

# HISTORIC SITE FORM - HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (10-08)

## 1 IDENTIFICATION

Name of Property: **War Veteran's Memorial Building**

Address: 427 MAIN ST

AKA:

City, County: Park City, Summit County, Utah

Tax Number: PC-153

Current Owner Name: MEMORIAL BUILDING LLC

Parent Parcel(s):

Current Owner Address: 30833 N WESTERN HWY STE 121, FARMINGTON, MI 48334

Legal Description (include acreage): ALL OF LOTS 8,9,10,11,12,21,22,23,24 & 25 BLK 10 PARK CITY SURVEY, 0.69 AC

## 2 STATUS/USE

### Property Category

- building(s), main  
 building(s), attached  
 building(s), detached  
 building(s), public  
 building(s), accessory  
 structure(s)

### Evaluation\*

- Landmark Site  
 Significant Site  
 Not Historic

### Reconstruction

- Date:  
Permit #:  
 Full  Partial

### Use

- Original Use: Public  
Current Use: Commercial

\*National Register of Historic Places:  ineligible  eligible  
 listed (date: 03/07/1979 - Park City Main Street Historic District)

## 3 DOCUMENTATION

### Photos: Dates

- tax photo:  
 prints:  
 historic: c.

### Drawings and Plans

- measured floor plans  
 site sketch map  
 Historic American Bldg. Survey  
 original plans:  
 other:

### Research Sources (check all sources consulted, whether useful or not)

- abstract of title  
 tax card  
 original building permit  
 sewer permit  
 Sanborn Maps  
 obituary index  
 city directories/gazetteers  
 census records  
 biographical encyclopedias  
 newspapers  
 city/county histories  
 personal interviews  
 Utah Hist. Research Center  
 USHS Preservation Files  
 USHS Architects File  
 LDS Family History Library  
 Park City Hist. Soc/Museum  
 university library(ies):  
 other:

Bibliographical References (books, articles, interviews, etc.) Attach copies of all research notes and materials.

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## 4 ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION & INTEGRITY

Building Type and/or Style: Central Block with Wings / PWA Moderne style

No. Stories: 1 ½

Additions:  none  minor  major (describe below) Alterations:  none  minor  major (describe below)

Number of associated outbuildings and/or structures:  accessory building(s), # \_\_\_\_\_;  structure(s), # \_\_\_\_\_.

General Condition of Exterior Materials:

Researcher/Organization: Preservation Solutions/Park City Municipal Corporation Date: 12-2008

- Good (Well maintained with no serious problems apparent.)
- Fair (Some problems are apparent. Describe the problems.):
- Poor (Major problems are apparent and constitute an imminent threat. Describe the problems.):
- Uninhabitable/Ruin

**Materials** (The physical elements that were combined or deposited during a particular period of time in a particular pattern or configuration. Describe the materials.):

Foundation: Concrete.

Walls: Formed concrete.

Roof: Flat roof.

Windows/Doors: Multi-pane (horizontal muntins) casements and large transom windows over a series of three double doors.

Essential Historical Form:  Retains  Does Not Retain, due to:

Location:  Original Location  Moved (date \_\_\_\_\_) Original Location:

**Design** (The combination of physical elements that create the form, plan, space, structure, and style. Describe additions and/or alterations from the original design, including dates--known or estimated--when alterations were made): the 1 ½-story concrete central block with wings remains as it appears in early photographs and the NR nomination. The site retains its original design character.

**Setting** (The physical environment--natural or manmade--of a historic site. Describe the setting and how it has changed over time.): The setting is typical of a mining era commercial core; buildings are located adjacent to one another and abut the sidewalk or street edge, though this structure is set back from the street edge slightly.

**Workmanship** (The physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during a given period in history. Describe the distinctive elements.): The physical evidence from the period that defines this structure as a PWA Moderne structure is the symmetrical façade, smooth wall surfaces, heavy massing, framed entrance with Art Deco motifs, and monumental scale.

**Feeling** (Describe the property's historic character.): The physical elements of the site, in combination, convey a sense of the Public Works Administration's activity in the early to mid- twentieth century.

**Association** (Describe the link between the important historic era or person and the property.): The central block with wings is one of the most common commercial building types constructed in Park City during the mining era. This structure is associated with the Public Works Administration's activities in Utah.

This site was listed as a contributing building on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 as part of the *Park City Main Street Historic District*. It was built within the historic period (1868-1929), is associated with the era of mining decline, and retains its historic integrity. As a result, it meets the criteria set forth in LMC Chapter 15-11 for designation as a Landmark Site.

## 5 SIGNIFICANCE

Architect:  Not Known  Known: (source: )

Date of Construction: c. 1939<sup>1</sup>

Builder:  Not Known  Known: (source: )

The site must represent an important part of the history or architecture of the community. A site need only be significant under one of the three areas listed below:

<sup>1</sup> Notarianni, page 78.

1. Historic Era:

- Settlement & Mining Boom Era (1868-1893)
- Mature Mining Era (1894-1930)
- Mining Decline & Emergence of Recreation Industry (1931-1962)

Park City was the center of one of the top three metal mining districts in the state during Utah's mining boom period of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. However, by the mid-twentieth century, most mines in Park City had closed, the population had dwindled, and building activity nearly ceased. Though the few commercial structures built during this period generally reflect the types and styles used in communities throughout Utah, they were constructed in a way that reinforces the settlement patterns of Park City's significant mining era. They are both modest in scale and tightly packed along Main Street, contributing to the overall character of the business district.

2. Persons (Describe how the site is associated with the lives of persons who were of historic importance to the community or those who were significant in the history of the state, region, or nation):

3. Architecture (Describe how the site exemplifies noteworthy methods of construction, materials or craftsmanship used during the historic period or is the work of a master craftsman or notable architect): This structure represents PWA Moderne style used in Utah during the 1930s.

## 6 PHOTOS

Digital color photographs are on file with the Planning Department, Park City Municipal Corp.

**Photo No. 1:** elevation. Camera facing .

**Photo No. 2:** elevation. Camera facing .

**Photo No. 3:** elevation. Camera facing .

**Photo No. 4:** elevation. Camera facing .



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