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2014 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

2500 W. Lunt Ave. Indian Boundary Field House Restoration and Reconstruction

Recipient: Chicago Park District

The Indian Boundary Fieldhouse was built in 1929 by Chicago architect Clarence Hatzfield, a prominent architect of fieldhouse buildings during the 1920s. The building is notable for its rare and unusual combination of picturesque Tudor Revival design and Native American imagery, and it exemplifies the changing role of parks in Chicago in the early 20th century from pastoral settings devoted to passive recreation to landscapes more intensively programmed with recreational and social uses. In 2012 the building was significantly damaged by fire. Restoration work included the replication of the first-floor ballroom based on historic documentation and original drawings, the reinstallation of salvaged timbers, and the restoration of salvaged lighting fixtures. Existing steel casement windows were retained and repaired as necessary. The multi-colored slate roof was retained and repaired, and masonry was cleaned. Indian Boundary Park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995, and the Indian Boundary Park Fieldhouse was designated a Chicago Landmark on May 11, 2005.









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