About Mapping Historic District Web Page

The purpose of this webpage is to disseminate information about the proposed University Park Historic District on University of Southern California (USC) Campus. As part of the planning process for USC Master plan 2030, USC has identified a potential Historic District through technical studies conducted by the Architectural Resources Group (ARG) and the Historic Resources Group (HRG). This webpage presents an interactive map of the historic district and offers information about buildings within the historic district. All the technical reports may be viewed via Reports menu on this web page.

Buildings in the historic district are categorized as Contributors if they contribute to the historic character of the district; otherwise they are categorized as Non-Contributors. Some Contributor buildings are further categorized as Individual Contributors as their characteristics may make them eligible for a listing in the California Register of Historic Resources.

Guide to Interactions with the Map and Table on this Web Page

In the map, you can click on a building within the historic district and view information about it such as the year it was built in, its historical contribution status, its architectural style, names of the architects and you can view pictures of its facade if available. This information is displayed via a popup window, and you can click on the center of a picture to view it in a bigger window. Only contributor buildings are shown in solid color, and other non-contributor buildings are shown as hollow polygons with a blue edge. Individual contributor buildings within the district are marked by a yellow dot placed over building features.

There is a time slider element located near the bottom edge of the map, and it can be moved across a time scale (1880 - 2013) to visualize historic district’s growth over time. You can play a brief animation of the historic district development, by clicking the Play button placed on left side of the slider element.

The left pane of this web page has two tabs. The Legend tab shows legend for the map and the Buildings tab shows a list of all the buildings within the historic district. The top most portion of the buildings tab has a search box that facilitates keyword search for a building. For search, you can use a word that appears in the name of the building or alternatively you can specify a year in which the building is built. Below the search box, a buildings list is presented in a tabular form, and its contents can be sorted by clicking the column headers. Additional columns can be displayed in the buildings table by clicking the + (plus) icon at the right top corner of the header row. It is also possible to filter the buildings list by the contribution status or by architectural style. Appropriate selection for both options may be made in the drop down boxes provided at the top of the buildings list. You can click on a building’s name in the table, to view that building’s location on the map.

Width of the left pane of this web page can be resized by dragging the pane splitter between the left pane and map. Similarly on the buildings tab the height of the search box and the buildings table can be varied by dragging a splitter between them. This flexibility in the element size is added to accommodate viewing of the web page on devices having different screen sizes.
Walking Map Tour

You can also access an interactive Historic District Walking tour on the map by navigating to the Walking Tour menu item. This tour aims to cover all of the historic buildings within the historic district and provides photographic information about each building on the way.

Sources

Photos used in this application are obtained from the following sources;

- USC Library’s Digital Archives
- A Book published in 2006 by Figueroa Press (a division of USC bookstore) titled ‘A University and A Neighborhood: University of Southern California in Los Angeles, 1880 – 1984’
- USC Facilities Department
- Photographs taken by Spatial Sciences Institute’s staff members Dr. Kyohyouk Kim and Dr. Ashwini Wakchaure.