The Westwood Apartments

126 W. Whiting Avenue

1929

Brick Residential

Status: Local Landmark



This two-story, dark-red brick building is one of a pair of brick apartment buildings erected by Samuel Dunphy just before the Depression. The brick construction and minimal setback from the public sidewalk convey an East Coast design, and no other example of its type is found in Fullerton. Only the symmetrically placed chimneys and mansard tile roof break the building's strongly cubical form. The three ordinary rectangular doors are framed with arched openings and decorative pilasters, providing only minimal relief on the building's front facade.

Completed in April 1929, at a cost of \$25,000, the eight units in this building were advertised as the Dunphy Apartments and were quickly rented. Mr. Dunphy continued to reside in the single-family residence at the rear of the property, which is of an earlier construction, until 1939. When the property changed ownership in 1940, the two-story building was renamed The Westwood Apartments. The name "The Westwood" is visible above the middle entry door.

The property represents one of a few two-story apartment buildings constructed in Fullerton prior to World War II. The building continues as an eight-unit apartment, and the original single-family residence remains behind it.