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COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY FORM

Parcel #/s 2077-16-4-21-005
Neighborhood 3566.00 Off Broadway (South)

I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: 5AH.3680
- 2. Temporary resource #: N/A
- 3. County: Arapahoe
- 4. City: Littleton
- 5. Historic building name: State Motor Vehicle Department Annex
- 6. Current building name: Life Center
- 7. Building address: 5814 S Datura St
- 8. Owner name, address: Mission Hills Baptist Church
620 Southpark Dr
Littleton, CO 80120-5675



National Register:	Ineligible for Individual Listing	Ineligible for District Listing
State Register:	Ineligible for Individual Listing	Ineligible for District Listing
Littleton Landmark	Ineligible for Individual Listing	Ineligible for District Listing

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. **PLSS information:** PM 6 T5S R68W, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 16
10. **UTM reference** NAD 83 ZONE 13S
11. **USGS quad name:** Littleton
- Year:** 2016
- Map scale:** 1:24000
12. **Lot(s)** N/A
- Block:** 5
- Addition:** Windermere Parks
- Year of Addition:** 1910
13. **Boundary Description and Justification:**
N 205 Ft Of W 200 Ft Blk 5 Windermere Parks Ex S 50 Ft Of W 125 Ft
The boundary of the property is the legally defined parcel, encompassing .7980 acres.

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. **Building plan (footprint, shape):** Rectangular
15. **Dimensions in feet:** 60' x 161'
16. **Number of stories:** One
17. **Primary external wall material(s):** Brick
18. **Roof configuration:** Flat roof
19. **Primary external roof material:** Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof or Synthetic Roof
20. **Special features:** N/A
21. **General architectural description:**

The former Colorado State Motor Vehicle Department Annex is sited parallel to the street along the east side of a large "L" shaped, sloping lot facing S Datura St.

The one-story building has a rectangular footprint and flat roof with narrow flush metal fascia. The material is oversized adobe-style brick masonry with metal and/or glass doors.

The west side/facade is a continuous brick masonry wall with a single and double glass and metal doors immediately adjacent to each other toward the north end of the building. The north side of the building, at the lower grade of the lot, has a raised concrete loading platform with two metal pedestrian and garage doors. On the south side of the building, at the higher grade, a concrete stair descends to a lower-level service entrance, sheltered by a small canopy supported by a series of columns above low stucco wall. The east side of the building is a blind brick masonry wall.

22. **Architectural style:** No Style
- Building type** Commercial

23. Landscaping or special setting features:

A landscape bed with low shrubs runs along the facade from the north loading dock to just south of the entry doors. A backlit plastic sign is surface mounted just below the roofline at the northwest corner of the building identifying the current user as "Life Center/Transformed Communities Period." The building sits behind a large paved parking lot. A long T-shaped landscape island with mature trees and shrubs runs between the building and S Datura St. To the south, a single mature pine appears.

24. **Associated buildings, features, or objects:**
N/A

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** 1974
- Estimated or Actual:** Actual
- Source of information:** Arapahoe County Assessor Records.
26. **Architect:** Unknown
- Source of information:** N/A
27. **Builder/Contractor:** Unknown
- Source of information:** N/A
28. **Original owner:** Unknown
- Source of information:** N/A

29. Construction history (description, dates of major additions, alterations, demolitions):

The front entry doors appear to have been replaced.

- 30. Original Location:** Yes
Date of move(s): N/A

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 31. Original use(s):** Government/Government Office
32. Intermediate use(s): Unknown
33. Current use(s): Religion/Religious Facility
34. Site Type(s): Commercial Building
35. Historical background:

The post-World War II period in Littleton was characterized by the rapid growth of auto-related product and service businesses that corresponded with a mushrooming population, suburban housing expansion, road development and improvement, and increased auto ownership and use.

A variety of businesses opened their doors on the West Littleton Boulevard Corridor to serve automobile owners. Along with numerous gas stations and automobile service facilities, the Colorado State Motor Vehicle Department occupied the former Furr's Grocery Store at 5794 S Datura St during the 1970s. During that period, the former Colorado State Motor Vehicle Department Annex was built to store department records nearby.

36. Sources of information:

Littleton City Directories.

The Historic Context of Littleton Colorado 1949-1967 (2008) by Diane Wray Tomasso, prepared for the City of Littleton, Office of Community Development.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

- 37. Local landmark designation:** No
Date of designation: N/A
Designating authority: N/A

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
 - B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
 - C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual)

√ Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

38A Applicable Colorado State Register of Historic Properties Criteria:

- A. The association of the property with events that have made a significant contribution to history;
- B. The connection of the property with persons significant in history;
- C. The apparent distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction, artisan;
- D. The geographic importance of the property;
- E. The possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.

