

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5WL.5602** Parcel number: **080721204019**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **Not Applicable**
- 3. County: **Weld**
- 4. City: **Windsor**
- 5. Historic building name: **Windsor Public Library**
- 6. Current building name: **Pat Weakland DDS**
- 7. Building address: **214 5th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Patrick G. and Amanda J. Weakland**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **214 5th St
Windsor, CO 80550**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed
State Register eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **6N** Range: **67W**
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of section **21**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **508094** Northing: **4480974**
11. USGS quad name: **Windsor** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1969**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 5, 6, and 7; Block 9 of Porters Subdivision of Lots 2, 4, etc.; Block 9**
Addition: **Windsor Original Town** Year of addition: **1882**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described below, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**
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Lots 5, 6, and 7 of Block 9 of Porter's Subdivision excluding: BEG S01D33'W 92.5' FROM NE COR BLK9 S01D33'W 18.5' N88D35'W 37.58' S45D12'W 5.43' N88D35'W 23.80' S01D20'W 17.4' N88D35'W 19.94' N01D32'E 32.06' S88D35'E 35' N01D33'E 7.5' S88D35'E 50' TO BEG.

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **L-Shaped Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **2,760 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
Wood/Plywood/Particle Board
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Fence**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the east, this building rests on a concrete foundation. A red, pressed-brick veneer clads most of the exterior walls. The brickwork features alternating, raised squares across the front (east) façade. Covering the rear (west) elevation are sheets of white-painted plywood. Four, tall and narrow window openings extend from the foundation to the eaves at either end of the façade and divide each half of this elevation. They consist of an awning window at the bottom and a single, fixed-frame light extending upward. The principal doorway opens just south of center. It hosts a plate-glass door. South of them are two, plate-glass windows of nearly identical size as the door. Clerestory windows extend from the level of the front door lintel to the bottom of the eave. All of the doors and windows in the façade have aluminum frames. Opening in the west end of the south elevation and south of center in the rear elevation are 1-beside-1-light, sliding sash windows, with white vinyl frames. A pair of single-light clerestory windows pierce the rear-facing gable, south of center. Doorways open in the extreme west end of the north elevation and in the north end of the rear elevation. The northern doorway hosts a white-painted, 6-panel steel door. A white-painted wood slab door opens in the southern doorway. Gray-green asphalt shingles, punctuated by skylights, cover the front-gabled main roof. Large, green-painted, glue-lam perkins extend beneath the very broadly overhanging eaves, which are boxed in green-painted wood fascia and cream-colored aluminum or vinyl soffit.
22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**
Other architectural style:
Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:
This commercial building is located on 5th Street, a north-south thoroughfare through downtown Windsor. It is situated on the west side of the street, between 501 Main Street to the west and an east-west-oriented alley to the south. Separating the building's front (east) facade from the concrete sidewalk parallel to the street is a grass yard with mature landscaping. Delimiting the southern edge of the property is a wood privacy fence and tall spruce trees. Macadam covers a parking lot to the north and west of this building.

24. Associated building, features or objects:
There are no other buildings associated with this property.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1960-61 (addition 1977)** Actual Estimate
Source of information: **Walter, Sylva. "We'll look in at the old LIBRARY...." In *A Walk Through Windsor: 1940-1980*. Mary Alice Lindblad, 36-38. Windsor, Colo.: by the author, 1980.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
Source of information:
27. Builder: **Unknown**
Source of information:
28. Original Owner: **Windsor Public Library**
Source of information: **Walter, Sylva. "We'll look in at the old LIBRARY...." In *A Walk Through Windsor: 1940-1980*. Mary Alice Lindblad, 36-38. Windsor, Colo.: by the author, 1980.**
29. Construction history:
According to Weld County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1960, but Mary Alice Lindblad's *A Walk Through Windsor* states that the building was completed on June 21, 1961. An analysis of the style, materials, and other historical records corroborates a 1961 date of construction. The original building cost \$27,000. The addition to the rear elevation cost \$33,855 and was completed in March 1977. The only other modifications have been the replacement of small windows in the south and west elevations, dating to after 1995.
30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Education/Library**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Education/Library**
33. Current use(s): **Health Care/Medical Business/Medical Office**
34. Site type(s): **Library; Dental Office**
35. Historical background:
This building was completed in March 1961 for \$27,000 as the Windsor Public Library. Spearheaded by the Windsor Improvement Club, a mass meeting on June 21, 1906, established the Windsor Library Association. On October 9, members of the organization agreed to donate volumes from their private libraries and purchase \$200 worth of new books. Postmaster R.E. Hanna offered to shelve the small collection of books in the post office until the organization found a more permanent home.
- In 1919 the association purchased a small house, part the of the Helen Porter Estate, located behind (south of) the First National Bank building (501 Main Street, 5WL.5627), at the location of the currently surveyed property. Helen Porter had previously bequeathed half of her property to the library and all of her books and papers.**
- When the state legislature and governor passed a law allowing municipalities to create public libraries and support them with tax levies, the library association petitioned the town board to take over the library in May 1922. In September of that year, the town agreed to accept the property and continued maintenance of a public library in Windsor, organizing a library board to oversee the institution.**
- But the library was quickly outgrowing its home behind the bank building. So, in 1935, Weld County School District No. 4 agreed to lease a small, brick school building, on the corner of 4th and Walnut streets, to the town. With help from the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the town and school district converted the building into the new home of the Windsor Public Library, opening the building on June 4, 1936.**
- In 1947 or 1948, the school district notified the library board that it intended to sell the building to the adjacent Bethel American Lutheran Church to use as an educational wing. Although the library board and the district had just agreed to a ten-year lease in 1946, the library decided to relinquish the lease. The school district then gave the library \$6,000 as a reimbursement for expenses. In October 1948, left with no affordable options, the library relocated to a**

