

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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Date _____ Initials _____

- _____ Determined Eligible- NR
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_____ Determined Not Eligible- SR
_____ Need Data
_____ Contributes to eligible NR District
_____ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5LR.10493**
2. Temporary resource number: **City-31**
3. County: **Larimer**
4. City: **Fort Collins**
5. Historic building name: **The People's Church**
6. Current building name: **Fort Collins Bible Church**
7. Building address: **2550 South Taft Hill Road**
8. Owner name: **Fort Collins Bible Church**
Owner organization:
Owner address: **2550 S. Taft Hill Road**
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Parcel number: **97223-00-919**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: ☐ Individually eligible ☒ Not eligible ☐ Needs data ☐ Previously listed
State Register eligibility field assessment: ☒ Individually eligible ☐ Not eligible ☐ Needs data ☐ Previously listed
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **7N** Range: **69W**
NW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section **22** Grid aligned on **southwest** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
 Easting: **490329** Northing: **4489257**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **Not applicable**
 Addition: **Not Applicable** Year of addition: **Not Applicable**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with the property.**
- ☐ Metes and bounds exist

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **Square Plan**
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **unknown**
16. Number of stories: **Two**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco**
Concrete
 Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Flat Roof**
 Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Synthetic Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **None Applicable**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the east, this square New Formalism style church rests on a concrete foundation. It is sided in stucco or tinted concrete. The building has a flat roof with wide cornice covered in a series of square, white, concrete panels. The undersides of the overhanging eaves are faced in vertically oriented bands of stained wood. There are tall, narrow, decorative columns on all four sides of the building. The primary entry, a set of glass double doors, is located within a cube-like, double-height, glass entry vestibule. The vinyl (or plastic) kickplate on this feature mirrors the design in the building's cornice. Looking through this glass entryway, an interior staircase and hanging globe light fixtures are both visible. With the exception of these glass doors and the entry vestibule, the church has very few openings. One each side of the building there are four narrow rectangular windows running from the foundation to under the eaves. A large cross is affixed to the south elevation. There is an exterior staircase, with concrete steps and a simple stained wood railing, on the west elevation. Character-defining features of the New Formalism style evident at 2550 South Taft Hill Road include: the thin columns, use of concrete and glass, and flat roof.

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22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**Other architectural style: **New Formalism**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This building is located on a spacious, rectangular corner lot at the intersection of South Taft Hill and West Drake roads. There is a massive parking lot surrounding the church on all sides. There are small deciduous trees and both deciduous and evergreen bushes planted near the building's foundation. The site is 5093 feet above mean sea level.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Detached Shed

Located at the northwest corner of the property, there is a small, square open, metal shed. This shed has a gambrel roof. A chain link fence serves as the door.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1979** ☐ Actual ☒ EstimateSource of Information: **1979 Fort Collins City Directory**26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Burton Builders Company**Source of Information: **5LR.10493, completed: 2001**28. Original Owner: **The People's Church**Source of Information: **1979 Fort Collins City Directory**

29. Construction history:

According to a Fort Collins city directory search, this building was constructed in 1979. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate this date of construction. John Albright (long-time Fort Collins resident and former professor in the Historic Preservation program at Colorado State University) claims this building originally was constructed as the social hall/ gymnasium for the religious congregation, who planned to erect a church building on the large site.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Religion/Church**32. Intermediate uses(s): **Religion/Church**33. Current uses(s): **Religion/Church**34. Site type(s): **Corner lot New Formalism church**

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35. Historical background:

There was very little information available about this church. In 1976 three couples—Harold and Jean W. Alsum, Garret and Minnie Denooy, and Dick and Alberta F. Moorlag—sold land at the corner of West Drake and South Taft Hill roads to The People's Church. However, the church building was not completed until 1979. By 1987 the name of the church had changed to the Fellowship Bible Church; the pastor was Reverend Roy E. Knuteson. This building currently houses the Fort Collins Bible Church. According to their website, this is "a conservative, family oriented church... (with a) goal to be as Biblical as possible: teaching the word, supporting one another in love, ministering to our community, and supporting world missions."

36. Sources of information:

Larimer County tax assessor property records (online).

Fort Collins City Directory. Fort Collins: Mauer & Mauer; Omaha: R.L. Polk & Co.; Colorado Springs and Loveland: Rocky Mountain Directory Co.; Loveland: Johnson Publishing Co.; and others, consulted 1979 and 1987.

<http://www.fortcollinsbiblechurch.com/site/> [Accessed 20 April 2011].

