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Verbal Boundary Description

The Smiley Park Historic District is located in the city of Redlands. The district is located in the center of town just south of and adjacent to the commercial core. District boundaries generally follow property lines and streets. The district is roughly bounded by Brookside on the north; Grant, Buena Vista, Michigan, and Alvarado streets on the west; Cypress and Palm streets to the south; and Cajon and Fourth streets on the east. See accompanying base map with boundaries drawn.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the proposed district delineate the neighborhood just to the south of the Redlands commercial and business center that was constructed during Redlands first building period from 1886 to the 1913 Citrus Freeze. This area has the highest concentration of architecture from this era in Redlands. To determine the 1913 boundary, the 1915 Sanborn Insurance map was used. Due to the devastating affect the Freeze had on the local economy, virtually all construction ceased as many residents left town. Therefore, the 1915 map reflects the 1913 boundaries.

Areas that have lost their architectural integrity have been excluded from the proposed district. The western and southern boundaries closely follow the Sanborn map while the eastern and northern boundaries have been substantially altered to exclude areas that are no longer visually compatible and contain a high concentration of noncontributing intrusions and alterations. This is perhaps most notable along the eastern boundary where modern intrusions have literally wiped out much of a street that was once lined with large and impressive homes similar to those found on Olive Avenue.




