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Resource Name or #: 275 South Raymond Ave.

☐ Continuation ☒ Update

P2. Location: 275 South Raymond Avenue

B10. Significance:

This building, which is located in the Central Park, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 15, 1983 as a contributor to the Old Pasadena Historic District.

Year of Construction: 1929

Architect: Wallace Neff

Builder: unknown

P5b. Description/Date of Photo: View of the west elevation/May 11, 1998



P8. Recorded by: Leslie Heumann, PCR, 233 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 130, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Revised by Mary Jo Winder/April 20, 2004

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) Central Park

P1. Other Identifier: Central 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 Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☐ Unrestricted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 _____ ; ¼ of _____ ¼ of Sec _____ ;

c. Address: Fair Oaks/Dayton/Raymond/Del Mar 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)

Central Park is bounded by S. Fair Oaks Avenue (on the west), W. Dayton Street (on the north), S. Raymond Avenue (on the east), and E. Del Mar Boulevard (on the south). One of the oldest parks in Pasadena, it, like Memorial Park, provides open green space in the City's commercial downtown area. Many mature trees, gardens, broad lawns, and a few buildings connected by winding paths form the general plan of the park. Two bowling greens and the Spanish Colonial Revival lawn-bowling clubhouse form the nucleus of the park, while a stuccoed bungalow-style building, formerly the Tourist Club, sits at the south end of the park along Del Mar Boulevard. Six roque courts (now demolished) were west of the lawn bowling clubhouse. A fountain (watering trough for horses) is at the northeast corner of the park. Notable trees include one or more specimens of the Sago Palm, Bunya-Bunya, Flame Euclayptus, California Bay, and Canary Island Pine.

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:

8/6/2001

P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive-level City 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

Primary #

HRI #

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NRHP Status Code

1D

Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder)

Central Park

B1. Historic Name: Central Park

B2. Common Name: Central Park

B3. Original Use: Public Park

B4. Present Use: Public Park

B5. Architectural Style: Spanish Colonial Revival/Bungalow

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

Land purchased: 1902; Tourist Club Bldg. 1926; Lawn Bowling Club Bldg. 1927 (addition 1929)

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.)

The design of the Central Park reflects the ideas of planner Frederick Law Olmsted, who used informal planting arrangement and segregated park activities to create an original, man-made vision of natural beauty. Most of the originally planned footpath configuration of intersecting circles is still extant. The Lawn Bowling Club, which remains active today, was formed in 1921, by a wealthy eastern gentleman who vacationed at the Green Hotel, which borders the park on the north. The sport was evidently so popular during the 1920s, that architect Wallace Neff was commissioned to add "two rooms and a lounge" to the Clubhouse in 1929. The park became a recreation ground for the tourists at the neighboring hotel. When the stuccoed bungalow style Tourist Club building was relocated from the northern end of the park to its present site at the southern end in 1926, a new foundation, as well as electricity and plumbing were added. Roque, a form of croquet played on clay courts, was apparently also popular at the time; thus roque courts were constructed west of the south lawn bowling green in the 1920s. At some unknown date, the roque courts were removed and the area is now used as a parking lot. Located in the northeast corner of the park is a marble horse watering fountain. The watering fountain, originally used as a horse trough, was erected and dedicated to the City in a formal ceremony by the Pasadena Chapter of the National Humane Society in 1905. This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributor to the expanded Old Pasadena Historic District. It is resource number 198 on the nomination form.

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

HP31 - Urban open space

HP13 - Community center/social

B12. References:

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

B13. Remarks:

B14. Evaluator: Jan Ostashay

Date of Evaluation: 8/6/2001

(This space reserved for official comments.)

