

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	NE 57th Ave Portland, Multnomah County (97213)	historic name:	Normandale Field
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	Erv Lind Field
location descr:	Corner of NE 57th Ave and Hassalo Street	block/lot/tax lot:	/ 100,200
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	1N 2E 31 NW/NE
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	site	height (stories):	2.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	1948	second date:	
		total inelig resources:	
		NR Status:	Individually Listed
		date indiv listed:	05/20/2024
primary orig use:	Outdoor Recreation	orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:	Modern Period: Other	sec style comments:	
secondary style:	Utilitarian	siding comments:	
primary siding:	Standard Brick	architect:	
secondary siding:	Wood Sheet	builder:	
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Portland LGBTQ+ Historic Resources 2024 RLS	Survey & Inventory Project		2024
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	05/20/2024	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:	03/07/2023	Federal Tax Project(s):	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
Normandale Field is a softball diamond with fixed bleachers, a press box, concessions building, and other associated structures at the southeast corner of a 13.7-acre public park, Normandale Park. The field area is just over 3 acres in size and extends to the outer curving fence line around the outfield, including a separate 40' x 40' tax lot around the brick concessions building. The press box and restroom originally built in 1948 and renovated in 1953 has an upper wood-panel faced structure over a concrete and brick restroom. Metal seating is affixed to original terracing built into berms.			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
Normandale Field is a municipal softball field at Normandale Park. Built in 1948 and renamed as Erv Lind Field in 1965 to honor Portlander Erv Lind, it is the only field constructed primarily for a women's major league team of any sport in Oregon. It is primarily associated with the two-time women's national championship softball team the Erv Lind Florists (American Softball Association champions in 1944 and 1964), serving as their home field from 1948 to 1964. During this period, it was one of Portland's few known outdoor public spaces where LGBTQ+ women could meet. Normandale Field is listed on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the areas of women's, LGBTQ+, and entertainment/recreation history for its association with the Erv Lind Florists and as a public outdoor space for LGBTQ+ Portlanders between 1948 and 1964.			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	✓ Local Histories
✓ Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	SHPO Files	✓ Interviews
✓ Obituaries	✓ Newspapers	State Archives	✓ Historic Photographs
City Directories	✓ Building Permits	State Library	
Local Library:	City of Portland Archives and Records Center	University Library:	
Historical Society:	Oregon Historical Society	Other Respository:	Oregon Queer History Collective; Umbrella Project;
Bibliography:			
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