

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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Official eligibility determination (OAHP use only)

Date _____ Initials _____

- Determined Eligible- NR
- Determined Not Eligible- NR
- Determined Eligible- SR
- Determined Not Eligible- SR
- Need Data
- Contributes to eligible NR District
- Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. Identification

1. Resource number: 5ME.14930
2. Temporary resource number: 1530.NOR
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: Far East
6. Current building name: Far East
7. Building address: 1530 North Ave.
8. Owner name and address: Ray W Quan
1530 North Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501-6421

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West
SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 12
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 2 1 8 0 mE 4 3 2 8 2 5 1 mN
11. USGS quad name: Grand Junction Quadrangle
Year: 1962 rev.1973 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' *Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.*
12. Lot(s): 8 & 9 Block: 3
Addition: Parkplace Heights Year of Addition: 1951
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 8 + E 32.3ft Of
Lot 9 Blk 3 Parkplace Heights
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-123-23-005
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Irregular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: Length 80' x Width 120'
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Hipped Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Ceramic Tile Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Flared Eave, Porte Cochere

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21. General architectural description: This is a large building with a primary rectangular volume that has its the long side facing the street (south). It has a sweeping hipped roof covering the majority of the building which is clad in a blue glazed tile. The roof is supported by exposed rafters with a decorative cut on the tails. The rafters are equally spaced along the length and a single rafter runs along the hip to the eave on an angle. The rafters are supported by pilasters which are evenly distributed along the façade and set the width of the window openings in the side of the buildings. The pilasters have one thickness of brick to each side, which frames the large window openings. A decorative panel sits between the pilasters below the window sill. A solid brick wall is located on each end, with no pilaster at the corner. On the western end of the south façade a large hexagonal window is located in the brick field. The whole façade has a concrete planter base which has stepped section corresponding to the windows, with a metal rail infilling the step. The west side of the building has the main entrance which is a large storefront window/door assembly covered by a flat area of roof which extends out over the drive to a small flared hipped roof section. This section is supported by a single width brick wall with a moon gate cut out on the west face. The north side of the building has a series of flat roofed additions and the east side wall steps out to the full depth of the overhang and has a single door facing the street.
22. Architectural style/building type: Modern Movements; Novelty; Commercial
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The building has planters on the main street façade which provide some green as well as a strip of lawn between the sidewalk and the street. Otherwise the remaining large lot is all asphalt.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: An elaborate free standing sign is located on the southwest corner of the lot, which probably dates back to the original construction.

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1955 Actual: _____
Source of information: Mesa County Assessors Office
26. Architect: unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: Ray W Quan and Joyce Quan
Source of information: Polk Directory

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29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): A series of major alterations have reportedly been carried out. No specific information was found on the original appearance, however, the original owner would have been responsible for the subsequent changes.
30. Original location Moved Date of move(s): _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Commerce and Trade: Restaurant
32. Intermediate use(s): _____
33. Current use(s): Commerce and Trade: Restaurant
34. Site type(s): Commercial Strip
35. Historical background: Ray and Joyce Quan opened the Far East Café in 1956. Their son Tom Quan is now (2006) the owner of the restaurant. A name change is anticipated by current news articles. This site is part of Parkplace Heights, platted in 1951.
36. Sources of information: Mesa County Assessors Office; Museum of Western Colorado Archives; Polk Directories, Business Times article, Feb. 2006

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation: _____
Designating authority: _____
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
39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture, Community Development and Planning
40. Period of significance: 1955; 1943 to 1957 Uranium Boom
41. Level of significance: National State Local

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42. Statement of significance: The development in this area is a direct result of the nation's involvement in WWII and the drive for the development of nuclear weapons. The discovery of significant sources of Uranium in the region initiated development in Grand Junction that supported both the mining of the materials and the administration of programs related to the development of weapons. The building types, materials and neighborhood layout are all indicative of the national trends which were driven by the proliferation of the automobile and the enormous demand for single family homes. This building is unique in both its style and the fact that the same business has occupied the location since its construction. The novelty style of the building is indicative of a developing taste for variety in both foods and buildings.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Reports of alterations would imply that there is little or no integrity remaining in the original building. Further investigation would be required to verify the original conditions.

