Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 723 SW Salmon St historic name:

> Portland, Multnomah County current/other names: Park Tower Apartments, Park Haviland Hotel

assoc addresses: 737 SW Salmon St block/lot/tax lot: 209 / 5 & 6 1S 1E 6 twnshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:

location descr:

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: height (stories): total elig resources: total inelig resources: Building 11.0

elig evaluation: eligible/significant NR Status: Individually Listed prim constr date: 1926 second date: 1985 date indiv listed: 08/25/2014

Hotel

orig use comments: primary orig use: second orig use: Multiple Dwelling

Late 19th/20th Period Revivals: Other primary style: prim style comments: Commercial (Type) sec style comments: secondary style: primary siding: Brick:Other/Undefined siding comments:

Terra Cotta: Other/Undefined secondary siding: architect: Claussen & Claussen plan type:

builder:

comments/notes:

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

Survey/Grouping Included In: Type of Grouping **Date Listed** Date Compiled Historic Resources in Downtown Portland, Oregon, MPD 08/11/2004 2004

Portland Downtown Glazed Terra Cotta Buildings 1980 Thematic Grouping

SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY

ILS survey date:

RLS survey

NR date listed: 08/25/2014

04/01/1980 date:

Gen file date: 06/20/2012 Federal Tax Program

Status Start Compl 11/01/2012 Complete

106 Project(s):

Heathman Hotel. The

None Special Assess

Project(s):

None

ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)

The 1926 Heathman Hotel is located at 723 SW Salmon Street in downtown, Portland, Oregon. Specifically, it is located on lots 5 and 6 of Block 209 in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. The building is located in an urban setting, prominently sited at the north end of the South Park Blocks. It occupies the southwest quarter of Block 209 and faces south onto Salmon Street with Park Avenue to the west. The parcel is 100-by-100-feet. The reinforced-concrete structure is elever stories in height with a full basement. It was constructed as a hotel and continued in that use until the 1980s. It was then closed for code violations, sold to new ownership and adapted to affordable HUD-sponsored (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development) single-room occupancy (SRO) housing. It was recently modernized as affordable housing using federal historic tax credits. The Heathman Hotel is clad in tapestry brick with white terra-cotta, GFRC and sheet-metal trim. Designed by the prominent Portland architecture firm of Claussen and Claussen, the building may be classified as late-19th century and early-20th century American Movements – Commercial Style. The interior features ground-floor storefronts and a building lobby; portions of the second-floor were originally the upper level of the lobby but were adapted to housing in the 1980s renovation. Floors three through eleven are organized in a "U"-shape with the opening toward the rear of the lot, and individual units along a double-loaded corridor. Alterations include modifications at the storefront level with new cladding and new storefronts, replacement of window sashes in the original frame, and interior modifications to accommodate the residential use

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)

The Heathman Hotel was designed by the architecture firm of Claussen and Claussen and built in 1926 for hotelier George Heathman. It is locally significant and eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A, in the category of Community Development. The building is being submitted under the umbrella of the Multiple Property Submission (MPS), "Historic Resources in Downtown Portland, Oregon, 1906-1931," and meets all of the registration requirements of that MPS. Under that MPS, individual resources are eligible under the category of Community Development, as representing that collection of buildings that reflected the shift in the downtown's epicenter, the vertical growth in the downtown, and the emphasis of commercial over residential development in the downtown in this time frame.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

Title Records Census Records Property Tax Records Local Histories SHPO Files Sanborn Maps **Biographical Sources** Interviews State Archives Historic Photographs Obituaries Newspapers City Directories **Building Permits** State Library

Local Library: University Library: **Historical Society:** Oregon Historical Society Other Respository: Local government

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