cramped room at the southwest corner of the old Town Hall building, at 116 Fifth Street (5WL.2050). The room was located on the second floor, accessible only via a long flight of steps.

To make matters worse, the town board cut the library's mill levy in 1950. The library board and longtime librarian Iola Branch struggled to keep the institution open through the 1950s. Even the second floor location proved daunting as Branch, in failing health, struggled with steps each day. Branch retired in January 1960; succeeding her was her niece, Sylva Walter.

Shortly after Walter became the librarian, the board became more optimistic as it reviewed its assets, including \$10,000 in a savings account and the property it retained behind First National Bank. Thus the board decided to construct a new library building. The American Legion kicked off the fundraising campaign by offering a \$5,000 match to private donations given to the cause.

Construction of the new began in October 1960 on the library's property behind First National Bank. The library board hosted an open house on April 16, 1961. The new facility was an immediate success, serving as a favored meeting place for young and old alike. And although the institution continued to struggle financially, it was able to slowly acquire more books, periodicals, and even audio-visual materials.

Also in 1960, the Windsor Public Library became part of the Weld County Library System, a cooperative library service that allowed resource sharing and expanded access to technical expertise. The county system eventually became part of the High Plains Regional Library System, which linked together local libraries, universities, and other organizations.

With the opening of Windsor's Kodak plant in 1972, the library again found itself without room to grow. Thus the library undertook another capital campaign in the following years, completing an addition to this building in March 1977. The cost of the addition was \$33,855, but it almost doubled shelving space and included a basement for extra storage.

Around 1995, the library sought to build an even larger facility as it reorganized into the Windsor-Severance Library District. After closing this building, the library sold the property to Dr. Patrick G. and Amanda J. Weakland, who use it for their dental practice, Pat Weakland, D.D.S. They moved here from the former Mountain States telephone exchange building, across the street at 217 5th Street (5WL.834).

36. Sources of information:

Weld County Assessor Property Profile.

Deed 2551014. Weld County Clerk and Recorder.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (for Windsor, Colorado). New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., December 1900, January 1906, May 1911, and November 1921.

Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company. Telephone Directory [for Weld County]. Consulted 1927-28, 1929-30, Summer 1936, November 1941, November 1945, June 1950, Winter 1954-55, Summer 1960, and 1964.

Ray, Roy. *Highlights in the History of Windsor, Colorado: Golden Jubilee Edition*. Windsor: Press of The Poudre Valley, 1940, pp. 41-2.

Walter, Sylva. "We'll look in at the old LIBRARY..." In *A Walk Through Windsor: 1940-1980*. Mary Alice Lindblad, 36-38. Windsor, Colo.: by the author, 1980.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No

Designation authority:

Date of designation:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Applicable Colorado State Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history.
- B. Connected with persons significant in history.
- C. Has distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or artisan.
- D. Is of geographic importance.
- E. Contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.
- Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable Town of Windsor landmark criteria:

- 1. Architectural: a) Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.
- 1. Architectural: b) Example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, statewide, regionally or locally.
- 1. Architectural: c) Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value.
- 1. Architectural: d) Represents an innovation in construction, materials or design.
- 1. Architectural: e) Style is particularly associated with the Windsor/Northern Colorado area.
- 1. Architectural: f) Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history.
- 1. Architectural: g) Pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one (1) of the above criteria.
- 1. Architectural: h) Significant historic remodel.
- 2. Social: a) Site of historic event that had an effect upon society.
- 2. Social: b) Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community.
- 2. Social: c) An association with a notable person or the work of a notable person.
- 3. Geographic/Environmental: a) Enhances the sense of identity of the community.
- 3. Geographic/Environmental: b) An established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community.
- Physical Integrity 1. Shows character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, region, state or nation.
- Physical Integrity 2. Retains original design features, materials and/or character.
- Physical Integrity 3. Original location or same historic context after having been moved.
- Physical Integrity 4. Has been accurately reconstructed or restored based on documentation.
- Does not meet any of the above Town of Windsor landmark criteria.

