It has not been exactly determined when and why this building was erected. The only known plans are dated in November 1962 and describe it as a garage. It is listed as an existing garage on a University map in 1963. The University Fact Books, lists its occupancy as 1963. It is assumed then that construction took place in 1962-63. It is a 24 by 40 foot wood-framed structure, sided in T-111 redwood plywood. The plans show the west end used as a garage, with a roll up door (since removed), and the east end as a warming area, with two bathrooms in the center.¹

The earliest assignment of the building by the department of space management is in 1963 to what was then the department of physical education for women. By 1967 it is being referred to as the Intramural Warming Shelter in the University fact book, having presumably given up its use as a garage about that time.

In December 1978, the regents, acting on the recommendation of chancellor Irving Shain, officially renamed the building "now known as the Elm Drive Warming House, the Carl Schuman Shelter". Carl Schuman worked as a maintenance man in the Department of Physical Education for women from 1945 until 1971. He worked under every Chairperson of that department all of whom had uniformly high opinions of him.²

The Schuman Shelter is currently assigned jointly to Kinesiology for storage, and to the physical plant for the restrooms.

²) Regent's Minutes, December 8, 1978; Regent's Papers, series 1/1/3 box 204, folder December 1978, item I.3.h.