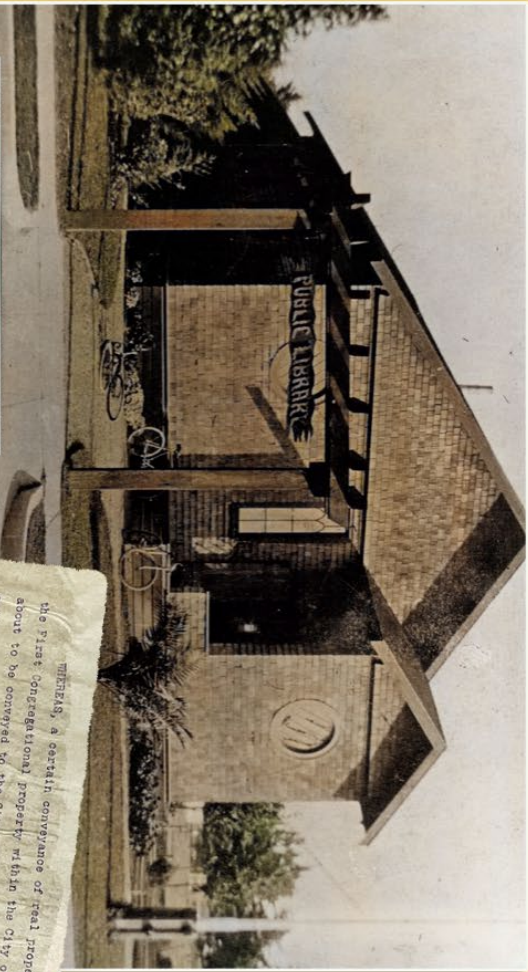


The Many Lives of 990 Burlingame Avenue



Built around 1907, and originally located at Primrose Road and Bellevue Avenue, the structure at 990 Burlingame Avenue has served the Burlingame community in many different capacities. Initially serving as a church, the property was purchased by the City for \$3,000 in 1912 for use as a Public Library. By 1930, voters approved funds for a new, larger library on the site. The American Legion - Burlingame Post No. 163 successfully lobbied the City Council to purchase the older structure for \$1. The cost of moving the building to Washington Park was covered by the SM County Board of Supervisors. By the late 1970s, the City repossessed the structure, leasing it to the Lions Club for \$1 a year, in exchange for extensive renovations.



WHEREAS, a certain conveyance of real property, known as the first (congregational) property within the City of Burlingame, is about to be conveyed to the City of Burlingame, AND WHEREAS, the said property is conveyed for the purpose of a Public Library within the City of Burlingame.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR in hand paid to us, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the City of Burlingame does hereby transfer to the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Burlingame the following described property: Lot 172 - Block No. 3, Burlingame Land and Water Company.



The Burlingame Lions Club has sponsored community events for decades, many centered around the Lions Club Community Hall and Washington Park.

Panel funded by City of Burlingame Community Grant to the Burlingame Historical Society 2025-2026

In the 1930s, Legion Post member Ernest L. Norberg offered his design services gratis, notably creating the mission-style stucco facade that transformed the building design after the move to Washington Park.

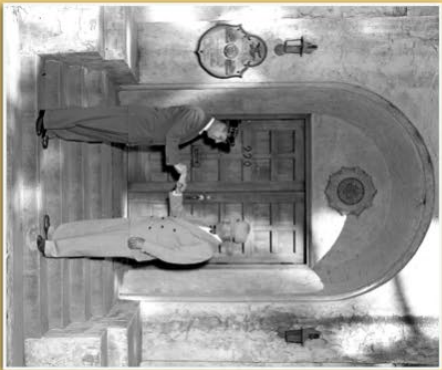


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