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Project Proposal

Restoration of the Cypress Senior Center mosaic located on the hallway wall behind the auditorium stage.

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Arts & Culture

Purpose

This mosaic was probably placed at Cypress school when it was built. The mosaic depicts a rough timeline of development of the West San Jose / Campbell area. The Mosaic has always been placed in the same spot, in the hallway directly behind the rear wall of the auditorium stage. That placement has kept it from direct assault by the elements. If it ever took direct sunlight, it would have been late afternoon sun, and that would have been due to classroom wing placement. The mosaic is in overall good shape. I believe no pieces are missing with the grout intact and in relatively good condition. From what I can tell, a proper restoration would entail

1. Removal from the wall by backing off the half dozen or so mounting screws
2. Transfer to a work space, possibly the old Home Economic room at the Cypress Senior Center
3. Strip and repaint the wooden frame.
4. Clean the mosaic tiles and grout, possibly give it some sort of protective coating.
5. The hard part, research and replace the paper information cards and the protective plastic covers.
6. Rehang the mosaic

Hundreds if not thousands of local children had this in their daily school lives, and is certainly the most significant nonstructural, man-made element on site that represents Cypress Elementary School. The big Cork Oak close to auditorium would probably be what most former Cypress students would regard as the monument to the school, and for that I will submit a heritage tree request.

Location in District 1

Cypress Senior Center