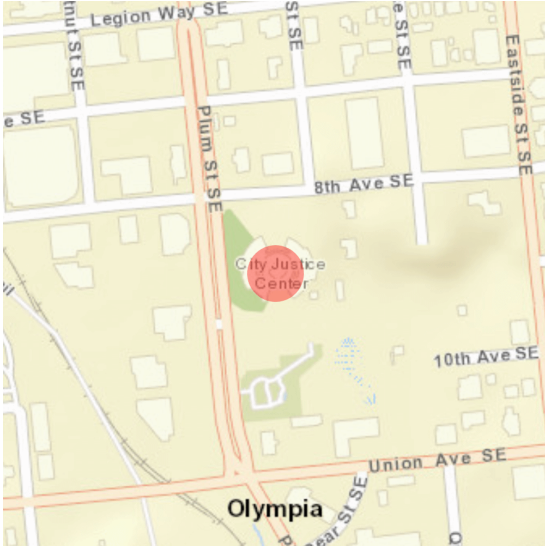


## Location



**Address:** 900 Plum St SE, Olympia, WA

**Geographic Areas:** Thurston County, OLYMPIA Quadrangle, Olympia Certified Local Government, Thurston Certified Local Government, T18R02W41

## Information

**Number of stories:** 1

### Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1966	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Government	Government - City Hall
Government	Government - City Hall

### Historic Context:

Category
Architecture
Community Planning and Development

### Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
Builder	A.J. Johnson & Co.
Architect	Wohleb, Robert H.



# Historic Property Report

Resource Name: Olympia City Hall

Property ID: 2922

**Thematics:**

**Local Registers and Districts**

Name	Date Listed	Notes
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**Project History**

Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date
2011-03-00043, , Nifty From the Last 50	11/4/2002	Not Determined	

## Photos



main entrance.



interior courtyard area.



Council chamber



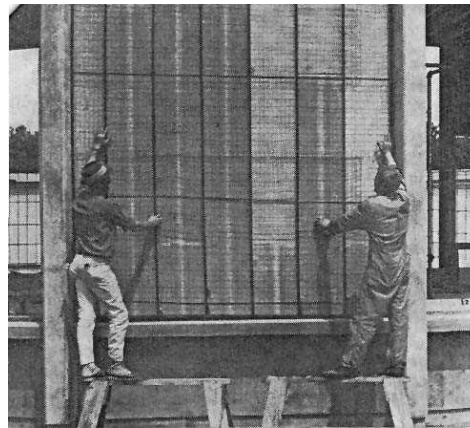
Marblecrete exterior finish.



main council chamber entry



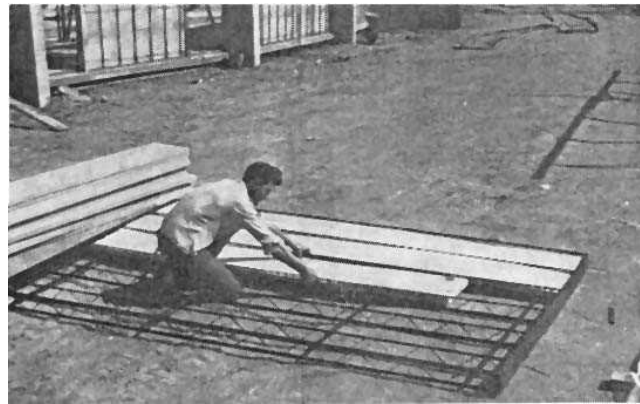
interior courtyard note.



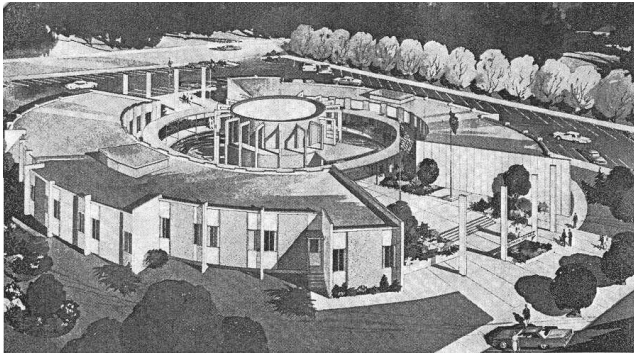
exterior wall installation



application of exterior surface



installation of styrofoam panels



architectural rendering



exterior walls.



Original HPI form(s)



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## Inventory Details - 1/1/1900

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**Common name:**

**Date recorded:** 1/1/1900

**Field Recorder:**

**Field Site number:**

**SHPO Determination**

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Resource Name: Olympia City Hall

Property ID: 2922

## Inventory Details - 11/4/2002

**Common name:**

**Date recorded:** 11/4/2002

**Field Recorder:** M. Houser

**Field Site number:**

**SHPO Determination**

## Detail Information

### Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Built Up
Structural System	Metal - Steel
Roof Type	Flat with Parapet
Plan	Round
Cladding	Veneer

### Styles:

Period	Style Details
Modern Movement	New Formalism

## Surveyor Opinion

**Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:** Yes

**Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local):** No

**Significance narrative:** Constructed for a cost of just under \$1 million, the Olympia City Hall is an exceptional example of period architecture. Upon completion, the building was highly touted, nation-wide as a model of good design, architectural innovation, and space planning. The building was one of the last structures designed by noted Olympia architect Robert Wohleb. It was part of a concerted effort by the Olympia's "Committee of the 60s" to improve the public infrastructure of the city.

**Physical description:** Located on the SE corner of Plum and 8th Street, the Olympia City Hall is comprised of three buildings laid out in a round or "O" shape. The structure was built using steel pilions and open-web steel studs which were inserted with styrofoam panels covered with marblecrete. The 52 foot diameter building is surrounded by 20, 4x8 precast concrete columns which are tied to a steel wheel with 11 foot spokes. The three buildings are integrated together by an exterior covered walkway which originally visually floated over a moat of spring feed water. The building is distinguished by a center round council chamber which rises 20 feet.

**Bibliography:** Daily Olympian: Sep. 2, 1966, pg1; March 9, 1966; Aug. 24, 1964; Aug. 20, 1964; Nov. 25, 1964; Sep. 21, 1965; Feb. 20, 1966; American Journal of Building March 1966 Vol.2; City Hall dedication program, March 26, 1966; The Sacramento Bee, April 2, 1967; Western City Magazine July 1966;



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