



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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*** Note:** Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) Lucibello Bakery
 Building Name (Historic) Lucibello Bakery
 Street Address or Location 935 Grand Avenue
 Town/City New Haven Village Wooster Square County New Haven
 Owner(s) Peter Faggio Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial - Bakery
 Historic Use: Commercial - Bakery

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No
 Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain During business hours
 Style of building Modernist - Brutalist Date of Construction 1963

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type <u>Block Masonry</u>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Structural System

- Wood Frame Post & Beam Balloon Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other Wood & Steel floor / roof framing

Roof (Type)

- Gable Flat Mansard Monitor Sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other _____

(Material)

- Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate Asphalt Shingle
 Built up Tile Other _____

Number of Stories: 1 **Approximate Dimensions** 31 x 71' x 10' & 12' height

Structural Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site Moved When? _____

Alterations? Yes No If yes, explain: _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Town # _____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: S NR If NR, Specify: Actual Potential

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

Related outbuildings or landscape features:

Barn Shed Garage Carriage House Shop Garden

Other landscape features or buildings: Asphalt paving at north side of building, concrete paving & street trees at south side.

Surrounding Environment:

Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural

High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The building sits at the northeast corner of Grand Avenue and Olive Street. Buildings nearby are a mix of 1-story mid-20th-century Modernist and older 19th- and early 20th-century 2- to 4-story commercial or mixed-use buildings. The continuous street wall of the 1900s has been interrupted by demolition for parking lots. Diagonally opposite is the Fire Department headquarters (see Inventory form for 952 Grand Avenue), a notable example of Modernist design.

• Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*) The building at 935 Grand Avenue consists of two adjoining blocks. Each is rectangular in plan with 1-story concrete block walls and flat roof; a massive vertical chimney-like form provides an accent and transition between the two. The north wall of the taller eastern block, housing the bakery, has two groups of triple aluminum-framed windows high on the north (rear) elevation and the south has a pattern of red recessed vertical strips. The south facade of the lower western block, the shop, has 4 bays marked by projecting piers. A pair of glass storefront doors fills the west (left) bay and fixed windows above colored metal panels are in the others. An overhanging roof spans the piers and its fascia has sign lettering. Masonry detailing on the west (side) elevation gives it the appearance of 5 narrow bays with 4 recessed red strips. The north (rear) elevation has 2 bays marked by projecting piers, a pair of glass doors at the right (east), and a 2-light window at the left (west) with concrete block infill in a stacked bond. A roof fascia matches the south side. The original sans serif sign lettering is still in place on the tall chimney block.

Architect Damuck & Painchaud Builder Mauro Construction Company, North Branford CT

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The construction of the Lucibello Bakery was a central component of redevelopment efforts along Grand Avenue in the Wooster Square neighborhood in 1962. The shop was one of numerous firms included in the city's redevelopment plans for Wooster Square, and when finished brought the neighborhood total to 27 new or relocated businesses. The \$47,000 building was part of a \$500,000 investment by the Redevelopment Agency along Grand Avenue, the latter figure including rehabilitation, new construction, and off-street parking. Total private investment in the Wooster Square neighborhood was over \$3,242,000 by the end of 1963. The Redevelopment Agency prided itself on promoting "good design" and its staff, including planner James Skerritt and architect Vincent C. Amore, worked closely with the designers of the new businesses. The designers of this building, Damuck & Painchaud, were also responsible for the State-Federal Building (see Inventory form for 630 Chapel Street) at Olive and Chapel Streets. The building balances its pedestrian face to Grand Avenue with its automotive face toward the parking and uses its geometric masses for an abstract composition.

• Sources: Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture & Urban Design*, Yale U. Press, New Haven, 1976. Carley, Rachel D., *Tomorrow is Here: New Haven and the Modern Movement* (Privately printed by the New Haven Preservation Trust, New Haven CT) June, 2008.

Hommann, Mary, *Wooster Square Design*, The New Haven Redevelopment Authority, 1965.

New Haven Tax Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel: 209/579/001, Building Department permit files.

"1962 Annual Report of the Redevelopment Agency; New Haven, Connecticut," New Haven Redevelopment Agency, 1962.

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Organization The New Haven Preservation Trust

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Threats to the building or site:

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Renewal Private

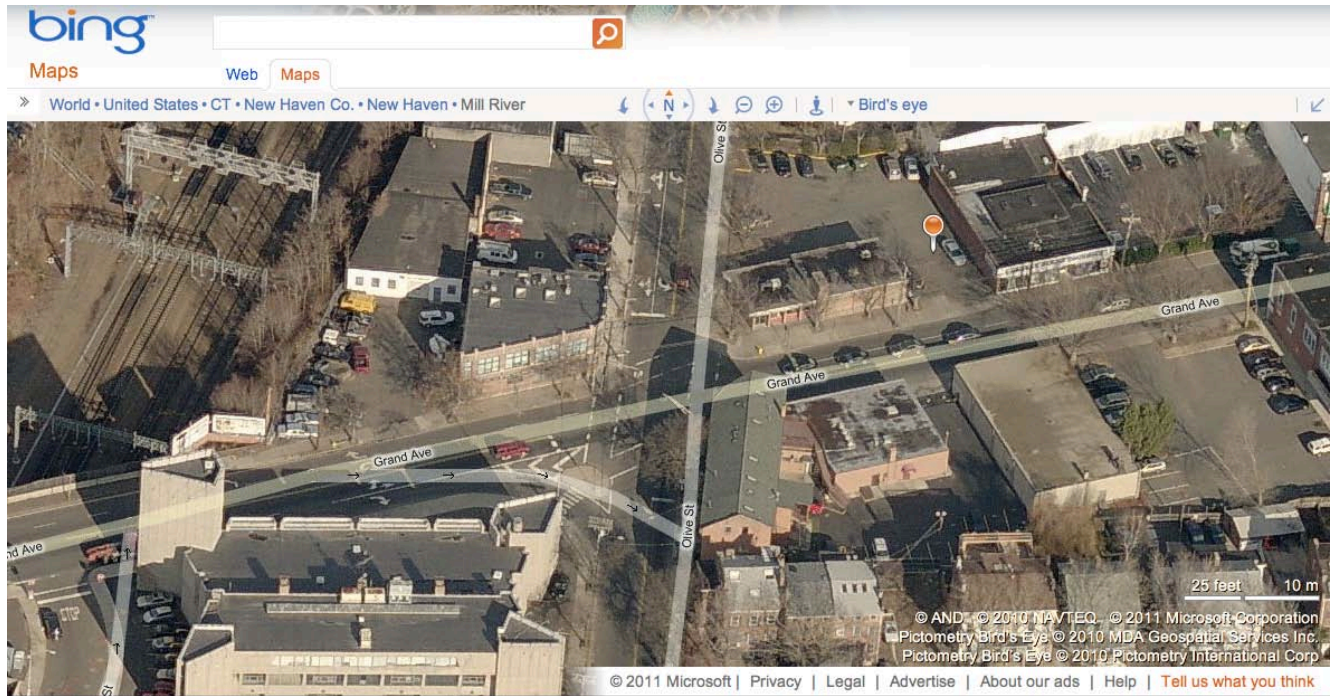
Deterioration Zoning Other _____ Explanation _____



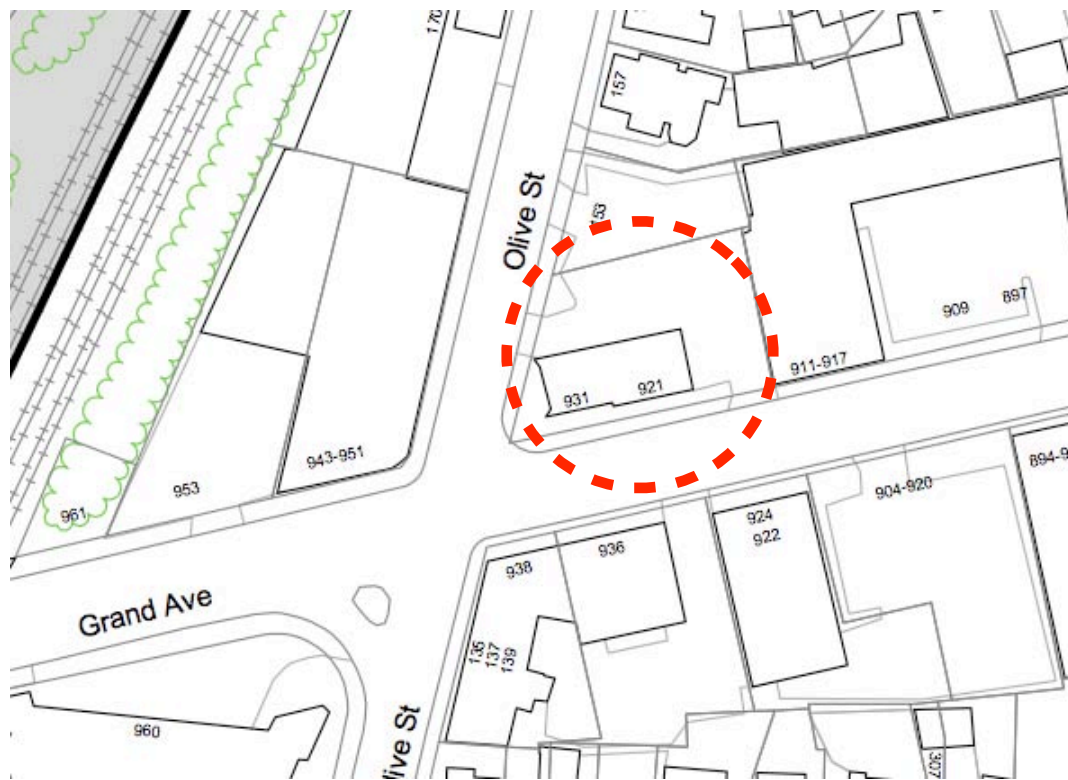
1. South (front) and west (side) elevations from Grand Avenue, camera facing northeast.



2. North (rear) and west (side) elevations from Olive Street, camera facing southeast.



3. South aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 5/25/2011.



4. Site plan – from City of New Haven tax map, parcel 209/0579/00100 not to scale, North ↑.