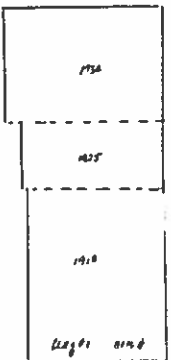


<b>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b> Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203		SITE NO.: 5ME8469
<b>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</b>		Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Contributes to a potential National Register district <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no district name: _____
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	Eligible for State Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d <input type="checkbox"/> e Areas of significance: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Riverside Elementary School		Period of significance _____ Needs data ___ date _____ initials _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME:		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [ ] yes [X] no  Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
ADDRESS: 552 W. Main St., Grand Junction, CO 81501		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W NW ¼ of SE ¼ of NW¼ of SE¼ of section 14
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: School District 51, 2115 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-8007		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 709620 Northing: 4326880
		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction  Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [ ] 15'
STYLE: Eclectic School		Block: Lot(s): N of E. Main St. S of Hwy 340 W of RR E of Blk 2 except E314' S157.7' Addition: Year of addition:
BUILDING TYPE:		[X] original location [ ] moved  Date of moves(s):
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame/Stucco - Built Up Roof		HISTORIC USE: Education  PRESENT USE: Vacant
STORIES: 1	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 11360	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1918 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">                     north arrow  </div> 		ARCHITECT: Unknown  Source of information:
		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown  Source of information:
		ORIGINAL OWNER: School District #51  Source of information: Lot and Block Books
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [ ] yes [X] no  Type:

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with flat parapet roof. Concrete foundation rises to level of the water table. Concrete steps with concrete piers lead to an indented arched entrance in the center of the facade. Entrance features a bracketed, hip roof canopy. Pair of paneled front doors have large, single lights which are now covered with plywood. A curved pediment appears above the canopied entrance, along the roof line. The corners of the roofline of the facade are raised to create the impression of corner piers. All the simple rectangular and large square window openings are now covered with plywood and have brick sills. The roofline has brick coping. Walls covered with white stucco.

The neglected lot is mostly dirt and gravel with occasional patches of grass. Five mature trees in front yard.

**PHOTOGRAPHS** (include photographs showing each side of building and any associated buildings)

Film roll no.: 12  
Negative no.: 12

Photographer: Carolyn Howard  
Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY** (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Additions towards the rear in 1925 and 1934.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND** (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): This school first appears in the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps in 1926, however the Grand Junction City Directory lists the school in the 1918-1919 edition. Tax assessor records indicate the building was built in 1918, an addition in 1925, and a third addition in 1934. The school was in operation ca. 1918-1985. The building then served as a community center until it was closed. This school replaced the first Riverside School which had been located at 530 W. Ute Avenue.

**INFORMATION SOURCES** (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories.

**SIGNIFICANCE** (check appropriate categories)

**Architectural significance:**  
 represents the work of a master  
 possess high artistic value  
 represents a type, period, or method of construction

**Historical significance:**  
 associated with significant person(s)  
 associated with significant event  
 associated with a pattern of events  
 contributes to an historic district

**National Register eligibility:**  
Individual  yes  no  
Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
Area(s) of significance: Architecture

**Contributes to a potential district:**  
 yes  no  
District name:

Period of significance: 1918

THEME(S):

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (briefly justify the significance checked above): The Spanish Revival facade is boarded up, but changed very little. Although not eligible for the National Register, this building may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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