

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES
REVISED 5-77

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.: _____ Site No.: _____

UTM: _____

QUAD: _____

DISTRICT: _____ IF NR. SPECIFY

S NR Actual Potential

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) **Davenport Branch of the Roberto Clemente School / Public Library**

2. TOWN/CITY **New Haven** VILLAGE _____ COUNTY **New Haven**

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) **360 Columbus Ave and Howard Ave.**

4. OWNER(S) **City of New Haven, Board of Education** Public Private

5. USE (Present) **Public Elementary School and Library** (Historic) **Same**

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN _____

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING **Post-Modern** DATE OF CONSTRUCTION **1975**

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) **Glazed brown brick**

Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone

Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone

Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame Post and beam balloon

Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel

Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)

Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth

Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____

(Material)

Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate

Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES **2&B** APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS _____

12. CONDITION (Structural) Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated (Exterior) Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) On original site Moved WHEN? _____ (Alterations) Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN _____

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) **Open plaza with landscaping-Howard Ave. side. Parking area in rear of building.**

Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

This building is situated at the corner of two busy thoroughfares. Howard Ave. is mostly residential with some commercial uses. Columbus Ave. is mostly commercial with some residential uses.

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Building: 2-story masonry complex houses both the Davenport Branch of the public library and the school. Building consists of large wings off of a central core. Wings contain classrooms, gymnasium, library etc. Building reinforced concrete structure with masonry (infill) walls. Note articulation of structure in exterior facade. Windows are recessed in a reveal, giving cut-out appearance to the large wall areas.

Site: Open plaza with street furniture and plantings faces the Howard Ave. entrance to the Library. Building is setback on the east side and breaks the traditional setback established on Edward Ave.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: This large Post-Modern school and library complex represents the urban renewal solution of the mid 1970s. This building was imposed on the neighborhood and stands out as an institutional building distinct from its surroundings. The sheer brick walls and small window openings contribute to the fortress-like quality of the building.

SOURCES

Maps: 1970; 1879, 1888, 1911.

PHOTO

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other Neglect and lack of maintenance.

Renewal
 Private
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