Local Register of Historical Resources Nomination for the Municipal Mobile Home Park Clubhouse





Address: 780 Firenze Avenue East

Date Built: 1942

Architect/Builder: United

States Army

Architectural Style: Framed Vernacular

Nomination Categories:

- Are significant in the City's history and culture and possess an integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, or association;
- 2. Are associated with distinctive elements of cultural, social, political, economic, scientific, religious, prehistoric, paleontological, and architectural history that have contributed to the pattern of history in the community, the city, the county, the state, the region, or the nation;

Section III

In order to improve staff morale, the new commanding officer established in 1944 several creature comforts, including improved living conditions, a church, library, and several service clubs to provide entertainment. The student pilots stationed at the Venice Army Air Base enjoyed music, dancing, movies, and other entertainment in a facility that was built in 1942 but was not purposed until 1944. This building was known as the Student Officers' Club.

At the November 1, 1949 City Council meeting, the City approved establishing a mobile home park with the Student Officers' Club serving as a recreational facility and the library as public washrooms and a laundry room. The trailer park opened the following year.

The former library would eventually be torn down, leaving the former Student's Officers' Club as the last remaining building from the former Venice Army Air Base still in its original location.



Venice Army Air Base in 1944



Municipal Mobile Home Park in 1949



Municipal Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 2024

Original Interior Details for Inclusion in the Nomination