√ Does not meet any of the above State Register criteria

38B. Applicable Littleton Landmark Standards:

- 1. Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period;
- 2. Is an example of the work of an architect or builder recognized for expertise nationally, state-wide, regionally, or locally;
- 3. Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value;
- 4. Represents an innovation in construction, materials or design;
- 5. Represents a style particularly associated with the Littleton area;
- 6. Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history;
- 7. Represents a pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one of above criteria;

- 8. Has undergone significant historic remodel;
- 9. Is the site of historic event that had an effect upon society;
- 10. Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community;
- 11. Represents an association with a notable person or the work of a notable person;
- 12. Represents a typical example/association with a particular ethnic group;
- 13. Represents a unique example of an event in Littleton's history;
- 14. Enhances sense of identity of the community;
- 15. Is an established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community?

√ Does not meet any of the above City of Littleton Landmark standards.

- 39. **Area(s) of significance:** N/A
- 40. **Period of significance:** N/A
- 41. **Level of significance:** N/A
- 42. **Statement of significance:**

The former Colorado State Motor Vehicle Department Annex is evaluated as ineligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties and under Littleton's local landmark designation ordinance.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

The former Colorado State Motor Vehicle Department Annex retains all seven aspects of integrity. The building retains its historic location, setting, feeling and association. Its design, materials and workmanship are largely intact.

VII. ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

- 44. **National Register eligibility assessment:** Ineligible
- State Register eligibility assessment:** Ineligible
- Local Landmark eligibility assessment:** Ineligible
- 45. **Is there historic district potential?** No
- Discuss:** N/A
- 46. **Building located in N.R. district?** No
- Contributing: N/A
- Noncontributing: N/A

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

- 47. **Photograph numbers:**
5814 SDS 01.jpg through 5814 SDS 04.jpg
All photographs by Diane Wray Tomasso except as noted.
CD on file at the City of Littleton Historic Preservation Office.
- 48. **Report title:**
Survey of Commercial Modernism in the West Littleton Boulevard Corridor 1950-1980.
- 49. **Date(s):** June 2018
- 50. **Recorder(s):** Diane Wray Tomasso and Michael Paglia
- 51. **Organization:**
Performed on behalf of the Office of Community Development, Littleton, CO, in association with the State Historical Fund, History Colorado.
- 52. **Address:** 3058 S Cornell Circle, Englewood, CO 80113
- 53. **Phone number(s):** 303 552-8254

