

Historic Property Inventory Report for Puget Sound Electric Railway Puyallup Substation at 454 E Main, Puyallup, WA 98371

LOCATION SECTION

Field Site No. 21

OAHP No.

Historic Name: Puget Sound Electric Railway Puyallup Substation

Common Name: Power House Restaurant & Brewery

Property Address: 454 E Main, Puyallup, WA 98371

Comments:

County Pierce Township/Range/EW Section T20R04na 1/4 Sec 27 1/4 1/4 Sec 27 Quadrangle PUYALLUP

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point

Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com

Sequence: 1 Easting: 554021

Northing: 5226505

Tax No./Parcel No.

Plat/Block/Lot

Supplemental Map(s)

Acreage

7285000011

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Survey Name: Puyallup Downtown Survey

Field Recorder: Sonja Sokol Fürész & Susan Boyle

Date Recorded: 7/3/2007

Owner's Name:

Owner Address:

City/State/Zip:

Classification: Building

Resource Status

Comments

Within a District? No

Local Register

Pierce Co. Register

Contributing?

National Register Nomination:

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Transportation - Rail-Related

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Restaurant

Plan: Rectangle

No. of Stories: 1+

Structural System: Unknown

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Extensive

Style

Form/Type

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Vernacular

Industrial

Changes to windows: Moderate

Other (specify):

View of

taken

Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.):

Comments:

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Cladding

Brick

Foundation

Unknown

Roof Material

Unknown

Roof Type

Flat with Parapet

NARRATIVE SECTION

Date Of Construction: ca. 1907

Study Unit

Other

Architect:

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): Yes - Local

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): Yes

**Statement of
Significance**

Puyallup developed quickly as an agricultural market town along the Puyallup River beginning in the 1850s, with further development of the downtown core resulting from the introduction of rail transit in the 1880s, and continuing through the mid-20th century. The city's commercial buildings were constructed primarily along Meridian Street and Pioneer, Main, and Stewart Avenues, while industrial buildings were situated along the Northern Pacific Railroad line. The surrounding blocks are primarily residential, composed of houses, churches, schools, and civic properties that were constructed during this period. Many of the city's earliest buildings remain in the downtown area illustrate Puyallup's heritage.

This building, which is on the Pierce County Register, was constructed in 1907 as a substation for the Puget Sound Power & Light Company. It provided power for the Tacoma-Seattle Interurban, as well as for street lighting and local power.

**Description of
Physical
Appearance**

This brick structure has a very simple, industrial design with brick pilasters and little fenestration. Original arched head openings and corbelling around the cornice line provide detailing. The eastern portion of the building is much taller than the western.

**Major
Bibliographic
References**

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