

City of Madison Landmarks Commission
LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES NOMINATION FORM (1)

I. Name of Building or Site

(1) Common
Hoyt Park Shelter

(2) Historic (if applicable)
Owen Parkway

II. Location

(1) Street Address
3902 Regent St.

(2) Ward (available @ City Clerk)
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III. Classification

(1) Type of Property (building, monument, park, etc.)
Park

(2) Zoning District
unavailable

(3) Present Use
Recreation

IV. Current Owner of Property (available at City Assessor's office)

(1) Name(s)
City of Madison-Parks

(2) Street Address
210 Monona Ave.
Madison 53709

(3) Telephone Number
unavailable

V. Legal Description (available at City Assessor's office)

(1) Parcel Number
0709-212-1801-6

(2) Legal Description
Lots 18,19,20 & 23
Quarry Town

VI. Condition of Property

(1) Physical Condition (excellent, good, fair, deteriorated, ruins)
Good

(2) Altered or Unaltered?
Unaltered

(3) Moved or Original Site?
Original

(4) Wall Construction
Sandstone

(5) On a separate sheet of paper, describe the present and original physical construction and appearance (limit 500 words).

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LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES NOMINATION FORM (2)

VI.(5) Describe Present and Original Physical Construction and Appearance:

Hoyt Park contains several Works Projects Administration structures of local sandstone, probably quarried right in the park land. The structures include several fireplaces, a rest room, a large shelter, stairways, an entrance gate, and walls. The shelter is simple and unornamented and reflect a typical WPA style.

The most dominant structure-the shelter, has a pitched, gabled roof. This is supported by six sandstone pillars on each side of the shelter and a floor to roof fireplace on either end. There is a cement floor with a brick floor level hearth. Modern light fixtures hang in the wood board ceiling.

On the two sides of the pillars that are parallel to the buildings end, simple structures that resemble upside down half spades (from a deck of cards) hang in place as a permanent part of the building.

The materials used coincide with the natural materials of the park. One could imagine a stack of rocks topped by fallen trees instead of a building.

The shelter is functional and unobtrusive in the surrounding park and the other existing structures echo its design.

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LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES NOMINATION FORM (3)

VII. Significance

(1) Original Owner

Frank W. Hoyt

(2) Original Use

Owen Parkway and Frank W. Hoyt Park

(3) Architect or Builder

Ferdinand Kronenberg

(4) Architectural Style

Vernacular

(5) Date of Construction

1892 Owen Parkway
1933 Park structures

(6) Indigenous Materials Used

Local sandstone

(7) On a separate sheet of paper, describe the significance of the nominated property and its conformance to the designation criteria of the Landmarks Commission Ordinance (33.01), limit of 500 words.

VIII. List of Bibliographical References Used

1. Mollenhoff, David V. A History of The Formative Years - Madison Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/ Hunt Publishing Co., c1982
2. Journal of Historic Madison, Inc. of Wisconsin
3. Vol. 1 (1975)- Madison, Wi
4. Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Association
Annual reports of the officers of the MP&PDA- Madison (1911)
5. Art Johnson, Parks Division, 1989
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

IX. Form Prepared By:

(1) Name and Title

Kari Simon

(2) Organization Represented (if any)

Madison Area Technical College- Historic Preservation Class

(3) Address

1409 Trailsway

(4) Telephone Number

244-5423

(5) Date Nomination Form Was Prepared

October 1990

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LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES NOMINATION FORM (4)

VII.(7) Significance of Nominated Property and Conformance to Designation Criteria:

Hoyt Park was created from a city owned quarry, lands donated by Frank W. Hoyt, and the Owen Parkway. Owen Parkway was donated by Professor and Mrs. Edward T. Owen to the Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Assoc. in 1892 and later deeded to them in 1897 in honor of their two daughters who died.

At that time it was a 14-acre woodland. Working with John M. Olin, who raised funds for the park, and Edward Hammersley, who gave an easement across his land, Owen Parkway opened in 1892. It was the first of several such parks outside the city limits. It was largely used as an automobile drive for those leaving of entering the city via Mineral Point Road.