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

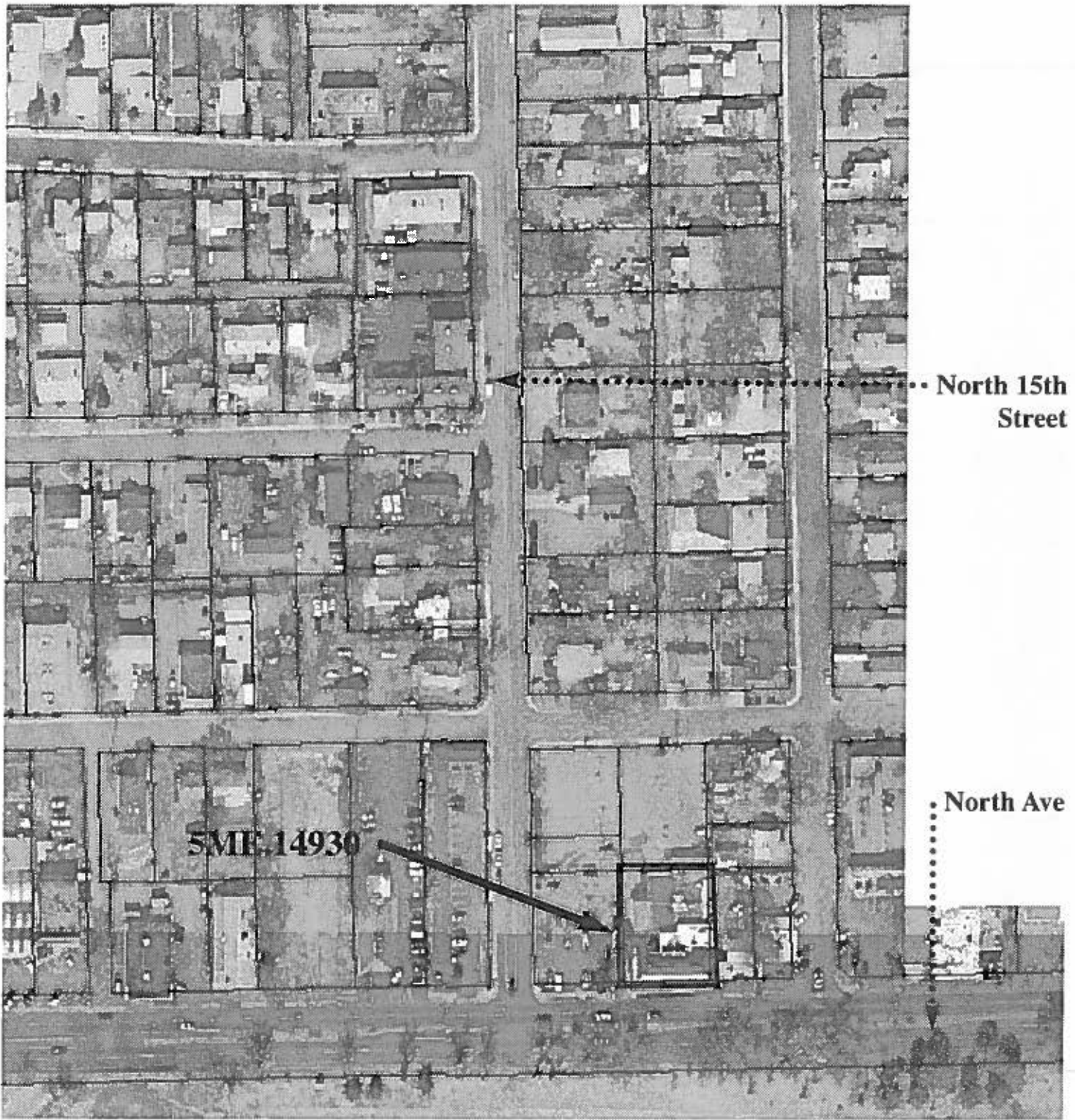
44. National Register eligibility field assessment:
Eligible Not Eligible Need Data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No Discuss: _____
If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing _____
Noncontributing _____
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing _____
Noncontributing _____

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll # 9 Frame # 15, 16, & 17
Negatives filed at: City of Grand Junction Planning Dept.
48. Report title: Grand Junction Phase 3 Survey 49. Date(s): March 2005
50. Recorder(s): Suzannah Reid, Patrick Duffield and Lydia Herron
51. Organization: Reid Architects, Inc.
52. Address: PO Box 1303 Aspen, Colorado 81612
53. Phone number(s): 970 920 9225

