Troy Hill Firehouse
1800 Ley Street

Historic Nomination

Owner: City of Pittsburgh
Ward: 24th
Lot and Block: 48-N-10

Nominator: Matthew Falcone
Inspector:
Council District:
Nominations Received: 1/18/22

National Register Status: Listed: X Eligible:

Proposed Changes: Nomination for historic designation.

Discussion:

1. Ms. Quinn gives a short presentation on the property. She states that the nominator found that the property is significant under Criterion 3, exemplification of an architectural type, style or design distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness, or overall quality of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship, Criterion 4, identification as the work of an architect, designer, engineer, or builder whose individual work is significant in the history or development of the City of Pittsburgh, the State of Pennsylvania, the Mid-Atlantic region, or the United States, Criterion 9, representation of a cultural, historic, architectural, archeological, or related theme expressed through distinctive areas, properties, sites, structures, or objects that may or may not be contiguous, and Criterion 10, unique location and distinctive physical appearance or presence representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the City of Pittsburgh. She states that the property retains integrity and recommends that the Commission provide a determination of positive viability.

2. Ms. Aguirre notes that they don’t generally take public comment for the determination of viability. She asks for comments and questions from Commissioners.

3. Ms. Loysen asks if there are any plans to restore some of the historic elements of the façade.

4. Mr. Falcone states that it is a good question, as some of the alterations caused some lack of integrity in terms of architecture. He states that there is a good opportunity for reconstruction, although some of the original elements like the columns and dome would be much harder to reconstruct.

5. Ms. Loysen states that it reminds her of some of the unfortunate alterations done
to the schools.

6. Mr. Hill states that the intention is to sell it, so hopefully a developer with deeper pockets than the city will be able to undertake a restoration.

7. Ms. Aguirre states that it is still great to see it nominated, and hopefully that will allow a developer to take advantage of tax credits while still having the history preserved.

8. The Commission discusses the nomination.

Motion:

1. Mr. Snipe moves to provide a determination of positive viability based on Criteria 3, 4, 9, and 10.
2. Ms. Loysen seconds.
3. Ms. Aguirre asks for a vote; all are in favor and motion carries.