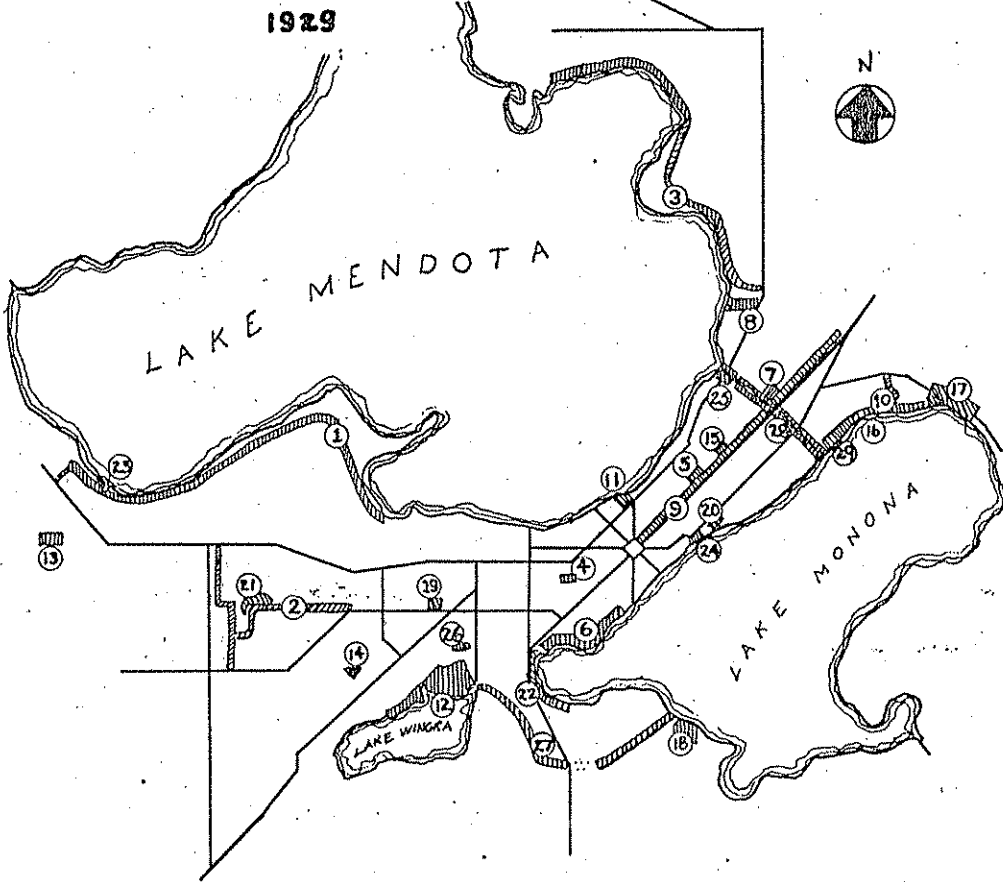
The original pleasure drive ran along what is now Regent Street, from the corner of Regent and Speedway through current Hoyt Park, on Hillcrest to Owen Dr. where it splits into two routes: one south on Owen to Mineral Point and one north on Owen to Regent, west to Meadow and north to University Ave.

In 1913 it was proposed that the macadam be extended from Mineral Point to Sauk Rd. In 1914 the project was estimated at \$1,100 and completed in 1916. It included Sunset Point which was thought to be the drive de luxe of Madison and vicinity for its view and natural beauty.

Structures such as the shelter in Hoyt Park characterize a significant period of our history. Buildings of this time took on their own style which should be preserved and remembered. WPA workers used materials located in the area, such as the sandstone used here.

The shelter continues to be utilized by people who frequent the park for picnics and special occasions like weddings.

CITY of MADISON PARKS & PLEASURE DRIVES MADISON PARK & PLEASURE DRIVE ASS.



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COMMISSIONERS

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| 1. Lake Mendota Drive | 15. Kendall Park |
| 2. Owen Parkway | 16. Lake Edge Park |
| 3. Farwell Drive | 17. Olbrich purchase |
| 4. Barry Park | 18. Olin (formerly Monona) Park |
| 5. Breese J. Stevens Athletic Field | 19. Olive Jones Field |
| 6. Brittingham Park | 20. Orton Park |
| 7. Burr Jones Field (new) | 21. Quarry Area |
| 8. Burrows Park | 22. South Madison Boulevard |
| 9. East Washington Avenue Parkway | 23. Spring Harbor |
| 10. Elmwood and Lake Front Park | 24. Spaight Street Park |
| 11. Franklin Street Park | 25. Tenney Park |
| 12. Henry Vilas Park | 26. Washington Oval |
| 13. Highlands | 27. Wingra Monona Parkway |
| 14. Hillington Park | 28. Yahara Parkway |
| | 29. Yahara River to Dunning Street |