CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2015 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

3600 North Halsted 42nd Precinct/Town Hall Police Station Restoration and New Construction

Recipient: Heartland Housing and Center on Halsted

This police station is one of the oldest and most architecturally significant historic police station buildings in Chicago. The building exemplifies the influence of Classicism on the architecture of government and public buildings in the city during the early twentieth century. In 2010, the Public Building Commission issued an RFP to sell the structure for redevelopment. The building was purchased as part of a negotiated sale and the developers agreed to landmark the building. The project includes a new 6-story contemporary addition at the rear of the property. The project has 79 rental apartments for mixed income seniors aged 55 and older, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender seniors, along with community, retail, and office space. Restoration work to the historic police station included brick and limestone repairs, tuckpointing, cornice repairs, and removal of the non-historic window awnings. New window transoms were put in and a new glazed entry storefront system and recreation of a missing window were installed facing Addison Street. The addition, which was designed to appear as a separate building from the historic police station, is setback from the street which also allows the finished wall and cornice return of the historic structure to be left exposed. The addition's contemporary design has a brick first floor for the retail spaces and the upper-floors have a colored metal panel and glazing cladding system. The 42nd Precinct/Town Hall Police Station was designated a Chicago Landmark on September 11, 2013.









before







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