

Asbury Park Convention Hall



PROJECT

Asbury Park Convention Hall
Asbury Park, New Jersey

CLIENT

Madison Marquette Realty Services
Washington, D.C.

DATES

2007 - 2010 Design and Documentation
Construction Contract Administration
2009 - Present Conditions and Structural Assessment

DESCRIPTION

Constructed in 1929, the Asbury Park Convention Hall is an excellent example of the development of New Jersey's ocean communities as vacation destinations. Designed by the prominent New York architectural firm of Warren and Wetmore of Grand Central Station, it is situated along the boardwalk between Ocean Avenue and the Atlantic Ocean. The building is divided into three elements: the Paramount Theater, the Convention Hall, and the Arcade.

CHALLENGE

We were retained to provide our recommendations regarding two specific structural issues; (1) the installation of new windows in the Convention Hall and (2) the installation of new doors and windows in the Arcade facade. Over time, our involvement grew and we were named Site Engineer and Architect of Record for the building, overseeing all aspects of the ongoing restoration projects and acting as liaison between our client and the NJ Historic Preservation Office.

SERVICES

Structural Stabilization

Designed repairs for the existing steel lintels and spandrels at the perimeter of each of the three levels of the Convention Hall.

Designed framing and connection details for a new steel shelf angle and aluminum posts for the Arcade facade.

Designed structural reinforcements for the lower concrete spandrel beam of the Convention Hall.

Designed temporary stabilization of the north driveway.

Designed additional means of egress from the promenade to the beach area.

Provided construction documents and technical specifications for all design projects as well as construction administration services.

Inspection Monitoring

Provide Annual Inspections for the buildings.

Historic Preservation Specialist

Prepares Annual Report "Schedule D" for the NJ Historic Trust Historic Preservation Easement.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Asbury Park Convention Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.