

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Long Wharf

234-23-2

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:

Site No.:

UTM

QUAD:

DISTRICT

IF NR. SPECIFY

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Actual

Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Albie Booth Boys' Club Same

2. TOWN/CITY
New Haven COUNTY
New Haven

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)
2 Sargent Drive (103 Hallock Avenue)

4. OWNER(S)
The United Workers Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
Recreational Facility Same

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

Now New Haven
Public School

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING
Post-Modern DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
1970

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<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 16 x 12" block	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone	

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel -- Gym framed with steel trusses
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		

10. ROOF (Type)

<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Tar and gravel	

11. NUMBER OF STORIES
1

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
170 x 183'

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Minor: 1977 Boiler Room renovation; club sign changed; solar roof panels added other minor interior alterations
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14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	Asphalt parking lot north and south of building

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
The building occupies an interface between highway (I-95) - oriented Sargent Drive and the late 19th-century development of Hallock Avenue (part of the City Point Sector). Scale relates to both sectors. (OVER)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior, Use, or Exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A front rectangular section is a large enclosed porch/play area; the much larger rectangular mass behind was originally designed around a program including pool, gymnasium, clubrooms, craft shops and other traditional boys club functions. The walls of the building are painted white for maximum planarity. Unlike the other Long Wharf structures, the regular soil conditions in this area allowed a standard concrete foundation. The roof framing system is steel and prestressed, precast concrete. Interior originally contained several supergraphics and sports based wall paintings; extant is the mural inside the enclosed porch/play area.

18 ARCHITECT

Davis Cochran Miller Baerman Noyes

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: The building was designed at 2 scales: the front (south) appealing to the highway; the west and north sides, adjacent to the low-income neighborhood along Hallock Street, appealing to the pedestrian. The large enclosed porch was intended to attract children from the neighborhood as an informal play area, open at all times. The porch/play area design and the bisected arch motif reflect the influence of Robert Venturi.

Henry F. Miller, partner in charge; William Richmond, principal designer.

SOURCES

Brown, pp. 24, 93.
 Conversation with Donald Baerman, telephone, 10/16/81.

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER Roger Baldwin DATE 5/1/80

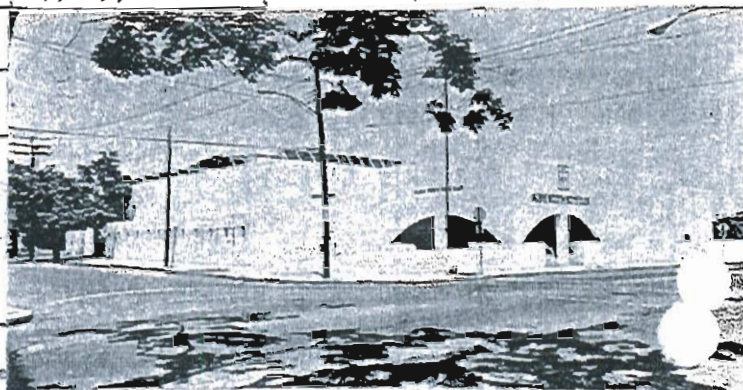
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Develop

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explan