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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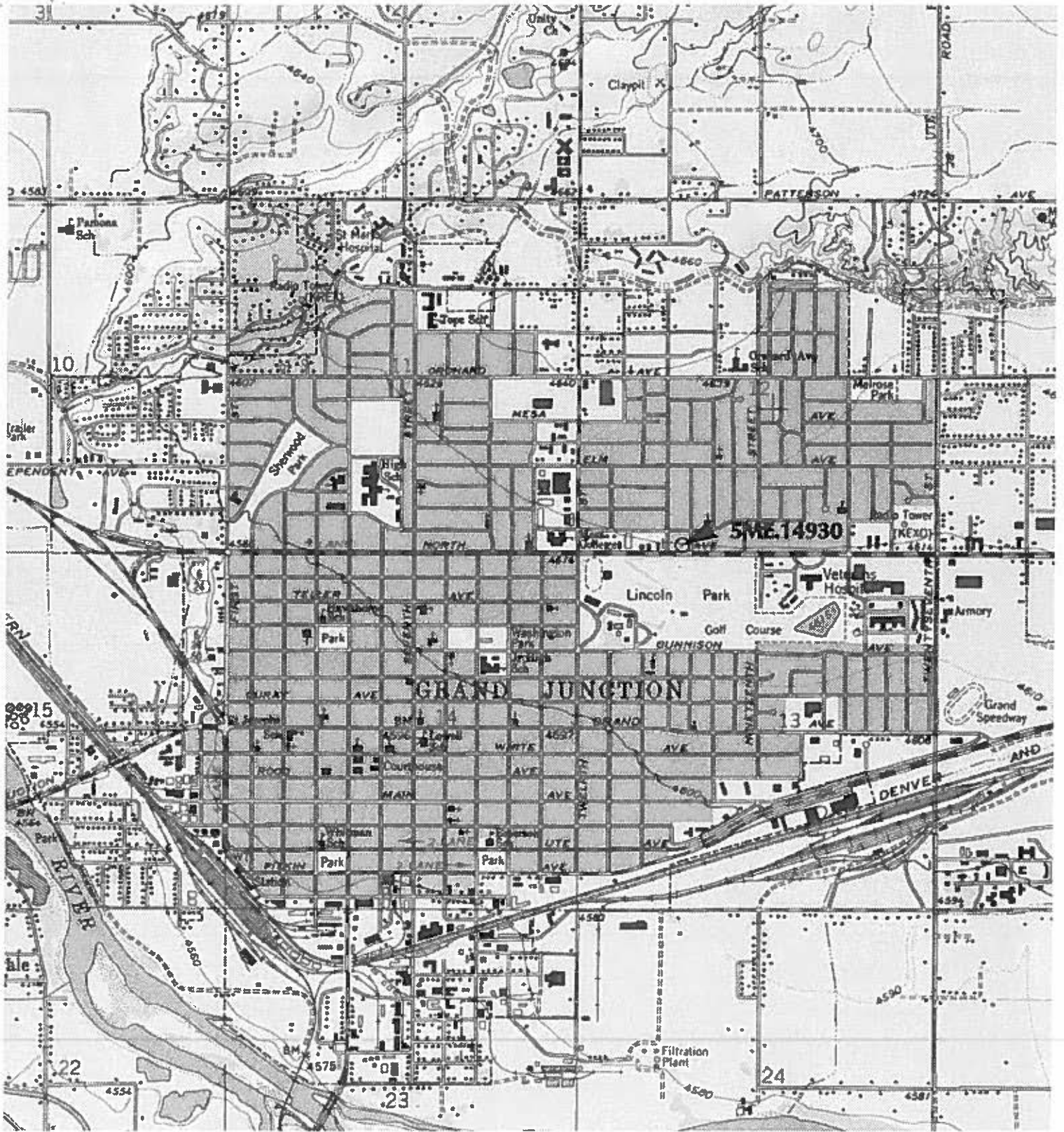
1530 North Ave.



North

Grand Junction, Colorado
image from 2002 aerial map

City of Grand Junction • Phase Three Survey
2004



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Phase Three Historic Survey

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Roll # 9 Frame # 16
Looking northwest
Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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Roll # 9 Frame # 15
Looking east
Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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016 sharp 57950

Roll # 9 Frame # 17
Looking north
Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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