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 City of Fort Collins landmark criteria:

- ☐ 1. The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; or
- ☐ 2. The property is associated with the lives of persons significant in history; or
- ☒ 3. The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- ☐ 4. The property has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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39. Areas of significance: **Architecture**40. Period(s) of Significance: **1979**41. Level of Significance: ☐ National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐ Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This building has been home to a number of religious congregations during its relatively short history. Architecturally, this is a good example of the New Formalism style. Character-defining features include the thin columns, use of concrete and glass, and flat roof. This level of historical and architectural significance is not sufficient for this property to qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, the City of Fort Collins would like the National Register eligibility of this resource to be reconsidered in 2029 when the building is fifty years old. According to the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, this resource is eligible to the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties under Criterion C: Architecture. The building also qualifies for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1979, this building exhibits a moderate 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, association, and feeling. The building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural significance for listing on the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties and as a Fort Collins Landmark.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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45. Is there National Register district potential: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Needs Data

Discuss: **This inventory was conducted as an intensive-level selective survey and, therefore, lacks the continuity of resource data necessary to recommend the creation of an historic district.**

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): **tafthillrds2550 - 1.tif through tafthillrds2550 - 5.tif**
 Digital photographs filed at: **City of Fort Collins, Historic Preservation Program**
281 N. College Avenue

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Fort Collins, CO 8052248. Report title: **Fort Collins Post-War Survey**49. Date(s): **11/19/2010**50. Recorder(s): **Mary Therese Anstey**51. Organization: **Historitecture. LLC**52. Address: **PO Box 181095
Denver, CO 80812-8822**53. Phone number(s): **303-390-1638**

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SKETCH MAP



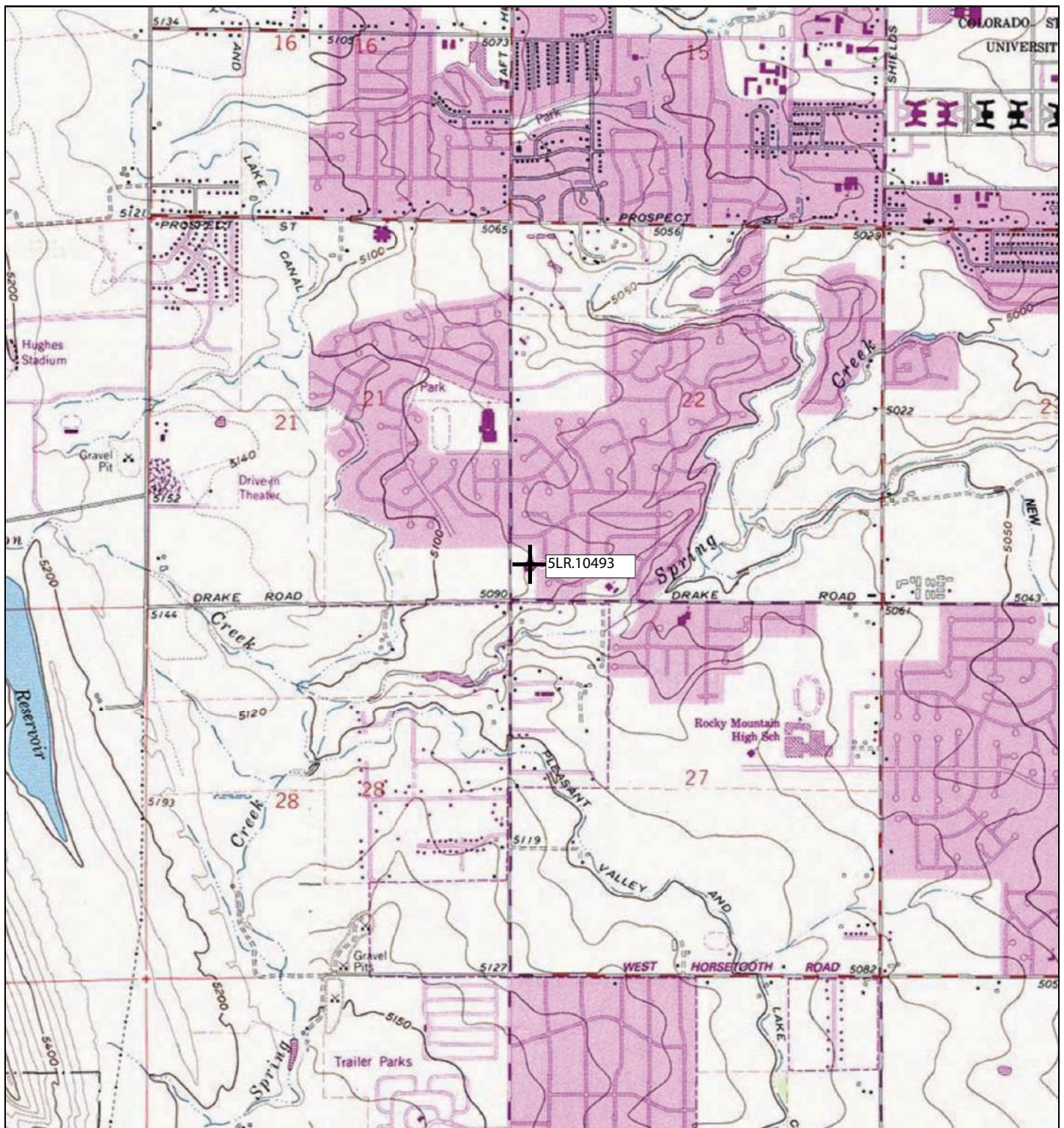
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LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Fort Collins - 1984

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