39. Areas of significance: **Not Applicable**

40. Period(s) of Significance: **Not Applicable**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

Because this property is less than 50 years old and does not qualify under National Register Criterion Considerations A through G, it is ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The levels of architectural and historical significance, combined with physical integrity, are not to the extent that this property would qualify for individual listing in the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties or as a Windsor Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Completed in 1961, this commercial building exhibits a moderately high level of physical integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The only notable alteration has been the construction of an addition, completed in 1977. This addition is entirely isolated to the rear (west) elevation.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
 State Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
45. Is there National Register district potential: Yes No

Discuss: **Windsor's downtown district, surveyed as part of this project, represents a geographically definable area possessing a significant concentration of buildings united by their historical associations, particularly the commercial**

development of the community. However, the district lacks architectural integrity and, therefore, architectural association because more than half of the downtown façades were remade in the 1970s and later, mostly in the Windsor German Old-World style.

If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: Yes No N/A

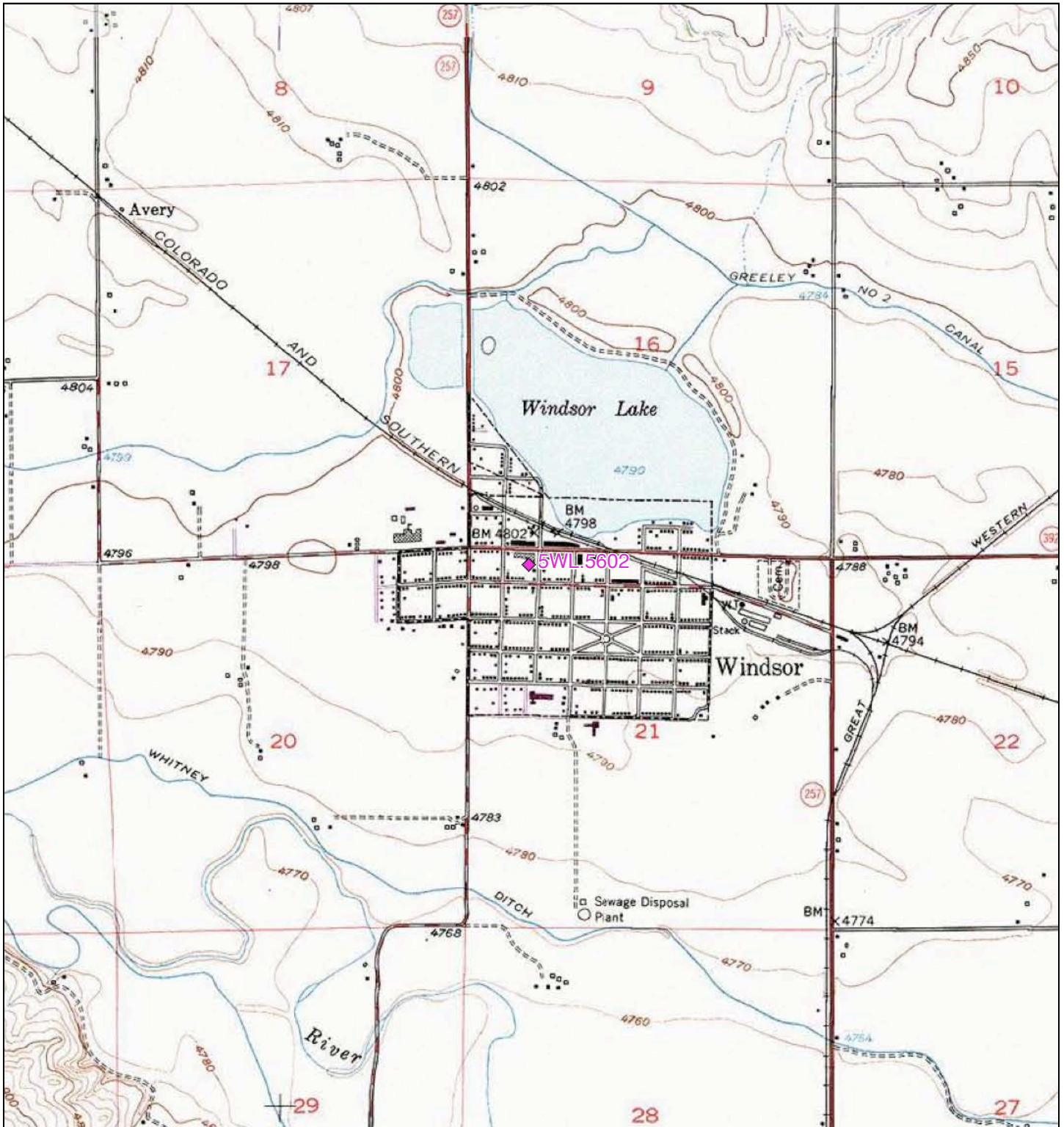
VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **5thst214 - 1 to 5thst214 - 4**
Digital photographs filed at: **Town of Windsor
301 Walnut St
Windsor, CO 80550**
48. Report title: **Downtown Windsor Survey Report**
49. Date(s): **4/29/2008**
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas, Jeffrey DeHerrera, and Rachel Kline**
51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**
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SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Windsor - 1969

Downtown Windsor Survey

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