

State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 6Y

Other Listings
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

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*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Blake & McGuire Grocery

P1. Other Identifier: Venus Restaurant

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*a. County Alameda

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Oakland West Date 1993 Township & Range No data

c. Address 2327 Shattuck Ave. City Berkeley Zip 94704

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S; 564441mE/ 4191322mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

Assessor's Parcel Number: 55-1893-13;

East side of Shattuck Avenue between Bancroft Way and Durant Avenue.

*P3a Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

An altered commercial storefront building from the early 1900s, this historic brick structure at 2327 Shattuck Ave. remains a Contributor to the Shattuck Avenue Downtown Historic District. The proportions and materials of the one-story building continue today to serve as an example of an early-twentieth-century commercial building in the downtown core.

The property at 2327 Shattuck Avenue is part of a setting of mostly historic buildings that form the primary corridor of commercial buildings lining Shattuck Avenue and the transit center that connects the city with the University of California campus. The building is between Bancroft Way and Durant Avenue, major connectors between Downtown Berkeley and the south end of campus and Telegraph Avenue commercial district.

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*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6. 1-3 story commercial building

*P4 Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #)

View facing southeast, January 2015.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age & Sources:

Historic Prehistoric Both

Ca. 1906, 104 years old, city directories.

*P7. Owner and Address:

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*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)

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*P9. Date Recorded: March 30, 2015

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Archives & Architecture LLC: Shattuck Avenue Commercial Corridor Historic Context and Survey, 2015.

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure and Object Record Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling State Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List)

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*Recorded by Franklin Maggi, Leslie Dill, & Sarah Winder *Date 3/30/2015 Continuation Update

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The front façade features an original corbelled brick wall, with clear design associations with the early twentieth century. The side piers and upper wall frame a replacement storefront. The brick has been sandblasted, and a portion of the brick has some staining that indicates the removal of a cornice. The current storefront consists of an upper transom and sliding wood storefront windows that open the restaurant for al fresco dining. A curving glass-and-bronze awning refers to the iconic Art Nouveau Paris Subway Awning design. The bulkhead is clad in green marble tile.

This building serves pedestrian traffic that flows along Shattuck Avenue to related downtown urban uses. The parcel is a relatively small rectangle on the block, with a slightly angled front façade. The footprint of the building covers the property.

Character-defining features include: The brick façade, including the corbelled upper wall and the brick side piers. Alterations include the current replacement storefront and curving glass-and-bronze awning.

The historic elements of the building are in fair-to-good condition.



Detail view of upper façade, viewed facing northeast.