
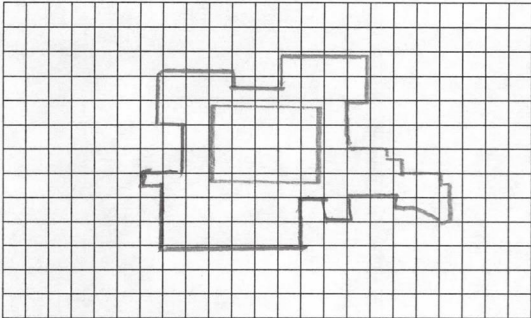


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE	
Eligible	Nominated
Det. Not Eligible	Certified Rehab.
Date	

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1186
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-16-2-17-001		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Littleton Center		OWNER: CITY OF LITTLETON 2255 W BERRY AVE LITTLETON CO 80120		
ADDRESS: 2255 W BERRY AVE Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 16 SW 1/4 NW 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Littleton Center		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 1 LOT(S): 1 ADDITION: LITTLETON CENTER YR. OF ADDITION: 1976		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 3A BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 14	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1976-77 SOURCE: Littleton Council Comm.	
			USE: PRESENT: Governmental-City Hall	
			HISTORIC: Governmental-City Hall	
			CONDITION: X EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: X MINOR MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Building designed for expansion; fire station added in 1981.	
STYLE: Modern			STORIES: 2	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:
MATERIALS: Brick, Concrete			SQ. FOOTAGE: 58,000	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two-story flat roofed municipal building including police, fire, and general administration offices, with public meeting rooms and a communications center. Designed as series of simple boxes (five originally) composed of special-sized red brick and prestressed concrete tees construction with open spaces occurring between the boxes developed into landscaped courtyards. Solar heat provided by steel girders holding 9,196 sq. feet of panels on roof; solar heat stored in two underground tanks. Relatively small windows in exterior walls. Interior walls which face tree-filled courtyard are thermopane glass; also brick, wall board, and architectural concrete walls. Courtyard allows for natural light and offers landscaped view. Southern edge of main courtyard widens for lobby and major public rooms. Light oak trim and slat ceilings in lobby and corridors.			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No	
			NAME: DATE:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
			IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Muchow Assoc./Michael Barber SOURCE: Council Communication, 7-1-86 BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Robert G. Fisher Construction Co SOURCE: Council Communication, 7-1-86	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1186 ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Littleton SOURCE: Council Communication, 7-1-86 THEME(S): Post World War II Era, 1945- Present		
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): Interior art. Curved concrete wall elaborates main entrance; open first story sheltered by projecting second story supported by round concrete piers. Above central section of first story is decorative sculptural panel. Second story of entrance area has ribbon of windows. Glazed metal frame doors. Rounded brick tower west of entrance area. Glazed entrance areas on all sides. Landscaping includes brick walls, curved drive, and parking on south. Fire station entrance faces east onto Rio Grande St.				
CONTINUED YES X NO				
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): On 20 May 1975, Littleton citizens approved a bond issue for construction of new city offices and meeting room facilities at a cost not to exceed \$4.5 million. The 15-acre Geneva Village site at the northeast corner of Berry and Prince was purchased in November 1975. Plans called for retention of the 28-unit senior citizen apartments, erection of city offices, and development of an adjacent five-acre park surrounding Geneva Lake. The architectural firm of Muchow Associates was contracted to design the building, with Michael Barber in charge. General Contractor was Robert G. Fisher Construction Co. and construction began in July 1976 and was completed in December 1977. Public convenience, flexibility, construction quality, and expansion capability were the prime design criteria, as well as the requirement that the building include a solar energy system. Half of the cost of installing the solar energy collection system came from a grant to the City by the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration. The building was one of the first municipal projects in the nation to receive such a grant. The architects conceived of the design as simple two-story building boxes within a grid of eight foot width interior "streets." The open spaces occurring between the boxes and within the grid became landscaped courtyards. Two of the original boxes housed all of the administrative departments of the City, while another two housed the operational police station and police and fire administration. The south block held the 100-seat Council Chamber, Community Meeting Room, Municipal Court, and the Communications Center. The lobby was designed for reception, displays, and art exhibitions. A fire station addition was completed in 1981.				
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SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW): <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;"> ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;"> HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT </td> </tr> </table>			ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION	HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is not yet fifty years and an has not yet achieved historical significance. When the building does reach fifty years of age, it may be eligible to the National Register if it maintains historic integrity. The building would then be significant for its association with the history of city government in Littleton. The building is architecturally significant for its Modern design of specially-produced brick and concrete and its incorporation of solar energy and as representative of the work of Muchow Associates/Michael Barber.				
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REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph files; 28 Nov. 1975; Denver Post, 21 June 1977; Littleton City Council, "Council Communication," 1 July 1986; City of Littleton, Brochure About "The New Littleton Town Center," 1977;				
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SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons	AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.	DATE: October 1997		