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COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80203

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

Project name: Grand Junction Downtown Survey

County: Mesa city: Grand Junction

State ID no. 5ME 7155 temporary no.

Current building name: Junction Square Pizza

Address: 119 N. 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Owner: Earl & Mary Stevenson, 2156 McKinley Ct, Grand Junction, 81503-1054

Township: 1S range: 1W section: 14, SE 1/4, SW 1/4

Historic name:

USGS quad name: Grand Jct., CO 1962 N3900-W10830 X 7.5' 15'

District name:

Block: 105 lot(s) 16-20 addition: City

Yr. of addition

Film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

Negative nos. 6835-7; 6835-8

Location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

Date of construction _____ estimate 1917 actual _____

Source: Mesa County Assessor's Records

Use: _____ commercial _____ present _____ commercial _____ historic

Condition: _____ excellent X good _____ fair _____ deteriorating

Extent of alterations: _____ minor _____ moderate X major

Describe: Wood covers original facade; recessed entry; display windows; awning, signage

Style: Commercial

Stories: 1

original moved date(s) of move:

Materials: Brick/wood

Square footage: 2880

National Register Eligibility:

Individual: yes no

Contributing to district: yes no

Local landmark designation: _____ name _____ date

Associated buildings? yes type:

If inventoried, list ID nos.

Architectural description: One-story commercial brick building which has been painted on the south side. Six-over-six, double hung windows offset on the south side of the building are covered with metal bars. A large deteriorating billboard is located on this side with painted parking signage below. Large display windows are on the front with a recessed entry and single metal door with class transom. The upper level of the building is covered with painted wood with a projecting wood square sign with mansard single roof. A striped canvas awning is across the display windows. A vertical, glass tile window is on the north side of the building. Evidence of the original brick is seen on the north side along with a brick chimney.

Architect: unknown

Source:

Original owner: unknown

Source:

Builder/contractor: unknown

Source:

Theme(s): Plateau Country/commercial

Construction history: (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions

or alterations to original structure)

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Historic background (discuss important persons and events associated with this structure)

This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and was representative of early 1900s town building. The story of these buildings is complicated. Although the original lots were laid out as facing onto 7th Street, builders placed their structures without considering the survey lines. The Grand Junction Town and Improvement Company, Charlotte George, and Richard Bolles were among the early owners. In 1910, The Centre Building Company built what was known as the Centre Block, at the west-end of lots 19 and 20. On the ground floor were a music store and Hattie Pearson's undertaking parlor; the upstairs was a series of apartments. A garage stood behind it by 1912, with a 120 gallon gas tank buried underground. Joseph Sampliner acquired title to all five lots by 1916, but in 1921 they were divided again. Ray Lilja acquired the west 63-1/2 feet of all of them, while Sampliner kept the east 71-1/2 feet. Sampliner's portion soon became divided between Continental Oil and an F.W. Boising (or Boeking), who had the north 30 feet (on the corner of the alley where Junct'n Square is today). Continental's gas station matched the gas stations on the other three corners of 7th and Main. By 1946, W.D. and Edna Carnett had purchased the Boising interests.

Significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

____ Architectural significance:
____ represents the work of a master
____ possesses high artistic values
____ represents a type, period or method of construction

____ Historic significance:
____ associated with significant persons
____ associated with significant events or patterns
____ contributes to an historic district

Statement of significance:

Non-contributing, with qualifications; some original material may survive under covering.

References (be specific)

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