

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WAYNOKA SWIMMING POOL AND BATHHOUSE

LOCATION: East Broadway Street, Waynoka, Oklahoma 040, Woods County 151; NW 1/4, Sec. 1, T 24 N, R 16 W.

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreational

OWNER: The City of Waynoka, Waynoka, OK 73860

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woods County Courthouse, Alva, OK 73717

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Waynoka swimming pool (200' x 80') is a poured concrete pool encompassed by a concrete apron located north of a bathhouse. The bathhouse is a single-story, rectangular (51' x 27') structure constructed of coursed brick now painted white. The roof is flat with parapets. The south entrance is recessed behind an archway set in a circular extension from the main facade. Metal frame windows are single spaced with cement lug sills and plain lintels. A brick frieze just below the roof line gives the structure decorative relief.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

For almost fifty years the Waynoka Swimming Pool and Bathhouse has been an exceptional resource for the community. Residents have been cooled from the hot and dusty winds of summer and have had their spirits raised above the mundane cares of daily activities. As a part of a larger public park, the facility symbolizes a depression era program that emphasized people instead of money. Indeed, construction enabled drought stricken and destitute agriculturalists as well as unemployed railroad employees to find work that salvaged their pride and eased their poverty. At the same time, wages of some 54,000 man-hours of labor revitalized the local economy at a time when business activity was nearly at a standstill. Architecturally, the bathhouse is unusual locally for its allusion to art deco style, type of structure, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Waynoka East, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the northeast corner of Waynoka, the property begins at a point 832 feet east and 208 feet north of the southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 24 N, R 16 W, then north 416 feet, east 208 feet, south 416 feet and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 25-a; 25-b