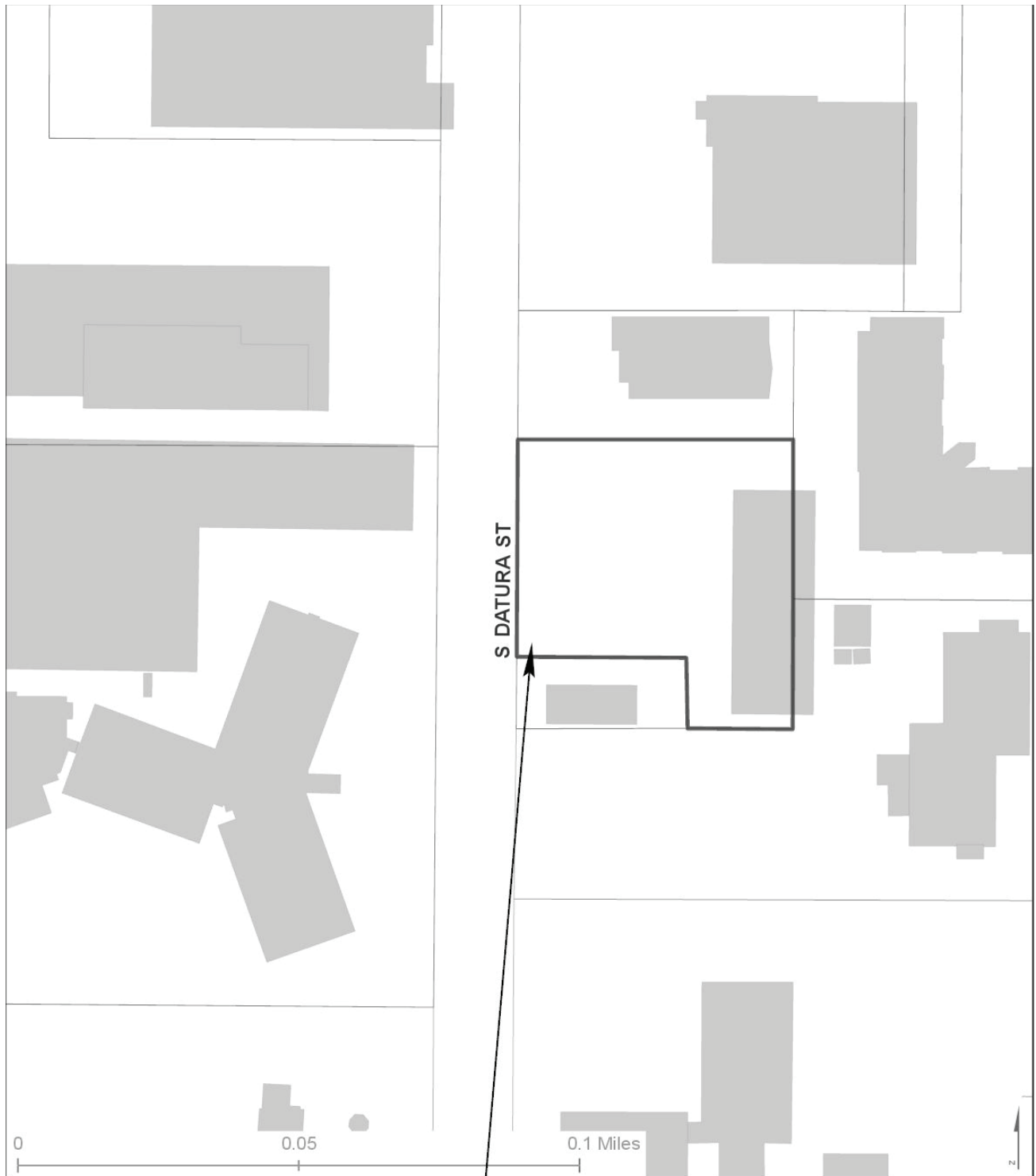
Aerial Map



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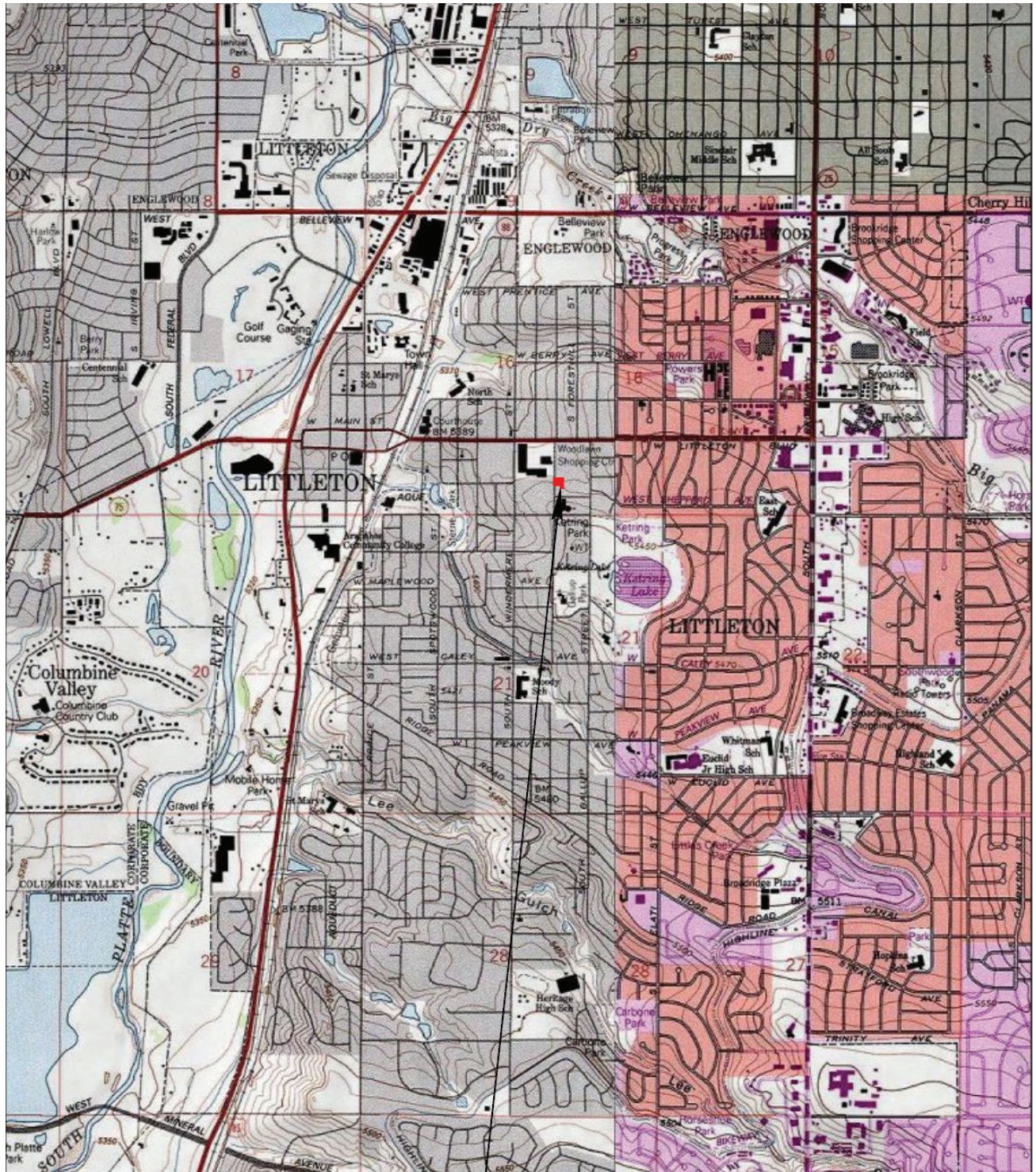
Sketch Map



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Location Map



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Photo: 199 WLB 01.jpg
South Wall (right); West Wall, facade (left).

