

Historic Property Capital Park Building
Inventory Report for 1051 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Capital Park Building **Field Site No.:** 742
Common Name: (#34-757) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1051 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 23 NW TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507630 **Northing:** 5209230

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
60208100600 Mackay & Burrs Lot 6-10 Blk 81

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/17/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Washington-General Admn **Owner Address:** P. O. Box 41019 **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98504

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

Within a District? No **Survey/Inventory**

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 2

Structural System: Concrete - Poured

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Extensive

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Moderate

Other (specify):

Cladding Stucco

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Art Deco - Streamlined Moderne

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

Roof Type Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other
Architecture/Landscape Architecture	
Commerce	

Date Of Construction: 1931
Architect: Dawley Construction
Builder:
Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No
Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local): No
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance The Capitol Park Building was built in 1931-32 by Dawley Construction in a Art Modernes design. The building held a number of businesses and offices. The north end had a series of food stalls which opened into the street. Other first floor businesses included a bakery, cafe, Merle P. Junk Photography, and a drug store. On the second floor were the Dietz Business College, KGY broadcasting station and several law offices including that of Julia Waldrip Ker and Harold Troy, both prominent attorneys. The first floor also originally had a ball room and later bowling alley. The structure has been used by a variety of offices and stores and is currently owned by the State of Washington.

Description of Physical Appearance This large, rectangular flat-roofed structure, two stories tall at its north end and one story tall to the south, is built of stucco-clad concrete in the Art Moderne style on a poured concrete foundation. The walls are divided by engaged pilasters into 5 bays on the end walls and 13 bays on the front (east) facade. The central bay of the front facade has a recessed entryway topped by an arched casement window, above which it extends upward into a square, flat-roofed tower. The first floor has plate glass storefronts with recessed entry doors and stucco bulkheads, topped by multi-paned transoms which have been painted over. The east storefronts become progressively shorter to the south, following the grade of the street. Several of the bays on the north wall retain the original storefront windows, which are divided by wooden mullions into tall, narrow panes, but their transoms are also painted over. The westernmost bay has an entrance to the basement parking garage. The second story is lit by bands of narrow casements. The building is maintained in good condition. Several of the windows have been replaced non-historic materials.

Major Bibliographic References Information from Mrs. L.E. Dawley and Mrs. Winifred Sanders.
"Home of Numerous Successful Business Concerns," Olympia News, January 27, 1943.

PHOTOS



View of NE corner (shown); SE corner
taken 10/17/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
28-5.6
Comments: