel No. _____

P3. Description (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

Memorial Park is bounded by E. Holly Street, North Raymond Avenue, E. Walnut Street, and the MTA Gold Line railway (and the Memorial Park station). One of the oldest parks in Pasadena, it provides greenery in the commercial and civic center core of the downtown. Many mature trees, broad lawns, and a few buildings connected by winding paths form the general plan of the park. Centered in it is an open-air amphitheater and elliptical Art Deco bandshell with benches and drinking fountains. Along the outer ring of the park are two older stuccoed outbuildings, a senior center (mostly built in 1997), a Civil War monument, and a remnant of the City's first Public Library (1890).

P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

P4. Resources Present ☐ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5a. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #)

(View toward south elevation).

P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

☐ Prehistoric ☐ Historic ☐ Both

1902; 1927

P7. Owner and Address

Public
City of Pasadena

P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)

Jan Ostashay
PCR Services Corporation
233 Wilshire Bl., Suite 130
Santa Monica, CA 90401

P9. Date Recorded: 8/2001; 1/2004

P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive-Level Survey: Central District Update

P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none")

Attachments ☐ NONE ☒ Continuation Sheet ☐ District Record ☐ Rock Art Record ☐ Other: (List)
☐ Location Map ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Artifact Record
☐ Sketch Map ☐ Archaeological Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Photograph Record

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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NRHP Status Code

1D

Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder)

Memorial Park

B1. Historic Name: *Library Park*

B2. Common Name: *Memorial Park*

B3. Original Use: *Public Park/Library*

B4. Present Use: *Public Park*

B5. Architectural Style: *Richardsonian Romanesque/Art Deco/Spanish Colonial Revival*

B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date :

Original Location:

B8. Related Features:

B9a. Architect: *Thomas Chisholm/Cook & Hall/Ralph Cornell*

b. Builder: *City of Pasadena*

B10. Significance: Theme: *Urban Recreation*

Area: *Central District*

Period of Significance: *1902*

Property Type: *Public Parks*

Applicable Criteria: *A & C*

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Originally called *Library Park*, *Memorial Park* is one of the Oldest Parks in the City. Pasadena's first public library was built on the site in 1890. The large stone entry of the former library still remains and bears the inscription "Memorial Arch of Pasadena's First Public Library." The library was a stone building of Richardsonian Romanesque Style architecture, designed by Henry Ridgeway and completed in 1890. The library served the city from 1890-1927. It was condemned unsafe in 1933 after the Long Beach earthquake of the same year, and was demolished in 1954. The entrance arch was restored in 1955. Constructed in 1930, the bandshell (named the Gold Shell) was designed by local architect Edward Mussa. At the time it was constructed, it was one of the largest band shells on the West Coast, with a stage area of 45' in width and a projecting apron of 60' wide. The shell is 32' in height with an arched roof. Beneath the roof are concentric siding surfaces, which diminish toward the rear of the structure. The structure also contains dressing rooms, which are connected by a passageway at the rear of the stage. Contributing features to the park include: the original 1890 library remnant, band shell and benches, restroom building, maintenance shed, Civil War memorial statue, commemorative plaque, and decorative drinking fountains.

(See Continuation Sheet)

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

HP31 - Urban open space

HP13 - Community center/social

B12. References:

City Records; Pasadena Star News (newspaper), Sanborn Maps; Building Permits; City Directories

B13. Remarks:

B14. Evaluator: *Jan Ostashay*

Date of Evaluation: *8/6/2001*

(This space reserved for official comments.)

