



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-021

Date: February 25, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Eligibility for Historic Designation of the Parker (formerly the Parker Playhouse)

Located in Holiday Park, the Parker (formerly the Parker Playhouse), has recently undergone a full renovation with a new addition. Staff has reviewed the changes that have occurred to the Parker to determine whether the building is still eligible for historic designation.

Due to the multiple changes that have occurred and particularly with the addition onto the front façade, staff has determined that the architectural integrity of the Parker has been lost and the building is no longer eligible for historic designation. While select elements were retained on the interior of the structure, the totality of the surviving original materials and original design intent is not sufficient to warrant historic designation of the interior.

If desired, a restrictive covenant could be placed on the property to protect certain elements within the building from being lost or modified in the future. Additionally, consideration could also be given to apply for a Florida State Historical Marker to place on the property. This marker could provide additional information on its historic significance include the contribution this building has made to the Fort Lauderdale community, the performances held at the site throughout the years, and identify unique elements from the original building that are still visible today.



Historic Photograph - Photo Credit: "The Parker Playhouse"

https://www.stageview.co/innerPage_landing.php?tOCID=13238&tON=Broward%20Center&tCN=The%20parker%20playhouse&tSVID=1382&theOnstageID=bcp1617-2-sv



Photo Prior to Renovation (2018)



Photo Post Renovation (2022)

If you have any questions, please contact Trisha Logan, Historic Preservation Planner, at tlogan@fortlauderdale.gov.

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