

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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Downtown

241-205-01

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Temple St. Parking Garage

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

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)
Temple St. (between Crown and Frontage St.) ← **21 Temple Street**

4. OWNER(S)
New Haven Parking Authority Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
Parking garage **Same**

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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Post-Modern **1961**

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify)
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: **Reinforced concrete** Cut stone Type:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
 Wood frame Post and beam balloon
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other (Specify) **Reinforced concrete**

10. ROOF (Type) (Material)
 Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) **Irregular and open deck**
 Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) **Poured concrete**

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
5 decks & B **70' X 100'**

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

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

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
 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 garage is part of larger Chapel Square Renewal project which takes up a three block area in the heart of downtown New Haven. The garage connects to shopping mall, department stores and Hotel all in the same complex. (OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Building: 6 story, reinforced concrete parking garage. Structure extends 2 full blocks on Temple St. The decks are supported by paired reinforced concrete piers. Rails are created of the same material and are attached to the decks. At the north end (first floor) are storefront with plate glass walls in metal frames. The garage abuts Macys and Malley's on the east side with access directly into the stores. The concrete is textured by the form-work.

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT

Paul Rudolph

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Architectural: The Temple Street Parking Garage was built to serve the new retail establishments built along Church St., notably Macys and Malley's Department Stores and the Chapel Square Mall. It is a part of a 3 block long renewal project built in the early and mid 1960s. The garage shows Rudolph's skill with a plastic material. In this example the walls are soft and organic, contrasting sharply with the hard, stiff edges of surrounding buildings. The form is horizontal which adds to its distinction. Compare with the Crown Street Parking Garage and Rudolph's other notable building, the Yale Art and Architecture Building at the corner of Chapel and York Streets.

SOURCES

Brown, pg. 109.
New Haven Building Dept. Records

← City of New Haven Assessor's Records M/B/P 241/ 0205/ 00100

TITLE

PHOTOGRAPHER

Alan Rutberg

DATE

3/1981

VIEW

West (front South (side))

NEGATIVE ON FILE
NHPT, CHC Sheet # 75

Place

NAME

Preston Maynard

5/10 /1981

ORGANIZATION

New Haven Preservation Trust

ADDRESS

Box 1671, New Haven, Ct. 06507

SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

TREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developer

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation

