# WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT 

September 14, 1994

TO: Marvin Krout, Planning Director

FROM: Robert Beardsley, Preservation Planner

## SUBJECT: Kassebaum's Proposal

My first impression of this document focuses on financing through Section 8, and how, whether and/ or not continuing the present use into the future is compatible with the highest-and-best-use of the property, given the nature of recent development in the area. Despite the near-term leverage gained from the use of that program, the capacity of the income generated could be assumed to make long-term debt service rather questionable. The attached first-draft feasibility study, based on the limited information available and lacking his cash-flow figures, indicates the nature of the potential cash-flow problem. Certainly, tax considerations will help, and recent changes in State law may also help, but the ultimate use of the property needs to be established in order for financial planning to proceed in a meaningful way.

Provided that Phase II comes on-line, it would help to address cash-flow concerns (See attached.), and phasing the project would also help ensure that some cash would be coming in to help service the debt during construction. My concern is that the necessary repairs may be too extensive to allow occupancy while they are underway, which would obviate that potential leverage.

As for the two options, they both have pros and cons, but the hotel concept has always seemed to me the more viable approach, and is the model used in the attached studies. Again, neither would probably be an option until the Section 8 credits expired, and ten years may be too long to wait..

The review of this or any other proposal will need to be conceived and executed in fairly close consultation with the SHPO if the availability if HP tax credits is to be maintained, since that office must approve the work in order for the credits to apply. Gutting and rehabilitating the structure within the original shell has been suggested, but the approach indicated by the draft proposal appears to assume the more preservationally-correct approach of retaining the original fabric of the building. In the past, the SHPO has emphasized retaining the original fabric of a building if at all possible, and it is impossible to predict how far that office is willing to bend in that regard.

# EATON HOTEL - Hotel <br> Rehabilitation Feasibility - A <br> 09/13/94 

BUILDING SIZE (sq. ft.)
74,000.00
CAPITAL COSTS

| Acquisition Cost (Debt Restructuring Costs) | $\$ 1,000,000.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Demolition Cost | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Construction Cost (sq. ft.) | $\$ 50.00$ |
| Construction Cost (total \$) | $\$ 3,700,000.00$ |
| TOTAL CAPITAL COST | $\$ 4,700,000.00$ |

OPERATING INCOME
Number of Suites
Annual Per-Suite Rental (@\$25/Gut (Night) $\quad \$ 8,750.00$
Suite Vacancy Rate (\%)
$15.00 \%$
Total Suite Receipts (per Yearh $\quad \$ 743,750.00$

|  | \$11.00 |
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| Commercial Space ${ }^{\text {cosict. }}$ | 1,500.00 |
| Net to Gross Ratid (\%) | 85.00\% |

Commercial Retable Square Feet (RSF)
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Vacancy (\$)
$\$ 701.25$
Commercial Rent (per Year)
$\$ 13,323.75$
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME
\$757,073.75
OPERATING EXPENSES

| Operating Expense Ratio (\%) | $60.00 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Property Tax (Based on EPV) | $\$ 56,437.20$ |
| Total Operating Expenses | $\$ 510,681.45$ |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | $\$ 189,955.10$ |
| UNLEVERAGED INVESTMENT RETURN | $4.04 \%$ |
| ESTIMATED PROJECT VALUE (EPV) | $\$ 1,881,240.03$ |

FINANCING

| Capitalization Rate | $10.00 \%$ |
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| PROJECT VALUE BASED ON CAP RATE | $\$ 1,899,550.98$ |
| Loan to Value Ratio | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Loan | $\$ 3,000,000.00$ |
| Grant | $\$ 50,000.00$ |
| Investor Cash Required | $\$ 300,000.00$ |
| Loan Term (years) | 15.00 |
| Interest Rate (\%) | $5.00 \%$ |
| Annual Payment on Loan | $\$ 200,066.67$ |
| Cash Flow | $(\$ 10,111.57)$ |
| Investors Cash on Cash Return | $-3.37 \%$ |
| Gap Between Cost and Value | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Tax Credit Available (\%) | $20.00 \%$ |
| Eligible Expenditure | $\$ 3,700,000.00$ |
| Tax Credit Available (\$) | $\$ 740,000.00$ |
| Gap After Adjustment | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Investor Cash Before Credit | $\$ 2,000,000.00$ |
| Investor Cash After Credit | $\$ 1,260,000.00$ |
| Cash Flow | $(\$ 10,111.57)$ |
| Investor Cash on Cash Return |  |
| After Credit Adjustment |  |

## EATON HOTEL - Hotel

 Rehabilitation Feasibility - B 09/13/94
## BUILDING SIZE (sq. ft.)

74,000.00

## CAPITAL COSTS

| Acquisition Cost (Debt Restructuring Costs) | $\$ 1,000,000.00$ |
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| Demolition Cost | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Construction Cost (sq. ft.) | $\$ 125.00$ |
| Construction Cost (total \$) | $\$ 9,250,000.00$ |
| TOTAL CAPITAL COST | $\$ 10,250,000.00$ |

operating income

| Number of Suites | 60 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Annual Per-Suite Rental (@\$125/Unit/Night) | \$43,750.00 |
| Suite Vacancy Rate (\%) | 15.00\% |
| Total Suite Receipts (per Year) | \$2,231,250.00 |
| Commercial Lease (\$/sq. ft.) | \$13.00 |
| Commercial Space (Sq. Ft.) , ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1,500.00 |
| Net to Gross Ratio (\%) | 85.00\% |
| Commercial Rentable Squada Feet (RSF) | 1,275.00 |
| Commercial Rent (Entsos) | \$16,575.00 |
| Commercial Vatancy (\%) | 5.00\% |
| Vacancy (\$) | \$828.75 |
| Commercial Rent (per Year) | \$15,746.25 |
| TOTAL OPERATING INCOME | \$2,246,996.25 |

OPERATING EXPENSES

| Operating Expense Ratio (\%) | $60.00 \%$ |
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| Property Tax (Based on EPV) | $\$ 168,671.11$ |
| Total Operating Expenses | $\$ 1,516,868.86$ |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | $\$ 561,456.27$ |
| UNLEVERAGED INVESTMENT RETURN | $5.48 \%$ |
| ESTIMATED PROJECT VALUE (EPV) | $\$ 5,622,370.43$ |

FINANCING

| Capitalization Rate | 10.00\% |
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| PROJECT VALUE BASED ON CAP RATE | \$5,614,562.74 |
| Loan to Value Ratio | 75.00\% |
| Loan | \$4,210,922.06 |
| Grant | \$50,000.00 |
| Investor Cash Required | \$4,543,638.69 |
| Loan Term (years) | 20.00 |
| Interest Rate (\%) | 5.00\% |
| Annual Payment on Loan | \$280,821.72 |
| Cash Flow | \$280,634.55 |
| Investors Cash on Cash Return | 6.18\% |
| Gap Between Cost and Value | \$4,635,437.26 |
| Tax Credit Available (\%) | 20.00\% |
| Eligible Expenditure | \$9,250,000.00 |
| Tax Credit Available (\$) | \$1,850,000.00 |
| Gap After Adjustment | \$2,785,437.26 |
| Investor Cash Before Credit | \$5,989,077.94 |
| Investor Cash After Credit | \$4,139,077.94 |
| Cash Flow | \$280,634.55 |
| Investor Cash on Cash Return |  |
| After Credit Adjustment | 6.78\% |

TO: Mark Stanberry, Housing Services Office<br>FROM: Ray Ontiveros, Land Use/Research Division\{ ard<br>SUBJECT: Environmental Review of Eaton Block Redevelopment<br>DATE: May 2,2000

The Planning Department has completed a full environmental assessment of the Eaton Block Redevelopment project. This assessment is for the continuation of two 1999 projects involving the Eaton Block. Both of these were given generic reviews on May 6, 1999 (Program Year 25)
pending the results of a Section 106 evaluation due to the Eaton Hotel's historic status.
On August 26, 1999, this office updated the May, 1999 environmental reviews with a memorandum stating that the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office had reviewed the plans for the Eaton project and had approved the project vis a vis Section 106 requirements. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) could then be made. At that time, the Planning Department noted in the Environmental Review record (ERR) that a full assessment would be needed. Attached is the full environmental assessment that has now been completed.

This memorandum will be entered into the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to document that the full assessment has been completed and that primary responsibility for the program is noted as resting with the Housing Services Office.

The project will be included with other projects submitted for the 2000-2001 One Year Action Plan, and will be included in Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF), and the Request for Release Funds (RROF) for the One Year Action Plan. Please note, however, that if any changes to the approved plans are made, it is the Housing Services Office's responsibility to notify the Planning Department in order that the ERR may be updated, as needed.

As required by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, a copy of this memorandum will be kept in the ERR, which is located in the offices of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department, $10^{\text {th }}$ Floor of the Wichita City Hall.
cc: Kathy Morgan, MAPD

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD

PROJECT: Eaton Block Redevelopment
PROGRAM: HOME
Program Year 26

## PROJECT ABSTRACT

| FORMAT II | Name of Grantee |
| :---: | :---: |
| ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT | City of Wichita - Housing Services Department |
| From: 2000 To: 2001 Year 26 | Application/Grant Number |
|  | Original: <br> Revisions: <br> Amendments: |
| Name and Title of Certifying Officer: |  |
| Chris Cherches, City Manager |  |
| Project Name: Eaton Block Redevelopment |  |
| Locations of Physical Development(s): Area bounded by Emporia, St. Francis, Douglas and Williams |  |
| Lead Agency: Housing Services Office |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Address: } & \text { Wichita Housing Services Office } \\ & \text { 332 Riverview } \\ & \text { Wichita, Kansas } 67203\end{array}$ |  |
| Project Representative: Mark Stanberry | Telephone: (316) 268-4234 |
| Address: Same as Above |  |
| Project Information: Mark Stanberry | Telephone: (316) 268-4234 |
| Address: Same as Above |  |

Project Summary Description: The project continues the renovation of the Eaton Hotel Block as well as new affordable housing development in Wichita's downtown.

## $\$ 210,000$ from HOME <br> Other:

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Checklist of Applicable Statutes and Regulations

Eaton Block Redevelopment
Statutory Checklist

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| Areas of Statutory and <br> Regulatory Compliance <br> Applicable to Project |  |  |  |  | Reference to Notes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Sources and <br> Correspondence |  |
| Historic Properties |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Permits, Licenses, Forms of Compliance Under Other Laws (FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS)

Checklist of Applicable Statutes and Regulations

Statutory Check List
Eaton Block Redevelopment

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ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST
Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment

| Impact Categories |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sources or Documentation (Note date of contact or page reference) <br> Additional material may be attached |
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| Land Development |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conforming With Comprehensive Plans and Zoning | X |  |  |  |  |  | The proposed uses of housing and retail development are in compliance with the adopted comprehensive plan and with the zoning in place. |
| Compatibility and Urban Impact |  | X |  |  |  |  | The proposed use is compatible with the Comprehensive plan and the Consolidated plan which call for housing and commercial redevelopment in the downtown area, as well as affordable housing opportunities. In addition, a historic resource is not only preserved, but put to viable economic use. |
| Slope | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Erosion | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soil Suitability | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hazards and Nuisances, Including Site Safety |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Energy Consumption | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effects of Ambient Noise on Project and Contribution to Community Noise Levels | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Quality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels |  |  | X |  |  |  | At the time of rehabilitation and remodeling, any asbestos found will need to be abated or encapsulated per federal and state requirements |
| Environmental Design and Historic Values |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Visual Quality Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale |  | X |  |  |  |  | The project will greatly enhance the appearance of the site and the downtown area. |
| Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources |  | X |  |  |  |  | The project will preserve and rehabilitate a structure on the State/National list of historic structures. Plan have been reviewed and approved as part of the Section 106 review process |
| Socioeconomic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demographic Character Changes |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Displacement | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment and Income Patters | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Facilities and Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Educational Facilities | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial Facilities | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health Care | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social Services | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solid Waste | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Waste Water | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Storm Water | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water Supply | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Safety Police | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fire | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency Medical | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Open Space and Recreation | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Affordable Housing |  | X |  |  |  |  | Twenty-six affordable apartments are part of the project. |

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Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment

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| Cultural Facilities |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Features |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water Resources | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Floodplain | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wetlands | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unique Natural <br> Features and Agricultural Lands | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetation and Wildlife | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

The Eaton Block Redevelopment project is intended to rehabilitate and redevelop this historic site and buildings with affordable apartments, market rate apartments and with supportive retail services. Among the buildings included with this project are the Eaton Hotel, the Wichita Hotel and the Bowers Hotel. When completed, the project will include 26 units of affordable rental housing.

## Summary of Environmental Conditions:

The environmental assessment primarily focuses on the historic aspects of the structures and the Section 106 review conducted, as the project did not have a significant impact on the environment re: land, air, water, or wildlife issues. As for historic and cultural issues, the project has undergone a Section 106 review and has been approved by the Kansas Historic Preservation Office per letter of August 29, 1999. The project does not involve the demolition of the Eaton Hotel, but does involve major interior remodeling and renovation.

## Statutory Checklist

## Additional Studies Performed (Attach Study or Summary):

A Section 106 Review of the property was conducted in 1999. Summary letter of approval is attached.

Mitigation Measures Needed:

## Environmental <br> Assessment <br> Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment

1. Is project in compliance with applicable laws and regulations? $\quad \mathrm{X} \quad \mathrm{Yes} \quad$ No
2. Is an EIS required? _ Yes X No
3. A finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be made. Project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. X Yes $\qquad$ No

## PREPARED BY:

Land Use/Research Division Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department

Date: 05/2/2000

## Environmental

Assessment
Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDING

On the basis of the environmental assessment of the above project I have made the following finding.
$\mathbf{X} \quad$ A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
I find that this project is not a major action which will have a significant effect on the human environment and that a request to HUD for the release of project funds will not require an Environmental Impact Statement.


I find that this project is a major federal action which may or will have a significant effect on the human environment and that a request to HUD for the release of project funds will require an Environmental Impact Statement.

Chris Cherches, City Manager
(Date)

Signature, Title and Address of the Certifying Officer




## Casualties of change

City evicts shop owners to clear way for redevelopment of block near Eaton Hotel


Stephanie Dye owns Douglas Avenue Antique Boutique in the Eaton Hotel and Carey Square block along East Douglas. Dye says business in the location is good but she and other shop owners in the block must move after Christmas to accommodate the city's renovation plans.

## By Molly Mcmillin

## The Wichita Eagle

Stephanie Dye is one of the lucky ones. She has found suitable space in which to move her shop, the Douglas Avenue Antique Boutique.
Dye has operated the antique and dress shop in the 19thcentury Eaton Hotel and Carey House block on East Douglas for the past seven years. She plans to move three doors east of the Larkspur restaurant in Old Town in the old Vosburg Wallpaper \& Paint store.
"It's twice the rent, but it's beautiful," Dye sald of the new location, just a few blocks east of her current store at 509 E . Douglas. Still, "I'm very sad to go," she said.
Shop owners have been told by city officials that they must move to make way for redevelopment of the long-ailing Eaton Hotel and Carey House block. The city owns the property, which it purchased in a bankruptcy sale in April 1997.
The city's plans for the block include the redevelopment of 30,000 square feet of commercial and retail space, 100 to 120 residential apartment units and covered parking. The city Council will vote today on financing and other
aspects of its redevelopment plans.
The city's plans are admittedly a setback for the shop owners, one city official said.
"I have been very grateful to those retailers for keeping that block alive and vibrant," said Joan Cole, the City Council member who: pushed hardest to get the city to buy the Eaton and surrounding properttes. "I know it's sad that they have to go on"
The changes are forcing out a number of stores, including The Jewel, an antique shop that has already closed. Most stores will'stay open through the holiday shopping season. The city has extended the time by which they must move from Dec. 2 to Jan. 5.
"Definitely let people know we're still open," Dye told a reporter Monday.
Many shop owners in the block are earnestly seeking new locations.
"I'm frantically looking for store space," said Debbie Charles, owner of the antique store Prized Possessions.
While many of the shops' owners want to stay in the Old Town area, many are finding that space is more expensive and often larger than what they need.

In addition, "it's hard to find someplace that has the charm of our shops," said Toni Ashley, who operates Out of the Attic, an antique and craft store at 106 S. Emporia.
Rents along the Eaton Hotel block are low, running from between $\$ 3.40$ to $\$ 7$ a square foot, depending on when the leases were signed and the condition of the individual property, said John Philbrick, property management director for the city:

Benjamin Lynn, who owns Bohemian Bean $\mathrm{C}_{0}$, is struggling to find space. He wants to stay in the Old Town area, "where the night life is." But he is finding that rent is more than double than what was charged in the Eaton Hotel block
"If I have to pay that kind of rent to survive, I will," Lynn said. If he can't find suitable space, he may not be able to reopen the coffee shop.
"Business is about location, location, location," said Lynn. "If I don't have a good location, I may as well not open the doors."
In the meantime, the city's redevelopment plans are moving forward. The City Council

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## Farm \& Markets

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mped 7.5 percent in Oct. 9 on expecta-ood-aid donation to n, prices are little Jecause the details unced.
"Anyone who thought this was a rubber-stamp deal has been sadly mistaken," said Joe Christopher, an analyst with LFG in Kansas City, Mo. "Russia's distribution system is in such disarray that there might be a lot more hurdles than people first thought to get this deal worked out."
On Monday, the United States and Russia postponed a planned an nouncement concerning food-aid to the economically crippled nation, Interfax reported. Some traders speculated the food-aid package would be announced before today's U.S. congressional elections. The talks in Moscow will resume today, Interfax said.
Meanwhile, export demand remains well below year-ago levels, while farmers produced a recordlarge soybean crop and the secondlargest corn crop on record. They also appear to be doing well with the newly planted winter wheat crop at a time when wheat inventories are at their highest in eight years.
Hogs down - Pork futures fell sharply on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, also amid disappointment a Russian aid deal apparently had not been reached. Hog production now stands at record numbers. Beef. futures also retreated.
December lean hogs fell 2 cents to 35.40 cents a pound; February pork bellies fell 1.3 cents to 45.35 cents a pound; December live cattle fell .83 cent to 64.17 cents a pound; November feeder cattle fell 42 cent to 70.70 cents a pound.

Compiled from Eagle wire reports

## EATON

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will vote today on an agreement ah lowing the city to retain final approval over changes in the design of the redevelopment. And it will vote on agree ments to use federal funds and indus trial revenue bonds, if needed, to help finance the redevelopment.
In August, the council unanimously approved a letter of intent with MetroPlains Development of St. Paul Minn, to redevelop the Eaton block.
The council is expected to approve the agreements, which will clear the way for Metroplains to begin the $\$ 14.8$ million project. in mid-January. Key Construction has been selected as contractor of the project, which is expected to take 14 months to complete once work begins.
Work began last week to stabilize two properties in danger of col lapsing. A crane was brought in and the sidewalk fenced off for the stabiization of 505 and 507.E. Douglas.
"We were just terribly concerned that the building would just fall in," Cole said.
And last month, the city was able to agree on a price to buy the final piece of property along the block, which had been independently owned and was not part of the bankruptcy sale. The city's portion of the financing, if approved, would take the form of federal community block grants of $\$ 424,000$, HOME funding totaling $\$ 1.485$ million to provide for 26 low-income apartment units, and $\$ 150,000$ to stabilize the two properties. Funding for the project also is expected to come from $\$ 2.9$ million of federal tax credits and other public funds, and investment and debt by the developer of $\$ 9.86$ million.

## Molly facmillin can be reached at

 $269-6708$ or by o-mail at mmemillin@ wichitaeagle.com.

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## OUR VIEW

## SR1? Council can put the Eaton on track to 21st-century glory

The Eaton Hotel, it turns out, is savable. Otherwise, MetroPlains Development Inc., a crackerjack Twin Cities-area converter of historic structures to profitable new uses, would not be asking the Wichita City Council today to designate it as the preferred developer for the beautiful but time-worn old hotel at Douglas and St. Francis.
The council, of course, should say yes, even though it is not yet clear whether public participation in MetroPlains' proposed conversion of the Eaton : into $90-120$ apartments would be necessary.
The "preferred de veloper" designation commits the city only to focused discussions with MetroPlains about the design and financing of the Eaton apart ment project. The council will have the chance to say yea or nay to whatever design and financial plans may emerge from those discussions.
Regardless of what now transpires, Wichitans should be excited to learn that the Eaton Hotel is not at death's door, as many had feared after the city bought it last year at a
sheriff's sale for $\$ 365,000$.
Because subsequent engineering assessments raised concerns about the old building's structural integrity, some folks feared that the city had made a dreadful mistake - that the old hotel's Victorian facade masked an in. frastructure on the verge of collapse and that millions would need to be spent just to stabilize the building, let alone develop it.
Metroplains' leaders say not to worry; their firm has plenty of experience in rescuing gorgeous old structures and turning them to new purposes, including five other projects in Kansas. A city task force appointed last year inspected several of those projects before unanimously recommending that the council allow MetroPlains to rehab the Eaton.
The risk that the council took in buying the building now appears validated. By initiating serious discussions about the Eaton with Metroplains today, the council can put this historic 19th-century treasure on track to re turn to glory at the threshold of the 21st century.


Kathleen Willey's credible story makes the scandal more troubling

Bill Clinton told potential voters in 1992 that he felt their pain. During the same campaign, he admitted on "60 Minutes" to having caused pain in his marriage.
Given his familiarity with the feeling, then, is it too much to wonder whether now-President Clinton can sense how much pain the

Willey and that he is "mystified and disappointed by this turn of events." The White House, trying to undercut her story, released some letters she wrote to the president after their 1993 encounter in which she requested jobs and referred to herself as Mr. Clinton's "No. 1 fan."

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## READERS' VIEW

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## EATON BLOCK PROPERTIES PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN August 1998

MetroPlains proposes to develop an entire city block in downtown Wichita. The block includes a number of historic buildings, including the Eaton Hotel, the Wichita Hotel and the Bowers Hotel. The goal of the development is to preserve and enhance the existing historic character of the north side of the block, facing Douglas Avenue, while bringing new life to the neighborhood through providing housing and retail near the central business district.

The development would include the adaptive reuse of the existing historic structures, the construction of a new structure and the creation of dedicated parking on the site. The final product will include approximately 30,000 square feet of commercial and retail space and 100 to 120 residential units. The combination of adaptive reuse of existing structures and new construction will assure that an economic critical mass is created along Douglas Avenue.

The housing in the development will feature both affordable and market rate units. The affordable units will comprise between $20 \%$ and $25 \%$ of the total housing units. The market rate units will be upscale, offering a variety of designs including large, open loft style designs that have proven popular in a number of downtown developments throughout the country and more traditional upscale units with an amenity package that will be specifically designed for the Wichita market.

The commercial space will consist of retail space facing, and adding to the vitality of, Douglas Avenue and office space facing the interior of the block, opening onto the pedestrian arcade. The lobby of the Hotel Eaton is being designated and designed for an anchor restaurant. MetroPlains has worked closely with local brokers, leasing agents and developers to develop the concept for the commercial space.

The southem half of the Eaton Block would be developed into parking. The parking concept will be a combination of surface parking and a multi-level parking ramp. The option for a pedestrian skyway or walkway connecting the Eaton Block to an existing parking ramp to the southwest and Naftger Park to the east would allow for additional pedestrian circulation and further integration with Wichita's central business district.

The current alleyway will be redeveloped into a primarily pedestrian system that would connect the commercial and retail spaces, the residential areas, the parking and the park. The alley would also be constructed to handle commercial and retail deliveries. The proposed use of the walkway will allow easy access to the buildings while preserving the historic facade on Douglas Avenue.

The development concept is to create a variety of residential and commercial options that meet a wide range of income levels and lifestyles. With a critical mass of development and a synergy of uses and activities, MetroPlains plans to create a self- sustaining community in downtown Wichita.

EAST ELEVATION OF PROPOSED BUILDING TO BE CONNECTED TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE EATON HOTEL.

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Kassebaum's legal work, Dave Dahl, said he knew little about it. There were two Chapter 11 bankruptcies filed, he said: one for Kassebaum personally and another for Wichita Corp.; part owner of the Eaton and nearby properties.

And down at the Eaton hotel, manager Carol Barker was just trying to get through the day.
"Phil's supposed to be back sometime today and talk to me about it," she said.

You don't sound too happy.
"No, I'm not very happy," she said.
As far as she knows, Barker said, the hotel will remain open and the bankruptcy will have no direct effect, at least for the time being, on the 60 or so people living there.

The fact that Kassebaum filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which gives debtors a chance to reorganize their business, Dahl said, may be a clue to what's on his mind. When you're really ready to throw in the towel, Dahl said, you file Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which results in liquidation of the debtor's assets to pay off creditors.

So Kassebaum intends to hold onto the hotel?
"Yeah, that's his hope," Dahl said.

Cole said she wants to see the old hotel, whicri is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, remodeled and turned into a major attraction in the Old Town area.
The city's role, she said, would be to buy the hotel property and then to look for a developer with the money and expertise to bring the building back to life in one form or another.
The bankruptcy puts the city's plans on hold, Cole said, at least for the time being.
"We can't do anything until we see what happens," she said.

Bank IV will think of something to do, said Monty Briley, executive vice president of commercial lending.
"We will do our best to force the issue as quickiy as possible," he said.
Force it to what? What do you want done?
"We'd like to see a sale," he said.
In 1990, Kassebaum obtained a $\$ 1.8$ million loan from Bank IV. The loan was secured, in part, by a second mortgage on the Eaton and other nearby properties Kassebaum owns in what he calls the Carey House Square block. He still owes about $\$ 450,000$ on the mortgage.

The city of Wichita holds the first mortgage, which it purchased from General Financial Services in Jahuary 1994.

## DEVICES

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sensation at one point on his waist. The tingling is at another spot when he has his weight on his toes.
"It feels like if you bump your funny bone or something," he says in describing the sensation.

It may not sound like much, but it makes a big difference because it allows him to feel proportionately how much weight he's putting on the foot. Now, if he's on an uneven surface, "I can feel it. If I step on a rock, I can feel it's hard" rather than soft like a carpet or grass. "If it's hard, I can feel it; if it's soft, I can feel it:"

Gormanson said, "He can walk slow, he can walk fast and he's learning to run with it." Before, Jarrett ran with the distinctive hop, skip and jump of an amputee who has to give his prosthesis time to catch up with the rest of his body. Now, he lopes most of the way down a hallway in a more natural gait before returning to his old ways.
"We had to pretty well retrain him in how to walk," said Jarrett's mother, Vicki Perry. "This foot has really helped his gait."
Jarrett, a second-grader with a smattering of freckles across his cheeks and nose, has been without his left leg since he was 2 days old. A circulation problem necessitated the amputation. He has about about 6 inches of leg now. He got his first
nrocthecis when he was about a

Gormanson has one other client using the SOF system in a lower extremity and another one scheduled to be fitted for an upper system With it, a sensor lets the wearer know how firmly his hand is closing, through a unit that vibrates like a pager.

He hopes to be able to test the Hot and Cold System within a month or so:"As soon as they send me a unit, I'll be happy to put it in," he said.

Both devices might someday be used for people other than amputees. For example, Gormanson said, they could help diabetics with no feeling left in their feet.

Eventuaily, too, the systems might have more sensors - maybe one for each side of the foot, for example.

The Sense of Feel System can be adjusted to the wearer's comfort. "If you want to turn up the heel, you get the screwdriver and turn it up," Jarrett explained, pointing out the control points. No, he hasn't tried adjustments on his own. Even though he's a typical active kid who can't stand still, he knows better than to mess in Gormanson's territory.
But his eyes lit up in co-conspirator delight when Gormanson sug gested a demonstration to an observer. "Come on. Come on. Let's do that. It doesn't hurt," he promised.

It didn't. The sensation was similar to the tingling of a minor electric shock. The anticipation can throw off a gait for the first few steps,

ABORTION
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the use of lethal force to stop abortions. Dodds, who signed the petiion, said he took the document to mean that justifiable nofflicide would be acceptable to stop wabortions.

It is that kind of talk that has local supporters of abortion rights viewing the coming conference with skepticism. They fear the conference could be a platform for violent confrontations.
"It would be fair to say that "we are hoping for the best and preparing for the worst," said Peggy Jarman, a spokeswoman for the ProChoice Action League.
This week's Wichita conference opens with a speech by Joe Foreman, who helped found both-Operation Rescue and Missionaries to the Pre-born. Friday's activities include "field exercises" and workshops on such topics as "creative tactics" and "investigative techniques/expose the abortionist campaigns."

Pamphlets promoting the conference promise Saturday prayer vibils at the nomes of " at homes of "abortionists,",pick ets and "field trials of new tactics,hands on gettin' down to business."

Wichita Police Department $n$ Maj. Tyler Brewer said he doesnitidnow what to make of language like that.
"We have several flexiblecideas that we can implement depending on the nature of the demonstration," Brewer said.

His goal, Brewer said, is to "make sure no one gets hurt."


# WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT 

September 14, 1994

## TO: Marvin Krout, Planning Director

FROM: Robert Beardsley, Preservation Planner

## SUBJECT: Kassebaum's Proposal

My first impression of this document focuses on financing through Section 8, and how, whether and/ or not continuing the present use into the future is compatible with the highest-and-best-use of the property, given the nature of recent development in the area. Despite the near-term leverage gained from the use of that program, the capacity of the income generated could be assumed to make long-term debt service rather questionable. The attached first-draft feasibility study, based on the limited information available and lacking his cash-flow figures, indicates the nature of the potential cash-flow problem. Certainly, tax considerations will help, and recent changes in State law may also help, but the ultimate use of the property needs to be established in order for financial planning to proceed in a meaningful way.

Provided that Phase II comes on-line, it would help to address cash-flow concerns (See attached.), and phasing the project would also help ensure that some cash would be coming in to help service the debt during construction. My concern is that the necessary repairs may be too extensive to allow occupancy while they are underway, which would obviate that potential leverage.

As for the two options, they both have pros and cons, but the hotel concept has always seemed to me the more viable approach, and is the model used in the attached studies. Again, neither would probably be an option until the Section 8 credits expired, and ten years may be too long to wait..

The review of this or any other proposal will need to be conceived and executed in fairly close consultation with the SHPO if the availability if HP tax credits is to be maintained, since that office must approve the work in order for the credits to apply. Gutting and rehabilitating the structure within the original shell has been suggested, but the approach indicated by the draft proposal appears to assume the more preservationally-correct approach of retaining the original fabric of the building. In the past, the SHPO has emphasized retaining the original fabric of a building if at all possible, and it is impossible to predict how far that office is willing to bend in that regard.

EATON HOTEL - Hotel
Rehabilitation Feasibility - A 09/13/94

BUILDING SIZE (sq. ft.)
$74,000.00$

## CAPITAL COSTS

| Acquisition Cost (Debt Restructuring Costs) | $\$ 1,000,000.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Demolition Cost | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Construction Cost (sq. ft.) | $\$ 50.00$ |
| Construction Cost (total \$) | $\$ 3,700,000.00$ |
| TOTAL CAPITAL COST | $\$ 4,700,000.00$ |


| OPERATING INCOME |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Number of Suites | 100 |
| Annual Per-Suite Rental (@ $\$ 25 /$ Enit (right) | \$8,750.00 |
| Suite Vacancy Rate (\%) | 15.00\% |
| Total Suite Receipts (per Yeap | \$743,750.00 |
| Commercial Lease (\$kat \%.) | \$11.00 |
| Commercial Space ${ }^{\text {chen }}$ (tt.) | 1,500.00 |
| Net to Gross Ratio (\%) | 85.00\% |
| Commerciah Rentable Square Feet (RSF) | 1,275.00 |
| Commercia RRent (Gross \$) | \$14,025.00 |
| Commereid Vacancy (\%) | 5.00\% |
| Vacancy (\$) | \$701.25 |
| Commercial Rent (per Year) | \$13,323.75 |
| TOTAL OPERATING INCOME | \$757,073.75 |

OPERATING EXPENSES

| Operating Expense Ratio (\%) | $60.00 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Property Tax (Based on EPV) | $\$ 56,437.20$ |
| Total Operating Expenses | $\$ 510,681.45$ |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | $\$ 189,955.10$ |
| UNLEVERAGED INVESTMENT RETURN | $4.04 \%$ |
| ESTIMATED PROJECT VALUE (EPV) | $\$ 1,881,240.03$ |

## FINANCING

| Capitalization Rate | $10.00 \%$ |
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| PROJECT VALUE BASED ON CAP RATE | $\$ 1,899,550.98$ |
| Loanto Value Ratio | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Loan | $\$ 3,000,000.00$ |
| Grant | $\$ 50,000.00$ |
| Investor Cash Required | $\$ 300,000.00$ |
| Loan Term (years) | 15.00 |
| Interest Rate (\%) | $5.00 \%$ |
| Annual Payment on Loan | $\$ 200,066.67$ |
| Cash Flow | $(\$ 10,111.57)$ |
| Investors Cash on Cash Return | $-3.37 \%$ |
| Gap Between Cost and Value | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Tax Credit Available (\%) | $20.00 \%$ |
| Eligible Expenditure | $\$ 3,700,000.00$ |
| Tax Credit Available (\$) | $\$ 740,000.00$ |
| Gap After Adjustment | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Investor Cash Before Credit | $\$ 2,000,000.00$ |
| Investor Cash After Credit | $\$ 1,260,000.00$ |
| Cash Flow | $\$ 10,111.57)$ |
| Investor Cash on Cash Return |  |
| After Credit Adjustment |  |

# EATON HOTEL - Hotel Rehabilitation Feasibility - B <br> 09/13/94 

BUILDING SIZE (sq. ft.)
$74,000.00$
CAPITAL COSTS
Acquisition Cost (Debt Restructuring Costs) \$1,000,000.00
Demolition Cost $\$ 0.00$

| Construction Cost (sq. ft.) | $\$ 125.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Construction Cost (total \$) | $\$ 9,250,000.00$ |
| TOTAL CAPITAL COST | $\$ 10,250,000.00$ |

OPERATING INCOME

| Number of Suites | 60 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Annual Per-Suite Rental (@ \$125/Unit/Night) | \$43,750.00 |
| Suite Vacancy Rate (\%) | 15.00\% |
| Total Suite Receipts (per Year) | \$2,231,250.00 |
| Commercial Lease (\$/sq. ft.) | \$13.00 |
| Commercial Space (Sq. Ft.) | 1,500.00 |
| Net to Gross Ratio (\%) | 85.00\% |
| Commercial Rentable Squid Feet (RSF) | 1,275.00 |
| Commercial Rent (Gnoss \$) | \$16,575.00 |
| Commercial Varacy (\%) | 5.00\% |
| Vacancy (\$) | \$828.75 |
| Commercial Rent (per Year) | \$15,746.25 |
| TOTAL OPERATING INCOME | \$2,246,996.25 |

OPERATING EXPENSES

| Operating Expense Ratio (\%) | $60.00 \%$ |
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| Property Tax (Based on EPV) | $\$ 168,671.11$ |
| Total Operating Expenses | $\$ 1,516,868.86$ |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | $\$ 561,456.27$ |
| UNLEVERAGED INVESTMENT RETURN | $5.48 \%$ |
| ESTIMATED PROJECT VALUE (EPV) | $\$ 5,622,370.43$ |

FINANCING

| Capitalization Rate | $10.00 \%$ |
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| PROJECT VALUE BASED ON CAP RATE | $\$ 5,614,562.74$ |
| Loan to Value Ratio | $75.00 \%$ |
| Loan | $\$ 4,210,922.06$ |
| Grant | $\$ 50,000.00$ |
| Investor Cash Required | $\$ 4,543,638.69$ |
| Loan Term (years) | 20.00 |
| Interest Rate (\%) | $5.00 \%$ |
| Annual Payment on Loan | $\$ 280,821.72$ |
| Cash Flow | $\$ 280,634.55$ |
| Investors Cash on Cash Return | $6.18 \%$ |
| Gap Between Cost and Value | $\$ 4,635,437.26$ |
| Tax Credit Available (\%) | $20.00 \%$ |
| Eligible Expenditure | $\$ 9,250,000.00$ |
| Tax Credit Available (\$) | $\$ 1,850,000.00$ |
| Gap After Adjustment | $\$ 2,785,437.26$ |
| Investor Cash Before Credit |  |
| Investor Cash After Credit |  |
| Cash Flow | $\$ 5,989,077.94$ |
| Investor Cash on Cash Return |  |
| After Credit Adjustrment |  |

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: : Mark Stanberry, Housing Services Office<br>FROM: Ray Ontiveros, Land Use/Research Division\{ ary<br>SUBJECT: Environmental Review of Eaton Block Redevelopment<br>DATE: May 2, 2000

The Planning Department has completed a full environmental assessment of the Eaton Block Redevelopment project. This assessment is for the continuation of two 1999 projects involving the Eaton Block. Both of these were given generic reviews on May 6, 1999 (Program Year 25) pending the results of a Section 106 evaluation due to the Eaton Hotel's historic status.

On August 26, 1999, this office updated the May, 1999 environmental reviews with a memorandum stating that the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office had reviewed the plans for the Eaton project and had approved the project vis a vis Section 106 requirements. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) could then be made. At that time, the Planning Department noted in the Environmental Review record (ERR) that a full assessment would be needed. Attached is the full environmental assessment that has now been completed.

This memorandum will be entered into the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to document that the full assessment has been completed and that primary responsibility for the program is noted as resting with the Housing Services Office.

The project will be included with other projects submitted for the 2000-2001 One Year Action Plan, and will be included in Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF), and the Request for Release Funds (RROF) for the One Year Action Plan. Please note, however, that if any changes to the approved plans are made, it is the Housing Services Office's responsibility to notify the Planning Department in order that the ERR may be updated, as needed.

As required by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, a copy of this memorandum will be kept in the ERR, which is located in the offices of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department, $10^{\text {th }}$ Floor of the Wichita City Hall.
cc: Kathy Morgan, MAPD

# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD

## PROJECT: Eaton Block Redevelopment

## PROGRAM: HOME

Program Year 26

PROJECT ABSTRACT

| FORMAT II | Name of Grantee |
| :---: | :---: |
| ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT | City of Wichita - Housing Services Department |
| From: 2000 To: 2001 Year 26 | Application/Grant Number |
|  | Original: <br> Revisions: <br> Amendments: |
| Name and Title of Certifying Officer: |  |
| Chris Cherches, City Manager |  |
| Project Name: Eaton Block Redevelopment |  |
| Locations of Physical Development(s): Area boun | ded by Emporia, St. Francis, Douglas and Williams |
| Lead Agency: Housing Services Office |  |
|  |  |
| Project Representative: Mark Stanberry | Telephone: (316) 268-4234 |
| Address: Same as Above |  |
| Project Information: Mark Stanberry | Telephone: (316) 268-4234 |
| Address: Same as Above |  |

Project Summary Description: The project continues the renovation of the Eaton Hotel Block as well as new affordable housing development in Wichita's downtown.
$\$ 210,000$ from HOME Other:

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment
Statutory Checklist

## Checklist of Applicable Statutes <br> and Regulations

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Areas of Statutory and <br> Regulatory Compliance <br> Applicable to Project |  |
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[^0]Permits, Licenses, Forms of Compliance Under Other Laws (FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS)

Checklist of Applicable Statutes and Regulations

| Other Areas of <br> Statutory and Regulatory Compliance Applicable to Project |  |  |  |  |  |  | Reference to Notes Providing Documentation Sources and Correspondence |
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| Water Quality | X |  |  |  |  |  | The project will connect to City water and sewer systems. |
| Solid Waste Disposal | X |  |  |  |  |  | Material disposed (e.g., construction debris) must be undertaken in compliance with federal, state, and local laws. |
| Fish and Wildlife | X |  |  |  |  |  | N/A |
| State or Local Statutes to be added by local community | X |  |  |  |  |  | Project has been reviewed by the Planning Department and Central Inspection for proper zoning and building permits. |

$\mathrm{X}^{1}$ Depends on the selection of the site

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST
Project Name and Identification No.
Eaton Block Redevelopment

| Impact Categories |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sources or Documentation (Note date of contact or page reference) <br> Additional material may be attached |
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| Land Development |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conforming With Comprehensive Plans and Zoning | X |  |  |  |  |  | The proposed uses of housing and retail development are in compliance with the adopted comprehensive plan and with the zoning in place. |
| Compatibility and Urban Impact |  | X |  |  |  |  | The proposed use is compatible with the Comprehensive plan and the Consolidated plan which call for housing and commercial redevelopment in the downtown area, as well as affordable housing opportunities. In addition, a historic resource is not only preserved, but put to viable economic use. |
| Slope | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Erosion | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soil Suitability | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hazards and Nuisances, Including Site Safety |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Energy Consumption | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effects of Ambient Noise on Project and Contribution to Community Noise Levels | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Quality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels |  |  | X |  |  |  | At the time of rehabilitation and remodeling, any asbestos found will need to be abated or encapsulated per federal and state requirements |
| Environmental Design and Historic Values |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## ENVIRONMENTAL

ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST
Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment

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| Visual Quality Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale |  | X |  |  |  |  | The project will greatly enhance the appearance of the site and the downtown area. |
| Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources |  | X |  |  |  |  | The project will preserve and rehabilitate a structure on the State/National list of historic structures. Plan have been reviewed and approved as part of the Section 106 review process |
| Socioeconomic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demographic Character Changes |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Displacement | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment and Income Patters | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Facilities and Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Educational Facilities | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial Facilities | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health Care | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social Services | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solid Waste | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Waste Water | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Water Supply | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Emergency <br> Medical | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Open Space and Recreation | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Affordable Housing |  | X |  |  |  |  | Twenty-six affordable apartments are part of the project. |

## ENVIRONMENTAL

ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST
Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment

| Impact Categories |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sources or Documentation (Note date of contact or page reference) <br> Additional material may be attached |
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| Cultural Facilities |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Features |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water Resources | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Floodplain | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wetlands | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetation and Wildife | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |

$\mathrm{X}^{1}$ Depends on the selection of the site

## Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

The Eaton Block Redevelopment project is intended to rehabilitate and redevelop this historic site and buildings with affordable apartments, market rate apartments and with supportive retail services. Among the buildings included with this project are the Eaton Hotel, the Wichita Hotel and the Bowers Hotel. When completed, the project will include 26 units of affordable rental housing.

## Summary of Environmental Conditions:

The environmental assessment primarily focuses on the historic aspects of the structures and the Section 106 review conducted, as the project did not have a significant impact on the environment re: land, air, water, or wildlife issues. As for historic and cultural issues, the project has undergone a Section 106 review and has been approved by the Kansas Historic Preservation Office per letter of August 29, 1999. The project does not involve the demolition of the Eaton Hotel, but does involve major interior remodeling and renovation.

## Project Modifications and Alterations Considered:

# Statutory Checklist <br> Eaton Block Redevelopment 

## Additional Studies Performed (Attach Study or Summary):

A Section 106 Review of the property was conducted in 1999. Summary letter of approval is attached.

Mitigation Measures Needed:

Environmental<br>Assessment<br>Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment

1. Is project in compliance with applicable laws and regulations? X Yes No
2. Is an EIS required? $\qquad$
3. A finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be made. Project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. $\quad \mathrm{X}$ Yes No

## PREPARED BY:

Land Use/Research Division Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department

Date: 05/2/2000

## Environmental

Assessment
Project Name and Identification No. Eaton Block Redevelopment

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDING

On the basis of the environmental assessment of the above project I have made the following finding.

> | $\mathbf{X}$ | A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT |
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I find that this project is not a major action which will have a significant effect on the human environment and that a request to HUD for the release of project funds will not require an Environmental Impact Statement.
$5-15-2000$
(Date)


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## A FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

I find that this project is a major federal action which may or will have a significant effect on the human environment and that a request to HUD for the release of project funds will require an Environmental Impact Statement.

Chris Cherches, City Manager
(Date)
Signature, Title and Address of the Certifying Officer


$\qquad$ of the federal aid．Expanding the eligible areas， eral aid．
Council members put off deciding which
areas will be eligible for aid until next week．
Several cities and counties in the area al
ready have tax－rebate programs． district covers about two－hirds of the city，in entire county is eligible． Neither program has been in operation long
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 and west of Central and 119th Street West．The
council granted limited commercial zoning
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and duplex zoning for another 6.7 acres．



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Winkle Hall in Winfield and the hotel Stil－ The development company won an award for its work from the National
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Freeland said．＂They were a real ethical
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Gary Stenson，president of
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## Casualties of change

City evicts shop owners to clear way for redevelopment of block near Eaton Hotel


File photo
Stephanie Dye owns Douglas Avenue Antique Boutique in the Eaton Hotel and Carey Square block along East Douglas. Dye says business in the location is good but she and other shop owners in the block must move after Christmas to accommodate the city's renovation plans.

## By Molly McMillin

## The Wichita Eagle

Stephanie Dye is one of the lucky ones. She has found suitable space in which to move her shop, the Douglas Avenue Antique Boutique.
Dye has operated the antique and dress shop in the 19th-century Eaton Hotel and Carey House block on East Douglas for the past seven years. She plans to move three doors east of the Larkspur restaurant in Old Town in the old Vosburg Wallpaper \& Paint store.
"It's twice the rent, but it's beautiful," Dye said of the new location, just a few blocks east of her current store at 509 E . Douglas. Still, "I'm very sad to go," she said.
Shop owners have been told by city officials that they must move to make way for redevel opment of the long-ailing Eaton Hotel and Carey House block. The city owns the property, which it purchased in a bankruptcy sale in April 1997.
The city's plans for the block include the re development of 30,000 square feet of commercial and retail space, 100 to 120 residential apartment units and covered parking. The city Council will vote today on financing and other
aspects of its redevelopment plans.
The city's plans are admittedly a setback for the shop owners, one city official said.
"I have been very grateful to those retailers for keeping that block alive and vibrant", said Joan Cole, the City Council member who pushed hardest to get the city to buy the Eaton and surrounding properties. "I know it's sad that they have to go on."
The changes are forcing out a number of stores, including The Jewel, an antique shop that has already closed. Most stores will stay open through the holiday shopping season. The city has extended the time by which they must move from Dec. 2 to Jan. 5 .
"Definitely let people know we're still open," Dye told a reporter Monday.
Many shop owners in the block are earnestly seeking new locations.
"T'm frantically looking for store space," said Debbie Charles, owner of the antique store Prized Possessions.
While many of the shops' owners want to stay in the Old Town area, many are finding that space is more expensive and often larger than what they need.

In addition, "it's hard to find someplace that has the charm of our shops," said Toni Ashley, who operates Out of the Attic, an antique and craft store at 106 S. Emporia.
Rents along the Eaton Hotel block are low, running from between $\$ 3.40$ to $\$ 7$ a square foot, depending on when the leases were signed and the condition of the individual property, said John Philbrick, property management director for the city.
Benjamin Lynn, who owns Bohemian Bean $\mathrm{C}_{0}$, is struggling to find space. He wants to stay in the Old Town area, "where the night life is." But he is finding that rent is more than double than what was charged in the Eaton Hotel block.
"If I have to pay that kind of rent to survive, I will," Lymn said. If he can't find suitable space, he may not be able to reopen the coffee shop.
"Business is about location, location, location," said Lynn. "If I don't have a good location, I may as well not open the doors."
In the meantime, the city's redevelopment plans are moving forward. The City Council

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"Anyone who thought this was a rubber-stamp deal has been sadiy mistaken," said Joe Christopher, an analyst with LFG in Kansas City, Mo. "Russia's distribution system is in such disarray that there might be a lot more hurdles than people first hought to get this deal worked out":
On Monday, the United States and Russia postponed a planned announcement concerning food-aid to the economically crippled nation, Interfax reported. Some traders speculated the food-aid package would be announced before today's U.S. congressional elections. The talks in Moscow will resume today, Interfax Maid.
Meanwhile, export demand remains well below year-ago levels, while farmers produced a recordlarge soybean crop and the secondlargest corn crop on record. They also appear to be doing well with the newly planted winter wheat crop at a time when wheat inventories are at their highest in eight years.
Hogs down - Pork futures fell sharply on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, also amid disappointment a Russian aid deal apparently had not been reached. Hog production now stands at record numbers. Beef futures also retreated.
December lean hogs fell 2 cents to 35.40 cents a pound; February pork bellies fell 1.3 cents to 45.35 cents a pound; December live cattle fell .83 cent to 64.17 cents a pound; November feeder cattle fell .42 cent to 70.70 cents a pound.

Compiled from Eagle wire reports

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will vote today on an agreement allowing the city to retain final approval over changes in the design of the redevelopment. And it will vote on agreements to use federal funds and industrial revenue bonds, if needed, to help inance the redevelopment
In August, the council unanimously approved a letter of intent with MetroPlains Development of St. Paul, Minn., to redevelop the Eaton block. The council is expected to approve the agreements, which will clear the way for Metroplains to begin the $\$ 14.8$ million project in mid-January. Key Construction has been selected as contractor of the project, which is expected to take 14 months to complete once work begins.
Work began last week to stabilize two properties in danger of collapsing. A crane was brought in and the sidewalk fenced off for the stabilization of 505 and 507 . E. Douglas.
"We were just terribly concerned that the building would just fall in," Cole said.
And last month, the city was able to agree on a price to buy the final piece of property along the block, which had been independently owned and was not part of the bankruptcy sale.
The city's portion of the financing, if approved, would take the form of federal community block grants of $\$ 424,000$, HOME funding totaling. $\$ 1.485$ million to provide for 26 low-income apartment units, and $\$ 150,000$ to stabilize the two properties. Funding for the project also is expected to come from $\$ 2.9$ million of federal tax credits and other public funds, and investment and debt by the developer of $\$ 9.86$ million.
Moly Mchillin can be reached at $269-6708$ or by $e$-mail at numcmillin@ wichitheagle.com.


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## OUR VIEW

## S?val? Council can put the Eaton on track to 21st-century glory

TThe Eaton Hotel, it turns out, is savable. Otherwise, MetroPlains Development Inc., a crackerjack Twin Cities-area converter of historic structures to profitable new uses, would not be asking the Wichita City Council today to designate it as the preferred developer for the beautiful but time-worn old hotel at Douglas and St. Francis.
The council, of course, should say yes, even though it is not yet clear whether public participation in MetroPlains' proposed conversion of the Eaton into $90-120$ apartments would be necessary.
The "preferred developer" designation commits the city only to cocused discussions with MetroPlains about the design and financing of the Eaton apart ment project. The council will have the chance to say yea or nay to whatever design and financial plans may emerge from those discussions.
Regardless of what now transpires, Wichitans should be excited to learn that the Eaton Hotel is not at death's door, as many had feared after the city bought it last year at a


The Eaton Hotel, built in 1886, may soon be given new life.
sheriff's sale for $\$ 365,000$.
Because subsequent engineering assessments raised concerns about the old building's structural integrity, some folks feared that the city had made a dreadful mistake - that the old hotel's Victorian facade masked an infrastructure on the verge of collapse and that millions would need to be spent just to stabilize the building, let alone de velop it.
Metroplains: leaders say not to worry; their firm has plenty of experience in rescuing gorgeous old structures and turning them to new purposes, including five other projects in Kansas. A city task force appointed last year inspected several of those projects before unanimously recommending that the council allow MetroPlains to rehab the Eaton. The risk that the council took in buying the building now appears validated By initiating serious discussions about the Eaton with MetroPlains today, the council can put this historic 19th-century treasure on track to re turn to glory at the threshold of the 21st century.


Kathleen Willey's credible story makes the scandal more troubling

Bill Clinton told potential voters in 1992 that he felt their pain. During the same campaign, he admitted on " 60 Minutes" to having caused pain in his marriage.
Given his familiarity with the feeling, then, is it too much to wonder whether now-President Cinton can sense how much vain the

Willey and that he is "mystified and disappointed by this turn of events." The White House, trying to undercut her story, released some letters she wrote to the president after their 1993 encounter in which she requested jobs and referred to herself as Mr. Cinton's

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## EATON BLOCK PROPERTIES PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN August 1998

MetroPlains proposes to develop an entire city block in downtown Wichita. The block includes a number of historic buildings, including the Eaton Hotel, the Wichita Hotel and the Bowers Hotel. The goal of the development is to preserve and enhance the existing historic character of the north side of the block, facing Douglas Avenue, while bringing new life to the neighborhood through providing housing and retail near the central business district.

The development would include the adaptive reuse of the existing historic structures, the construction of a new structure and the creation of dedicated parking on the site. The final product will include approximately 30,000 square feet of commercial and retail space and 100 to 120 residential units. The combination of adaptive reuse of existing structures and new construction will assure that an economic critical mass is created along Douglas Avenue.

The housing in the development will feature both affordable and market rate units. The affordable units will comprise between $20 \%$ and $25 \%$ of the total housing units. The market rate units will be upscale, offering a variety of designs including large, open loft style designs that have proven popular in a number of downtown developments throughout the country and more traditional upscale units with an amenity package that will be specifically designed for the Wichita market.

The commercial space will consist of retail space facing, and adding to the vitality of, Douglas Avenue and office space facing the interior of the block, opening onto the pedestrian arcade. The lobby of the Hotel Eaton is being designated and designed for an anchor restaurant. MetroPlains has worked closely with local brokers, leasing agents and developers to develop the concept for the commercial space.

The southern half of the Eaton Block would be developed into parking. The parking concept will be a combination of surface parking and a multi-level parking ramp. The option for a pedestrian skyway or walkway connecting the Eaton Block to an existing parking ramp to the southwest and Naftger Park to the east would allow for additional pedestrian circulation and further integration with Wichita's central business district.

The current alleyway will be redeveloped into a primarily pedestrian system that would connect the commercial and retail spaces, the residential areas, the parking and the park. The alley would also be constructed to handle commercial and retail deliveries. The proposed use of the walkway will allow easy access to the buildings while preserving the historic facade on Douglas Avenue.

The development concept is to create a variety of residential and commercial options that meet a wide range of income levels and lifestyles. With a critical mass of development and a synergy of uses and activities, MetroPlains plans to create a self- sustaining community in downtown Wichita.

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Kassebaum's legal work, Dave Dah1, said he knew little about it. There were two Chapter 11 bankruptcies filed, he said: one for Kassebaum personally and another for Wichita Corp.; part owner of the Eaton and nearby properties.

And down at the Eaton hotel, manager Carol Barker was just trying to get through the day.
"Phil's supposed to be back sometime today and talk to me about it," she said.

You don't sound too happy.
"No, I'm not very happy," she said.
As far as she knows, Barker said, the hotel will remain open and the bankruptcy will have no direct effect, at least for the time being, on the 60 or so people living there.
The fact that Kassebaum filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which gives debtors a chance to reorganize their business, Dahl said, may be a clue to what's on his mind. When you're really ready to throw in the towel, Dahl said, you file Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which results in liquidation of the debtor's assets to pay off creditors.
So Kassebaum intends to hold onto the hotel?
"Yeah, that's his hope," Dahl said.

Cole said she wants to see the old hotel, whicti is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, remodeled and turned into a major attraction in the old Town area.
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The city's role, she said, would be to buy the notel property and then to look for a developer with the money and expertise to bring the building back to-life in one form or another.
The bankruptcy puts the city's plans on hold, Cole said, at least for the time being.
"We can't do anything until we see what happens," she said.
Bank IV will think of something to do, said Monty Briley, executive vice president of commercial lending.
"We will do our best to force the issue as quickly as possible," he said.
Force it to what? What do you want done?
"We'd like to see a sale," he said.
In 1990, Kassebaum obtained a $\$ 1.8$ million loan from Bank IV. The loan was secured, in part, by a second mortgage on the Eaton and other nearby properties Kassebaum owns in what he calls the Carey House Square block. He still owes about $\$ 450,000$ on the mortgage.

The city of Wichita holds the first mortgage, which it purchased from General Financial Services in January 1994.

## DEVICES

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sensation at one point on his waist. The tingling is at another spot when he has his weight on his toes.
"It feels like if you bump your funny bone or something," he says in describing the sensation.

It may not sound like much, but it makes a big difference because it allows him to feel proportionately how much weight he's putting on the foot. Now, if he's on an uneven surface, "I can feel it. If I step on a rock, I can feel it's hard" rather than soft like a carpet or grass. "If it's hard, I can feel it, if it's soft, I can feel it."
Gormanson said, "He can walk slow, he can walk fast and he's learning to run with it." Before, Jarrett ran with the distinctive hop, skip and jump of an amputee who has to give his prosthesis time to catch up with the rest of his body. Now, he lopes most of the way down a hallway in a more natural gait before returning to his old ways.
"We had to pretty well retrain him in how to walk," said Jarrett's mother, Vicki Perry. "This foot has really helped his gait."

Jarrett, a second-grader with a smattering of freckles across his cheeks and nose, has been without his left leg since he was 2 days old. A circulation problem necessitated the amputation. He has about about 6 inches of leg now. He got his first nrncthosis when he was about a

Gormanson has one other client using the SOF system in a lower extremity, and another one scheduled to be fitted for an upper system. With it, a sensor lets the wearer know-how firmly his hand is closing, through a unit that vibrates like a pager.

He hopes to be able to test the Hot and Cold System within a month or so:" As soon as they send me a unit, I'll be happy to put it in," he said.

Both devices might someday be used for peopie other than amputees. For example, Gormanson said, they could help diabetics with no feeling left in their feet:

Eventually, too, the systems might have more sensors - maybe one for each side of the foot, for example.

The Sense of Feel System can be adjusted to the wearer's comfort. "If you want to turn up the heel, you get the screwdriver and turn it up," Jarrett explained, pointing out the control points. No, he hasn't tried adjustments on his own. Even though he's a typical active kid who can't stand still, he knows better than to mess in Gormanson's territory.

But his eyes lit up in co-conspirator delight when Gormanson sug. gested a demonstration to an observer. "Come on. Come on. Let's do that. It doesn't hurt," he promised.

It didn't. The sensation was similar to the tingling of a minor electric shock. The anticipation can throw off a gait for the first few steps,

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the use of lethal force to stop abortions. Dodds, who signed the petition, said he took the document to mean that justifiable hornicide would be acceptable to stopeabortions.

It is that kind of talk that has local supporters of abortion rights viewing the coming conference with skepticism. They fear the conference could be a platform for violent confrontations.
"It would be fair to say that twe are hoping for the best and preparing for the worst," said Peggy Jarman, a spokeswoman for the ProChoice Action League.
This week's Wichita conferience opens with a speech by Joe Foreman, who helped found both-operation Rescue and Missionaries to the Pre-born. Friday's activities include "field exercises" and workshops on such topics as "creative tactics" and "investigative techniques/expose the abortionist campaigns."

Pamphlets promoting the conference promise Saturday prayer vigils at the homes of "abortionists;" pickets and "field trials of new tactics;-" hands on gettin' down to business."

Wichita Police Departmentrmaj. Tyler Brewer said he doesn'tiknow what to make of language like that.
"We have several flexiblecideas that we can implement depending on the nature of the demonstration," Brewer said.

His goal, Brewer said, is to "make sure no one gets hurt."

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The bigger deal, by far, is the one in New Mexica. tale fighway officials there signed a $\$ 206$ million contract for Koch Materias Co . to rebuild and widen from two to four lanes 120 miles of New Mexico highway 44 in the northwest part of the state.
Köch will design and manage construction of the
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son Cilessen, an official with Koch's Performance Roads division, sald that although a propeny dengned and constructed highway is more ex tensive to build, it wil last lar longer and cost tixp the less tn repairs and maintenance.
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Comejo \& Sons constuction ar orm the paving work to Koch's specfications. Work could begin within a couple of weeks and ts expected to be complete by the end of the year. Koch Materials has been marketing its high per formance roads for about a year now. Its largest project previously was a $\$ 9.2$ million job that is


A Minnesota developer wants to renovate downtown's historic Eaton Hotel with about 120 apartment units.

## Restoration project

Minnesota developer is proceeding with plans to renovate the historic Eaton Hotel with new apartments and retail space

By Molly McMilitn
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- Minnesota developer is moving forward with a proposal to restore the historic Eaton Hotel, renovating it
into residenial apartments and retail space. Theut 120 apartment units with retail space on the street level, sald Gary Stenson prest dent of MetroPiains Development of St Paul, Minn

We're still in the design stage," Stenson said in an interview this week.
The Wichita City Council gave the company permission in March to develop a plan to renovate the hotel and adjoining area, which the city bought in a bankruptcy sale
fects of similar scope in several Midwestern
states, including Kansas.
To truly revitalize downtown, it is essentiat that people live downtown said Joan Cole, a City Council member who represents the

We really, really need people coming and goling 24 hours, I believe," Cole said. "All the sudies and the research indicate that that's the magle ingredient."
Stenson's proposal would turn the upper loors of the hotel into more than 60 apartment units, with plans to construct a separate building with 48 housing units directly behind the hotel The two buildings likely would be connected with walkways, said Wes Darnell, architect with Wilson Darnell Mann, the wichita firm hired by Stenson
The one- and twobedroom aparments would likely range in size from 600 to 1,000 square feet, with rents ranging from about
$\$ 350$ to $\$ 900$ a month, Stenson said. Plans also call for the other buildings along the block to be restored.
Stenson is working to obtain the pablic and private financing needed for the project, which would come with
million to $\$ 14$ million
In most of the projects Metroplains has been involved in, financing has come from private investors, local mortgage lenders and local, state and federal govemment sources, Stenson said.
Metro Plains typically brings in private investors, usually large corporations, to livest in its projects, Stenson sald. In four of its re cent ventures, agribusiness giant Cargill Inc pur
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## By Eric Rosenberg

New York Times News Service
WASHINGTON - An Industry advisory group led by Boeing Co. and Airbus Industrie on Tuesday rejected design changes to commerchal jets to prevent fuel tank explosions such a the blast that federal officials say downed TWA Flight 800 two years ago. After four months of study, the group told the Federal Avlation Ad eliminate all explosive vapors in the center fuel tanks of commercial lets or dramatically reduce the vapors flammability.
The National Transportation Safety Board blamed a fuel tank explosion or the TWA disaster and recom mended that the FAA require arrcralt manufacturers to reduce the buildup of explosive vapors in fuel tanks.
The industry rejected that approach
in a 36 -page report released Tuesday.
"We could not find an economic or practical means," said Ron hinder erger, a member sattlebased Boeing's airsafety investigation program air-safety investigation program. Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee, is the main advisory body to the FAA on safety issues. FAA offictals now will review the report and accept or reject it.
Paul Hudson, a member of the ad visory panel and the executive director of the Aviation Consumer AC tion Project, a Washington, D.C.based advocacy group founded by Ralph Nader, called the advisory group's re port irresponsible.
This report simply says (to the thing now. If you want to do thing you can and we are going to study it for the future,' "Hudson said
Hudson also asserted that the cosis for the fuel tank fixes likely are much lower than depicted in the report. Flight 800 exploded in fight of the

## Cessna res profits at I

- Strong airplane sales help parent company report 13 percent increase in second-quarter
earnings.
By Bob Cox
The Wichita Eagle
Textron' Inc, reported a performance Fuesday. thanks in considerable part to its Cessna Aircraft Co. subsidiary. Although Textron does not
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## EATON

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early as August, Cole said, depending on the response to applications requesting tax credits.
The City Council must approve the final plan before it can go forward. Cole hopes the project can move ahead soon.
"This block is badly in need of renovation, restoration and redevelopment," Cole said. "So I feel that it's critical that we do it now."
Once approved, work would begin after the first of the year, with com pletion expected 10 or 11 months later.
George Rogers, a City Council member, said that while he has not seen the detaik; he agrees with the concept. "If it's a reasonable investment for the city, III be in support of it," he said. The Eaton, at the southwest comer of Douglas and St. Francis, opened in 1897.
The city bought the hotel and all but one of the other buildings on the south side of the 500 block of East Douglas for $\$ 365,000$ last year.
The vacant hotel is on the list of the state's 10 most endangered buildings. Ultimately, Cole said, the plan is to see that the property is owned and managed by the developer.
Wichita real estate agents Rod Stewart and Leo Goseland have been selected by MetroPlains as leasing agents for the commercial portions of the project, Stewart said.
MetroPlains has completed several other projects in Kansas.
It renovated the historic Osage hotel in Arkansas City into a 38 -unit senior apartment complex in 1991. It converted Reh Winkel Hall on the campus of St. John's College in Winformed the North housing and transformed the North American Hotel in Ottawa into apartments in 1992


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The Carey House in Wichita, now known as the Eaton Hotel, was built in 1886-87 for John B. Carey, a local financier who later served as mayor of Wichita in 1891-1892. Construction of the hotel, which was variously called the Carey House, began in July, 1886. The Wichita architectural form of Terry and Dumont designed the five-story brick and stone building which reportedly cost $\$ 100,000$.

The first proprietor of the hotel was C.L. Stough, who was succeeded in 1890 by C.W. Carey. In the late 1890's, Ben Eaton became proprietor, and later, acquired ownership of the hotel. O.S. Shirk purchased the building-form Eaton in 1914

The Carey House, is a large commercial example of eclectic architecture. It is a rectangular five-story structure with a full basement. The upper four floors are U-shaped while the main floor is a simple rectangle approximately 100 feet wide and 150 feet long. The basic building material is face brick laid in running bond. Cut stone trim is used extensively throughout the facades. The whiteness of the cut stone contrasts with the red-painted face brick. The fifth floor is enclosed behind a wood-shingled mansard roof.

The main building entrances on the north and east facades occur in large semicircular arched openings framed with cut stone.: Stone window sills form continuous bands around the facades.

The Carey hotel gained nationwide recognition after militant prohibitionist Carry Nation attacked the hotel on December 27 1900. The bar, which was reportedly the show saloon of wiehita and one of the mosi elegant bars in the Midwest, contained the picture "Cleopatra at the Bath," which had been painted by a notable Wichita artist, John Noble. The $\$ 300$ painting and $a$ $\$ 1500$ mirror were the first items to be ruined by Mrs. Nation. Other articles damaged were bottled goods, cut glass pieces, furniture and other paintings. Mrs Nation was arrested and confined to the Wichita jail until charges against her were dropped on January 19,1901.

Around 1904, a 550,000 extension of the building was constructed to the west, and in 1909 or 1910 the name was changed to the Eaton Hotel. The hotel has continued to serve guests and residents through the 20 th century,

The building is truly a fine example of a late 19 th century metropolitan hotel.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF WICHITA'S EAST DOUGLAAS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT 1868-1910

Marci Cranston Hess

DECEMBER 7, 1992

The Christmas of 1886 was the "wildest and noisiest day" of Wichita's speculation period. ${ }^{31}$ Millions of dollars of real estate were changing hands and every hotel in town was filled to capacity with many waiting to grab the first available vacancy. The influx of people, mainly businessmen, coming to Wichita created an increasing demand for more overnight accommodations. Boarding and rooming houses flourished and since women customarily managed these, the financial success of women increased with the large profits made from operating these overnight lodges. ${ }^{32}$

Until the building of the Hotel Carey in 1886 , most hotels in Wichita were very plain and utilitarian. These small, practical hotels were barely able to handle the constant business they had, much less solicit the business of large conventions. Because of the numerous travelers to this city, it seemed inevitable that Wichita should have a lavish hotel. John B. Carey was an avid Wichita promoter, and with the accumulated wealth from his lumber business, he wanted to build "the most luxurious hotel between Denver and Kansas City."33 While the boom created riches that allowed businessmen to rebuild using red brick, it also called for architectural sophistication. Wichita buildings were constructed taller, more elegant, and with more elaborate

[^1]detailing. Carey wanted to expound on this, so before the completion of his hotel, he added two stories onto the original plans. ${ }^{34}$ Several names were discussed for this hotel, but when the hotel opened on the last day of 1887 at the bargain cost of just $\$ 100,000$, it was officially named the Hotel Carey. ${ }^{35}$

The crash arrived suddenly and with such impact and force that investors were not able to extend their loans and mortgages, and much of their land was sold to pay their debts. Some lost everything. Homes were abandoned, personal property was sold, and foreclosures were widespread. "The boom blew up so suddenly that even the tight wads who only ventured from day to day were caught. "36 According to Marshall Murdock, the editor of the Wichita Eagle, the boom could not last long. In his infamous editorial entitled "Call a Halt," he professed his views on speculation. "When men abandon legitimate trade to embark in a craze of any character the end is not far off. ${ }^{37}$

Despite the setbacks that the boom/bust period created, Wichita was durable and its geographic location along with railroad accessibility gave businessmen ample opportunities

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## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

## EATON PLACE

502-525 E. Douglas; 112-114 S. Emporia Street
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS

## Statement of significance:

The buildings located on the south side of 500 E . Douglas and the 112-114 S. Emporia are located within the East Douglas Historic District. The East Douglas Historic District is an intact grouping of architecturally significant commercial buildings constructed between 1886 and approximately 1914 that display a variety of styles and types of architectural omamentation popular during these periods. The district also represents the largest remaining concentration of early commercial architecture in Wichita. Nearty all the buildings within the boundaries of the district date from two important periods in the city's history - the 1880's and the first three decades of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century.

The 500 E . Douglas block was further identified as being an independent historical district in the City of Wichita 1979 and was named to the Register of Historic Kansas Places as the Carey House District.

The Carey House District is anchored at the northeast comer by the Carey Hotel, presently known as the Eaton Hotel, and the Lawrence Building or Bowers Hotel at the northwest comer. The buildings located on this block were critical to the building up of E . Douglas. After the construction of the Eaton Hotel in 1886, the demand for more space, both hotel and commercial, lead to the construction of the Bronson and Kirkwood Buildings in 1902, the Lawrence Block in 1906, the addition to the Carey Hotel in 1907 and the construction of the Wichita Hotel and Schweiter/Bissantz Building in 1910. The block continued to expand to the south with the construction of the Lexington Hotel at 112-114 S. Emporia in 1914.

The Carey House District consists of the only contiguous block face of commercial buildings remaining in the East Douglas Historic District. In addition, this block is the only historic block within the City of Wichita that has not been significantly altered over the years.

Photo Nos.:...........A1-A2


# Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1 

## Lawrence Block - Bowers Hotel <br> EATON PLACE <br> 501-503 E. Douglas <br> WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance

The Lawrence Block building, also known as the Bowers Hotel, was built in 1906 with alterations in 1980. The three-story L-shape structure sits on the comer of Emporia and Douglas. The building 'hugs' the comer by rounding the north and west elevations at this point. The red brick building sits on a stone foundation topped with a flat roof. The roofline is surrounded by a cast iron comice with block modillions atop a dentil strip. At the comer of the roof is a cast iron crest inscribed with "Lawrence Block". A similar cast iron comice creates the stringcourse between the first and second floors. Additional stone stringcourses create the window sills at the second and third floors with a wider stringcourse above the second floor windows.

The building is approximately 60 feet wide by 150 feet long. The primary elevations of the building are the north along Douglas and west along Emporia. The primary elevations are divided into bays by brick pilasters. One entry to the building is located at the rounded comer and leads only to the first floor retail space. The entry features double commercial doors with sidelights topped by two arched transom windows and flanked by Doric columns. A second single door entry is located in the center of the west elevation. Stone keystones highlight the arched windows at the third floor. The second floor windows are traditional rectangular. The first floor was used as a commercial space. The storefront windows are divided into separate bays and topped with arched transoms. The only major alteration to the exterior, which occurred in 1980, are the window openings along the west elevation that were infilled with stucco to match other openings that had been created by the removal of windows prior to 1980.

Another notable exterior feature are the large non-functional gas/electric lamps located along the first floor elevation.

The interior of the building has seen the largest amount of alterations, most which occurred in 1980. The foyer and staircase at the west entry are intact and have maintained a high degree of integrity. However, the second floor has been continuously adapted to meet the commercial needs of the building. The corridor configuration however, has remained intact. The third floor of the building has been relatively untouched with the original corridor configuration and door openings remaining intact.

## Statement of significance:

The Lawrence Block originally housed the Merchants State Bank, which opened December 10, 1908 and the Bowers Hotel, which occupied the second and third stories of the building. The remaining first floor retail uses were varied, but seemed to support both the hotel and the bank.

The Lawrence Block is the west end anchor building to the Carey House Historic District, which is further identified as part of the East Douglas Historic District.

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## Bronson Building

EATON PLACE
505 E. Douglas
WICHITA. KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Bronson Building was built in 1903-04. The two-story, red brick building sits on a stone foundation and is flanked on its west side by the Lawrence Block Building and to the east by the Schweiter/Bissantz Building. Its primary elevation faces E. Douglas. It is approximately 30 feet wide by approximately 150 feet long.

Below the roof, features corbeled brickwork highlighted with white paint. The first floor storefront is intact but non-original. It is currently boarded. Entrances to the building are located in the center of the first floor storefront and at the northeast comer. The second story windows are single hung windows with sidelights topped by an arched transom divided into three lights. The second story windows are trimmed with a corbeled brick arches with a center keystone.

The interior of the building is non-existent. The building's roof system, ceilings and floors collapsed due to lack of roof maintenance and/or repair. The interior wood rotted and eventually ended up in the crawl space. The debris has been removed and all the original exterior walls have been stabilized. In addition, to the stabilization a new roof was put on the building in 1998.

## Statement of significance:

The Bronson Building was constructed in 1803-04 by Mr. E. Bronson at a cost of $\$ 5,000$. Original use of the building is suspected to be commercial but it is unknown.

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## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART1

## Schweiter/Bissantz Building

## EATON PLACE

507 E. Douglas
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Schweiter/Bissantz building was built in 1905. The two story, red brick building sits on a stone foundation and has a flat roof. Its primary elevation is on E . Douglas. It is flanked to the west by the Bronson Building and to the east by Kirkwood building.

The Schweiter/Bissantz Building is the simplest architectural building in the Carey House District. The existing first floor storefront is not original. It presently features a center entry, leading only to the first floor commercial space, flanked by divided light windows. A divided lite transom is above the entire system. The second floor windows are trimmed with rock-faced stone lintels and sills.

The interior of the building is very similar to that of the Bronson building with the majority of the interior nonexistent. Again, the building's roof system, ceilings and floors have all but collapsed on the back half due to a lack of roof maintenance and/or repair. The debris has been removed and the remaining section facing Douglas has been stabilized with a new roof installed in 1998.

## Statement of significance:

Construction started on the Schweiter/Bissantz building in 1904 and was completed in 1905. Early use of the building included the Wichita Truck Factory and the Higgins Rooming House.

Photo Nos.: D1-D3

## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

## Kirkwood Building

EATON PLACE
509 E. Douglas
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Kirkwood building was built in 1902. The two-story brick building sits on a stone foundation and is flanked to the west by the Schweiter/Bissantz Building and to the east by the Wichita Hotel. Its primary elevation faces E. Douglas. It is approximately 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Along primary north elevation of the flat roof is a metal comice with a fleur-de-lis pattem over an inset dentil strip. The comice is topped by an iron pediment, which reads '1902' in the tympanum and 'Kirkwood' at the base. Corbeled brickwork is seen below the comice.

Entrances to the building are located in the center of the first floor storefront and just to the east of the storefront that leads to the second floor. The second floor double windows feature arched transoms highlighted by arched brickwork outlined by a stone strip interspersed with keystones. A stone stringcourse intersects the building and creates the sills for the second floor windows.

The interior of the building has retained some historical integrity. As the 505 and 507 buildings, the 509 building has suffered extreme structural damage. The first floor ceiling and second floor floor are presently being stabilized by a series of suspension rods attached the second floor ceiling/roof to prevent collapse.

## Statement of significance:

The Kirkwood Building was constructed in 1902 by Dr. James W. Kirkwood and cost approximately $\$ 5,000$. The building was originally and has continued to be used as commercial/retail space.

Photo Nos.:................E1-E3

## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

## Wichita Hotel <br> EATON PLACE <br> 511-515 E. Douglas <br> WICHITA. KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Wichita Hotel was built in 1910. The Wichita was designed in the Neoclassical Revival style of commercial architecture. The three-story salmon \& brown brick building sits on a stone foundation and has a flat roof. Approximately 50 feet wide by 150 feet long, it is flanked to the west by the Kirkwood building and to the east by the Eaton Hotel. Its primary elevation is along E. Douglas.

The defining exterior feature of the Wichita is the cast iron comice with elaborate neoclassical detailing, including a projecting pediment with neoclassical decoration in cast iron in the tympanum.

Windows are spaced in a paired symmetrical pattern. A portion of the original storefront remains and features cast iron structuring most prevalent in two cast iron columns. The second and thind floor windows in the outer bays feature cast stone jack arches with projecting keystones. The center bay, third story windows have arched fanlights with keystones and corbeled trim.

A first floor entry door, located in the center, provides access to the original hotel spaces, which occupy all the second and third floors. Retail spaces flank both sides of the main entry and feature separate storefront entrances. The first floor door to the hotel, which was originally recess, features in glazed brick trim 'Wichita Hotel'. The two retail spaces feature modem storefronts and entrance.

The staircase from the street level leads to a second floor landing, which then splits to the east and west, allowing access to the third floor of the building. The upper floors of the building maintain a various degrees of integrity, including original staircases, wainscoting and doors. Some areas have seen destabilization, pirate removal, etc.

## Statement of significance:

The Wichita Hotel opened in 1910. The building was used as a hotel and commercial space.

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## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

## The Eaton Hotel

EATON PLACE
525 E. Douglas
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Eaton Hotel was constructed in 1886-87 with an addition to the west elevation in 1909-1910. The fivestory brick structure sits on a stone foundation with a partial basement. The upper four floors are U-shaped while the main floor is a simple rectangle approximately 100 feet wide and 150 feet long. The primary elevations of the Eaton face north on E. Douglas and east on St. Francis. The original entrance to the hotel was on St. Francis and with the exception of the ballroom is the only intact original feature of the hotel. The building is flanked to the west by the Wichita Hotel and to the south by the alley.

The Eaton Hotel reflects the Second Empire style of architecture due to the distinctive mansard roof present on the north and east elevations. The basic building material is face brick laid in running bond that has been painted its present deep red color. Cut stone trim is used extensively throughout the facades, which provides an impressive contrast to the building facades. As mentioned above, the two main entrances to the building are on the north and east facades. The entries are set within large semicircular arched openings framed with cut stone.

On the first floor there are large storefront windows with flat carved stone lintels. Windows on the second, third and fourth floors are double hung sash windows. Stone window sills form continuous bands around the façade. Window lintels are inverted U-shaped cut stones extending partially down the jambs. The fifth floor windows are dormers in the mansard roof and are accented by omamented pediment roofs. Stone chimneys break the mansard roof between window groupings.

The most significant change to hotel occurred in 1909-10 when the west elevation addition was added and the lobby was lowered to street level. This change altered the original window configuration, which was originally like the windows located along the east elevation at the ballroom.

The interior of the hotel has retained much of its historic integrity. Spatial volumes and corridors are intact. The ceramic floors in the lobby and ballroom are intact. Much of the original woodwork is still present, including doors, frames and base. The building is in various stages of disrepair. The ballroom has sustained significant structural damage. The various hotel rooms have suffered water, pigeon and lack of plumbing problems.

## Statement of significance:

Built in 1886-87 by local financier John B. Carey, the Carey House, or Eaton Hotel as it is presently known, is one of the most distinctive architectural features in Wichita as well as one of the most notorious. On December 27, 1900, the hotel gained nation-wide recognition after militant prohibitionist Carry Nation waged an attack in the hotel bar. The bar, which was reportedly the show saloon of Wichita and one of the most elegant bars in the Midwest, contained the nude picture "Cleopatra at the Bath", which was painted by noted Wichita artist, John Noble. While spouting the dangers of alcohol, she proceeded to destroy the massive mirror behind bar, several bottles of whiskey and attempted to ruin the painting by throwing billiard balls at it.

The Eaton Hotel is presently vacant. The original use of the building was a hotel. The building was most recently used as a rooming house until August 1997 when the new owner, the City of Wichita, was able to relocate all of the residents. A commercial tenant was located in one of the north storefronts until December 31, 1998.

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## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

## The Lexington Hotel

EATON PLACE
112-114 S. Emporia Street
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Lexington Hotel was constructed in 1914. The two-story brick structure sits on a stone foundation and is approximately 50 feet wide by 150 feet long with a flat roof. The Lexington is the only building in the Carey House Historic District that does not face on E. Douglas. The primary elevation of the Lexington sits on Emporia. It is flanked to the south by a parking lot and to the north by the alley that runs behind the E. Douglas buildings. An addition was made to the east side (rear) of the building in approximately 1932.

The hotel features large storefronts on the first level and five single hung windows with stone sills on the second level. Two entries to the building are also located on the west elevation. One located in the northern storefront and another located at the southem comer or the west elevation. The storefront entry leads directly into the first floor space, the south entry leads to the second floor. The building retains no historical integrity on the first floor and only the west section of the second.

A distinguishing feature to the building is the partial brick wall located immediately to the south of the building. The red brick wall reads 'Carey House Square'.

## Statement of significance:

The Lexington is the only building located in the Carey House District not located on E. Douglas, but is integral to the continuation of storefront along S. Emporia. The building was operated as a hotel until about 1973.

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## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

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## POINTS OF REFERENCE FOR NORTH ELEVATION PHOTOGRAPHS



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PROJECT NO.
502-525 E. Douglas; 112-114 S. Emporia
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

POINTS OF REFERENCE FOR SOUTH ELEVATION PHOTOGRAPHS


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## EATON PLACE

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502－525 E．Douglas；112－114 S．Emporia WICHITA，KANSAS 67202

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## Historic Preservation Certification Application

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EATON PLACE
502-525 E. Douglas; 112-114 S. Emporia
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202
LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

## A) Carey House Square (Eaton Place)

| A1 |  |  | Horth Elevation - entire block |  | Lexington Hotel |
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| A2 | North Elevation - $505 / 507 / 509$ |  | H 1 | West Elevation |  |
| A3 | West Elevation - Lawrence | Block | $\&$ | H 2 | East Elevation |
| Lexington Hotel |  | H 3 | North Elevation |  |  |
|  |  |  | H 4 | South Elevation |  |

B) Lawrence Block (Bowers Hotel)

B1 North Elevation
B2 West Elevation
B3 NW comer/windows/comer entry detail
B4 Detail iron crest

## C) Bronson Building

C1 North Elevation
C2 Detail corbeled brick
C3 South Elevation
C4 South/East Elevations
D) Schweiter/Bissantz Building

D1 North Elevation
D2 Detail window/brickwork
D3 South Elevation
E) Kirkwood Building

E1 North Elevation
E2 Detail pediment
E3 South Elevation
F) Wichita Hotel

F1 North Elevation
F2 Detail pediment
F3 South Elevation
G) Eaton Hotel

G1 Northeast Elevation
G2 North Elevation
G3 East Elevation
G4 South \& East Elevations
G5 North entry Detail

Historic Preservation Certification Application

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tract 1:
Lot 47, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (429 East Douglas)
Tract 2:
Lots 49 and 51, and $1 / 2$ of the South adjacent vacated alley, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (104 South Emporia)

Tract 3:
Lot 53, and $1 / 2$ of the South adjacent vacated alley, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (505 East Douglas)

Tract 4:
Lot 55 and $1 / 2$ of the South adjacent vacated alley, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition ( 507 East Douglas)

Tract 5:
Lot 57, Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition to Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.
Tract 6:
Lots 59 and 61 and $1 / 2$ of the South adjacant vacated alley, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (515 East Douglas Avenue)

Tract 7:
Lots $63,65,67,69$ and 71 on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Additon (523 East Douglas)
Tract 8:
Lots 1 and 3 and $1 / 2$ of the North adjacent vacated alley, on Emporia Avenue, NA English's Addition (112 South Emporia)

Tract 9:
Lots 5, 7, 9 and 11 on Emporia Avenue, NA English's Addition (100 and 126 South Emporia)
Tract 10"
Lots $2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11$ and 12, on Fourth, now St Francis Avenue, NA English's Addition (520 East William and 102 South St Francis)
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## 5. Description of physical appearance:

The Wichita Hotel was designed in the Neoclassical Revival style of commercial architecture. The building is three stories in height, approximately 50 feet in width by approximately 150 feet long. Basement foundation materials are stone, with a wall structure consisting of brown/salmon brick and corbeled trim. The roof is flat The cornice is cast iron with elaborate neoclassical detailing, including a projecting pediment with neoclassical decoration in cast iron in the tympanum. Chimneys are located inside the side walls.

Windows are spaced in a paired symmetrical pattern. A portion of the original storefront remains, and features cast iron structuring most prevalent in two cast iron columns. Windows are rectangular with single pane sashes. Window trim features cast stone jack arches with projecting keystones; third story windows have semicircular arched fanlights with keystones and corbeled trim.
A first floor entry door provides access to the original hotel spaces, which occupy all of the second and third floors. Retail spaces flank both sides of the main entry, and feature separate storefront entrances. The first floor door to the hotel, which originally was recessed, features in glazed brick trim "Wichita Hotel." The two retail spaces feature modern storefronts and entrances.

The grand staircase leads to a second floor landing, which then splits to the east and west, allowing access to the third floor of the building. The upper floors of the building maintain a high degree of integrity, including original staircases, wainscoting and doors. The majority of interior door and window glass appears original as well.

Date(s) of Alteration(s):
Has building been moved? yes $\square$ no. If so, when?
6. Statement of significance:

The East Douglas Historic District is an intact grouping of architecturally significant commercial buildings constructed between 1886 and approximately 1914 that display a variety of styles and types of architectural ornamentation popular during these periods. Decorative elements are usually stylized neoclassical motifs. The earliest buildings show influences of the Second Empire style (Carey Hotel) and commercial variations of the Queen Anne style and Italianate styles (505 and 501 E. Douglas).

The district also represents the largest remaining concentration of early commercial architecture in Wichita. Nearly all of the buildings within the boundaries of the district date from two important periods in the city's history - the 1880s and the first three decades of the 20th century. Additionally, two structures found in the district are individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places - the Carey/Eaton Hotel located at 515-527 E. Douglas and the Rock Island Depot, located at 711 E. Douglas.
The district appears spacious and uncluttered, partially because of the low profle of the buildings and because of the great width of Douglas Avenue with approximately 115 feet between building facades. The qualities that make this district unique are its unity of scale, materials and usage. Additionally, the south side of the 500 block of East Douglas is the only contiguous block face of commercial buildings remaining in the East Douglas Historic District.

The Wichita Hotel opened ca. 1905.

## 7. Photographs and maps.

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| Schweiter/Bissantz-Building Property Name | PART 1 | Project Number: |
| 507 E. Douglas |  |  |

Property Address
5. Description of physical appearance:

The Schweiter/Bissantz building is two stories in height, approximately 30 feet in width by approximately 150 feet long. Basement foundation materials are stone, with a wall structure consisting of red brick. The roof is flat. The cornice features a simple corbeled brick panel. Chimneys are located inside the side walls.

Windows are spaced in a regular pattern -- original storefront windows and materials have been removed. Second story windows are rectangular with side pane sashes. Windows are trimmed with rock-faced stone lintels. The building retains a central storefront entrance and a west entrance to the second story. Storefront materials and entrance doors are modern replacements.

Presently, the structure is completely vacant as the building's roof system, ceilings and floors have all but collapsed to grade - due to a lack of roof maintenance and/or repair. While not in the same deteriorated condition as 505 E. Douglas, the building is nonetheless not occupied. Since September 1997, the City's local landmarks commission has worked with the Kansas State Historical Society to provide several stabilization schemes and options. It is the hope of the local commission that tax credits can be obtained to assist in its preservation and rehabilitation.

Oate of Construction: 1905 Source of Date: City Directories, Wichita Eagle
Date(s) of Alteration(s): $\qquad$
Has buitding been moved? $\square$ yes $\square$ no. If so, when?
6. Statement of significance:

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The district appears spacious and uncluttered, partially because of the low profile of the buildings and because of the great width of Douglas Avenue with approximately 115 feet between building facades. The qualities that make this district unique are its unity of scale, materials and usage. Additionally, the south side of the 500 block of East Douglas is the only contiguous block face of commercial buildings remaining in the East Douglas Historic District.

Construction started on the Schweiter/Bissantz building in 1904 and was completed in 1905. Early uses included the Wichita Trunk Factory and the Higgins Rooming House.
7. Photographs and maps.

Altach photographs and maps to application.


The Carey House at the southwest corner of Douglas and st. Francis avenues in downtown Wichita is a large commercial example of Eclectic architecture. It is a rectangular five-story structure . with a full basement. The upper four floors are U-shaped while the main floor is a simple rectangle approximately 100 feet wide and 150 feet long. The basic building material is face brick laid in ruming bond. Cut stone trim is used extensively throughout the facades. The whiteness of the cut stone contrasts with the redpainted face brick. The fifth floor is enclosed behind a woodshingled mansard roof. The major roof structure is flat. A decorative brick cornice of closely spaced corbeled brackets follows the perimeter of the building and separates the mansard roof from the walls below. The northeast corner of the building is enhanced by a projecting tower extending the full building height and terminating in a truncated steeply pitched pyramidal roof with gabled dormers on the east and north sides. The main building entrances on the north and east facades occur in large semicircular arched cpenings framed with cut stone. On the first floor there are large store front windows with flat carved stone lintels. Windows on the second, thixd and fourth floor levels are the simple rectangular double hung sash type. Stone window sills form continuous bands around the facades. Window lintels are inverted U-shaped cut stones extending partially down the jambs. The fifth floor windows are dormers in the mansard roof and are accented by ornamented pediment roofs. The third dormer from the east on the north facade has the date " 1887 " on its pediment. Stone chimneys break the mansard roof Letween window groupings.

A 25 -foot extension to the west was added around 1904; it was identical in style and material to the original. Prior to the addition the building had terminated at the west side of the larger arched entrance feature on the north facade. A semicircular pediment, which was formerly mounted atop the tower facing north, was removed more than 50 years ago. The pediment had the legend: "Erected by J. B. Carey." The only major changea to the building's appearance have occurred below the second floor line. The portion of the basement wall above grade was originally of cottonwood Falls limestone; the only unaltered section is the south part of the east facade, which also shows the original basement and first floor window pattern as well. The first floor window arrangement was changed considerably prior to 1920; originally the window treatment was identical to that of the second floor.
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-approximate acreage of nominated property:
One acre

17. FORM PREPARED BY

NAme And tithe: Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant Richard D. Fankratz, Planner


As the designated State Liaison Officer for the Nafiona! Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665). I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National $\square$ State 8 Local $\square$
Name
 Hyp( H. Miller
Title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

1 hereby certify that this property is included in the National: Register

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date $\qquad$
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National! Register

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# Wichita State University 

# Land Use Analysis Project: 500 Block East Douglas (South Side) <br> Wichita, Kansas 

Submitted to
Dr. Rebecca Conard, Instructor
HI 701: Introduction to Public History

December 30, 1996

Submitted by
Tom Muller

For this project, I analyzed the historical land use of the south side of the 500 block of East Douglas Avenue in downtown Wichita, Kansas from the year 1884 to 1935. The Eaton Block, as this collection of commercial buildings is better known, is significant primarily for two reasons; first, as the site of the National Register-listed Eaton (Carey) Hotel, and second, for its uninterrupted streetscape (a rarity in downtown Wichita today). Historically, the block represents the secondary outgrowth of the original commercial district, as impacted by the cattle, milling and railroad industries.

The purpose of this project was to identify the names and nature of businesses that existed on this property during the years 1884-1935, as well as to determine the dates of construction of those buildings still standing. Primary sources used for this exercise included Sanborn fire insurance maps and Wichita city directories. As neither of these resources exist for every one of the fifty-one years of this project's focus period, a sampling is hereby presented that represents eight years for which Sanborn maps were available. From this sampling can be ascertained the physical development of the Eaton block, as well as the manner, and for what purposes, the property was utilized.

My research methods involved studying the available Sanborn maps (photocopies of which are included in this paper), and researching occupants listed at each address in the city directories from each of the same years as the maps. I then used this information to create a matrix showing
the development of the block and the names of the occupants. (See figure 1) From this matrix can be determined approximate dates of construction and commercial uses of the property. Secondary sources and photographs were then consulted for evidence to substantiate the location and names of businesses, however, little additional specific information was found.

These sources did, however, promise to shed some light as to why to the block developed when it did. Evidently, the growth of the cattle trade and the establishment of the railroad immediately east of the 500 block turned the property into prime real estate. Located on the edge of the commercial district, the block was utilized early by businesses catering to the locals, such as blacksmiths, feed stores and lumber yards, housed in small frame structures. John Carey, however, began the transition of the block by building the Hotel Carey in 1887 to capitalize on the property's proximity to the new depot. Later development, around the turn of the century, brought businesses representing both the proximity and nature of the jobbers district, such as lunch counters and second-hand shops. Still later development reflected the growth of the depot as a place of disembarkment, as two more hotels and three restaurants were established. Overall, the block maintained more of a service, rather than retail, oriented nature through the 1930s.

Further research into the history of the Eaton block could explore the economic and cultural changes leading to the development of the block, including the motivations of John Carey to close his large lumber business so as to gamble on his hotel venture. In addition, it would be interesting to know why the north side of the 500 block developed earlier, as well as why a gap of approximately twenty years existed between the construction of the Hotel Carey and the full development of the rest of the south side of the 500 block.
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Appendix 1: Scenes of 500 block East Douglas (south side) - 1996

## Appendix 2: Sanborn map images of 500 block East Douglas (south side)







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86043 (First Published in the Daliy Record July 15, 1977 )
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HE CITY OF WICHITA KE GOVERNING BODY OF HE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS.
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SECTION 2. That Uoon the taking effect oi the or inance, the atove hisforic designation shall be outlined and shown on the "Official Zoning Map" previously adopted by reference.
SECTION 3. That this Ordinance șhall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and publication in the official city paper.
ADOPTED AT WICHITA, KANSAS, JULY 12,1977 TONY CASADO, Mayor
Attest: (Seal), DONALD C. GISICK, City Cierk


STATE OF KANSAS, SEDGWICK COUNTY, SS:

Ola Hein_, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Business Manager of THE DAILY RECORD formerly known as The Democrat \& Daily Record, a newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general paid circulation on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis in Sedgwick County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.

Said newspaper is published at least weekly fifty (50) time a year, has been so published continuously and uninterrupted in said County and State for a period of more than five (5) years prior to the first publication of the notice attached, and has been admitted at the post office of Wichita in said County and State as second class matter.

That a notice, a true copy of which is hereto attached, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for___ consecutive celely as follows:


My commission expires NOV 251978


# Kánsas State Histor al Society <br> 120 West Tenth • Topeka, Kansas 66612 • 913:296-3251 

December 7, 1979
Mr. John Phillip Kassebaum
c/o Kassebaum and Johnson
125 North Market
Wichita, Kansas 67202
and
Mrs. Nancy Kassebaum
111 North Market Wichita, Kansas 67202

The property listed below was approved on the date specified for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review. The Board did not recommend the property for National Register nomination for the reasons indicated in the enclosed attachment.

Carey House Historic District, 503-523 East Douglas, Nichita
The Register is a master list of buildings, structures, sites, districts and objects located in Kansas that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology and culture. The Register includes two categories of properties. National Register properties meet federal standards of significance and integrity as established by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior. Other properties included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places are those that do not meet federal standards (largely because of diminished integrity) but that still have substantial importance to the heritage of Kansas and its local communities.

Under state law, the above referenced property is now afforded a measure of protection from projects of state and local authorities that could encroach upon, damage, or destroy it.

The purpose of Register listing is to provide official recognition of properties with historic significance that should be treated sensitively to insure that their historic integrity is protected for the benefit of present

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and future generations of Kansans. Significant alteration of the property may result in its being removed from the register. The expected iffespan of an historic property can be abruptly shortened through improper cleaning, tuckpointing, and other renovation treatments. The property's historic character and integrity can be seriously compromised by inappropriate modern work. To assist you in insuring the continued physical and historic well-being of your property, we have enclosed a copy of the Secretary of the Interfor's "Standards for Historic Preservation Projects" and an order blank for information on specific technical treatments. In addition, please feel free to contact this office with any questions or concerns you may have when undertaking work.

cc: Robert A. Puckett
Historic Wichita Board
Historic Landmark Preservation Committee
City of Wichita

The Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review voted to postpone consideration of the Carey House Historic District for National Register listing until further investigations can be made as to whether a larger National Register-eligible district exists in the area and, if so, if this larger district could be nominated. As the district was proposed it does not appear to meet the National Register criteria for districts, because this block of buildings is not of distinctly different associational or design character from many of the other buildings in the immediate area. Once further information has been gathered the board will reconsider the nomination for National Register listing.

November 8, 1979

Julie A. Wortman, Architectural Historian Historic Preservation Department Kansas State Historical Society 120 West Tenth Street Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Ms. Wortman:
This letter is to advise you that the property known as the Carey House Square District, 503-523 East Douglas, has been designated as a historic landmark by the Board of Wichita City Commissioners. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission considered the proposed designation on June 9, 1977 and took action recommending to the Board of Wichita City Commissioners that the designation be approved. Subsequently, on July 5, 1977, the Board of Wichita City Commissioners approved the designation and placed on first reading an ordinance establishing the designation. The ordinance was adopted on second reading July 12,1977 and became effective upon publication in the official city newspaper on July 15, 1977.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Young<br>Principal Planner

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## Kansas State Historical Society

120 West Tenth Topeka, Kansas 66612 . $913 / 296-3251$

October 30, 1979


Mr. John Phillip Kassebaum
c/o Kassebaum and Johnson
125 North Market
Wichita, Kansas 67202
and
Mrs. Nancy Kassebaum
111 North Market
Wichita, Kansas 67202

Dear Mr. Kassebaum:
This is to inform you that the property listed below will be considered for nomination to the Register of Historic Kansas Places at the request of the sponsor indicated.

Carey House Square District, 503-523 East Douglas
(property)
Historic Landmark Preservation Committee, The City of Wichita
(sponsor)
The Register is a master list of buildings, structures, sites, districts, and objects located in Kansas that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology and culture. The Register includes two categories of properties. National Register properties are included in the Federal Government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation. Other properties included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places are those that do not meet Federal standards of significance and integrity but that still have substantial importance to the heritage or kansas and its local communities. The purpose of Register listing is to provide official recognition of properties with historic significance that should be treated sensitively to insure that their historic integrity is protected for the benefit of present and future generations.

Under state law, all properties listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places are afforded a measure of protection from projects of state and local

authorities that could encroach upon, damage, or destroy them. listing in the National Register also makes property owners eligible to be considered for Federal grants-in-aid for historic preservation (so long as applicable federal regulations are met) and provides limited protection through coment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the effect of federally financed. assisted, or licensed undertakings on historic properties.

The property rights of the owner are not affected by Register listing, nor is there any cost to the owner for this recognition.

If your property is depreciable and is listed in the National Register. there are also certain provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and that may apply to you. Section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 encourages preservation of historic depreciable structures by allowing favorable tax treatments for rehabilitations. In addition, it discourages destruction of historic buildings by reducing tax incentives both for demolition of historic structures and for new construction on the site of demolished historic buildings.

Your property w111 t 3 considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review as soon as is possible. Properties approved by the board for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places will be included as soon as the nomination is certified by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Nominations approved for National Register listing will be sent to the National Register office in Washington where the final decision on National Register listing will be made.

Before your property receives consideration by the review board, Historic Preservation Department professional staff wlll visit it in person for the purpose of first-hand analysis. Every effort will be made to contact you before this visit is made, but owing to the uncertainty of staff travel schedules, a visit may be made without prior notice. Please advise us if this presents a complication.

The nomination procedures now in effect in Kansas provide a 30 -day opportunity for the property owner to comment on the proposed Register nomination. prior to Review Board consideration. By carbon copy we are also notifying the governmental authority listed below and affording them a 30 -day opportunity for comment.

City of Wichita
Should you have any questions or comments, please let us know.
Sincerely,


Julie A. Wortman

- Architectural Historian

Historic Preservation Department

## WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY

 METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENTSeptember 14, 1994

## TO: Marvin Krout, Planning Director

FROM: Robert Beardsley, Preservation Planner

## SUBJECT: Kassebaum's Proposal

My first impression of this document focuses on financing through Section 8, and how, whether and/ or not continuing the present use into the future is compatible with the highest-and-best-use of the property, given the nature of recent development in the area. Despite the near-term leverage gained from the use of that program, the capacity of the income generated could be assumed to make long-term debt service rather questionable. The attached first-draft feasibility study, based on the limited information available and lacking his cash-flow figures, indicates the nature of the potential cash-flow problem. Certainly, tax considerations will help, and recent changes in State law may also help, but the ultimate use of the property needs to be established in order for financial planning to proceed in a meaningful way.

Provided that Phase II comes on-line, it would help to address cash-flow concerns (See attached.), and phasing the project would also help ensure that some cash would be coming in to help service the debt during construction. My concern is that the necessary repairs may be too extensive to allow occupancy while they are underway, which would obviate that potential leverage.

As for the two options, they both have pros and cons, but the hotel concept has always seemed to me the more viable approach, and is the model used in the attached studies. Again, neither would probably be an option until the Section 8 credits expired, and ten years may be too long to wait..

The review of this or any other proposal will need to be conceived and executed in fairly close consultation with the SHPO if the availability if HP tax credits is to be maintained, since that office must approve the work in order for the credits to apply. Gutting and rehabilitating the structure within the original shell has been suggested, but the approach indicated by the draft proposal appears to assume the more preservationally-correct approach of retaining the original fabric of the building. In the past, the SHPO has emphasized retaining the original fabric of a building if at all possible, and it is impossible to predict how far that office is willing to bend in that regard.

## EATON HOTEL - Hotel <br> Rehabilitation Feasibility - A 09/13/94

BUILDING SIZE (sq. ft.)
$74,000,00$

CAPITAL COSTS

| Acquisition Cost (Debt Restructuring Costs) | $\$ 1,000,000.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Demolition Cost | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Construction Cost (sq. ft.) | $\$ 50.00$ |
| Construction Cost (total $\$$ ) | $\$ 3,700,000.00$ |
| TOTAL CAPITAL COST | $\$ 4,700,000.00$ |


| OPERATING INCOME |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Number of Suites | 100 |
| Annual Per-Suite Rental (@ \$25/bnivNight) | \$8,750.00 |
| Suite Vacancy Rate (\%) | 15.00\% |
| Total Suite Receipts (per Year) | \$743,750.00 |
|  | \$11.00 |
| Commercial Spaç ${ }^{\text {a }}$ (aty.) | 1,500.00 |
| Net to Gross Ratio (\%) | 85.00\% |
| CommerciahRentable Square Feet (RSF) | 1,275.00 |
| Commercial Rent (Gross \$) | \$14,025.00 |
| Commerctid Vacancy (\%) | 5.00\% |
| Vacancy (\$) | \$701.25 |
| Commercial Rent (per Year) | \$13,323.75 |
| TOTAL OPERATING INCOME | \$757,073.75 |

## OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating Expense Ratio (\%)
60.00\%

Property Tax (Based on EPV)
Total Operating Expenses
NET OPERATING INCOME
$\$ 56,437.20$
$\$ 510,681.45$
\$189,955.10
4.04\%

UNLEVERAGED INVESTMENT RETURN
$\$ 1,881,240.03$
FINANCING

Capitalization Rate
$10.00 \%$
PROJECT VALUE BASED ON CAP RATE
\$1,899,550.98
Loan to Value Ratio
N/A
Loan
Grant
Investor Cash Required
\$3,000,000.00
$\$ 50,000.00$
$\$ 300,000.00$
Loan Term (years)
15.00

Interest Rate (\%)
Annual Payment on Loan
5.00\%
\$200,066.67
$(\$ 10,111.57)$
$-3.37 \%$
$\$ 0.00$
Investors Cash on Cash Return
20.00\%

Tax Credit Available (\%)
Eligible Expenditure
Tax Credit Available (\$)
$\$ 3,700,000.00$
$\$ 740,000.00$
$\$ 0.00$
Gap After Adjustment
Investor Cash Before Credit
Investor Cash After Credit
Cash Flow
$\$ 2,000,000.00$
\$1,260,000.00
$(\$ 10,111.57)$
Investor Cash on Cash Return
After Credit Adjustment

# EATON HOTEL - Hotel Rehabilitation Feasibility - B 

 09/13/94BUILDING SIZE (sq.ft.)
$74,000.00$
CAPITAL COSTS

| Acquisition Cost (Debt Restructuring Costs) | $\$ 1,000,000.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Demolition Cost | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Construction Cost (sq. ft.) | $\$ 125.00$ |
| Construction Cost (total $\$$ ) | $\$ 9,250,000.00$ |
| TOTAL CAPITAL COST | $\$ 10,250,000.00$ |

OPERATING INCOME


OPERATING EXPENSES

| Operating Expense Ratio (\%) | $60.00 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Property Tax (Based on EPV) | $\$ 168,671.11$ |
| Total Operating Expenses | $\$ 1,516,868.86$ |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | $\$ 561,456.27$ |
| UNLEVERAGED INVESTMENT RETURN | $5.48 \%$ |
| ESTIMATED PROJECT VALUE (EPV) | $\$ 5,622,370.43$ |

FINANCING

| Capitalization Rate | $10.00 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| PROJECT VALUE BASED ON CAP RATE | $\$ 5,614,562.74$ |
| Loanto Value Ratio | $75.00 \%$ |
| Loan | $\$ 4,210,922.06$ |
| Grant | $\$ 50,000.00$ |
| Investor Cash Required | $\$ 4,543,638.69$ |
| Loan Term (years) | 20.00 |
| Interest Rate (\%) | $5.00 \%$ |
| Annual Payment on Loan | $\$ 280,821.72$ |
| Cash Flow | $\$ 280,634.55$ |
| Investors Cash on Cash Return | $6.18 \%$ |
| Gap Between Cost and Value | $\$ 4,635,437.26$ |
| Tax Credit Available (\%) | $20.00 \%$ |
| Eligible Expenditure | $\$ 9,250,000.00$ |
| Tax Credit Available (\$) | $\$ 1,850,000.00$ |
| Gap After Adjustment | $\$ 2,785,437.26$ |
| Investor Cash Before Credit | $\$, 989,077.94$ |
| Investor Cash After Credit | $\$ 4,139,077.94$ |
| Cash Flow | $\$ 280,634.55$ |
| Investor Cash on Cash Return |  |
| After Credit Adjustment |  |
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

## TO: <br> FROM: $\quad$ Ray Ontiveros, Land Use/Research Division $\{$ and

SUBJECT: Environmental Review of Eaton Block Redevelopment
DATE: May 2, 2000

The Planning Department has completed a full environmental assessment of the Eaton Block Redevelopment project. This assessment is for the continuation of two 1999 projects involving the Eaton Block. Both of these were given generic reviews on May 6, 1999 (Program Year 25) pending the results of a Section 106 evaluation due to the Eaton Hotel's historic status.

On August 26, 1999, this office updated the May, 1999 environmental reviews with a memorandum stating that the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office had reviewed the plans for the Eaton project and had approved the project vis a vis Section 106 requirements. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) could then be made. At that time, the Planning Department noted in the Environmental Review record (ERR) that a full assessment would be needed. Attached is the full environmental assessment that has now been completed.

This memorandum will be entered into the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to document that the full assessment has been completed and that primary responsibility for the program is noted as resting with the Housing Services Office.

The project will be included with other projects submitted for the 2000-2001 One Year Action Plan, and will be included in Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF), and the Request for Release Funds (RROF) for the One Year Action Plan. Please note, however, that if any changes to the approved plans are made, it is the Housing Services Office's responsibility to notify the Planning Department in order that the ERR may be updated, as needed.

As required by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, a copy of this memorandum will be kept in the ERR, which is located in the offices of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department, $10^{\text {th }}$ Floor of the Wichita City Hall.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT<br>Community Development Block Grant, Rental Rehabilitation And Housing Development Grant Programs

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD

## PROJECT: Eaton Block Redevelopment

## PROGRAM: HOME

Program Year 26

## PROJECT ABSTRACT

| FORMAT II | Name of Grantee |
| :---: | :---: |
| ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT | City of Wichita - Housing Services Department |
| From: 2000 To: 2001 Year 26 | Application/Grant Number |
|  | Original: <br> Revisions: <br> Amendments: |
| Name and Title of Certifying Officer: |  |
| Chris Cherches, City Manager |  |
| Project Name: Eaton Block Redevelopment |  |
| Locations of Physical Development(s): Area bounded by Emporia, St. Francis, Douglas and Williams |  |
| Lead Agency: Housing Services Office |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Address: } & \text { Wichita Housing Services Office } \\ & \text { 332 Riverview } \\ & \text { Wichita, Kansas } 67203\end{array}$ |  |
| Project Representative: Mark Stanberry | Telephone: (316) 268-4234 |
| Address: Same as Above |  |
| Project Information: Mark Stanberry | Telephone: (316) 268-4234 |
| Address: Same as Above |  |

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Checklist of Applicable Statutes and Regulations

Eaton Block Redevelopment

## Statutory Checklist

| Areas of Statutory and Regulatory Compliance Applicable to Project |  |  |  |  |  |  | Reference to Notes Providing Documentation Sources and Correspondence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Historic Properties | X |  |  |  |  |  | This historic site has been reviewed and approved by the SHPO through the Section 106 process. |
| Floodplain Management | X |  |  |  |  |  | The site is located in the 500 year floodplain per FEMA maps. |
| Wetland Protection | X |  |  |  |  |  | The site is in a fully developed, urbanized area is not a designated wetland. |
| Noise | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manmade Hazards | X |  |  |  |  |  | It is the responsibility of the project developer to determine if any manmade hazards are present, and to comply with federal, state and local requirements. |
| Thermal/Explosive Hazards | X |  |  |  |  |  | It is the responsibility of the project developer to determine if any thermal/explosive hazards are present, and to comply with federal, state and local requirements. |
| Airport Clear Zones | X |  |  |  |  |  | The project is not located within any designated airport clear zones |
| Air Quality | X |  |  |  |  |  | If asbestos materials are found, the must be removed or encapsulated in accordance with federal and state regulations. |
| Water Quality Aquifers | X |  |  |  |  |  | N/A; development will be connected to the City's water system and not draw on groundwater |
| Endangered Species | X |  |  |  |  |  | N/A; urbanized area |
| Farmland Protection | X |  |  |  |  |  | N/A; urbanized area |

[^5]Permits, Licenses, Forms of
Compliance Under Other Laws
(FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS)

Checklist of Applicable Statutes and Regulations

Statutory Check List

|  |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
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ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST
Project Name and Identification No.

| Impact Categories |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sources or Documentation (Note date of contact or page reference) <br> Additional material may be attached |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Land Development |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conforming With Comprehensive Plans and Zoning | X |  |  |  |  |  | The proposed uses of housing and retail development are in compliance with the adopted comprehensive plan and with the zoning in place. |
| Compatibility and Urban Impact |  | X |  |  |  |  | The proposed use is compatible with the Comprehensive plan and the Consolidated plan which call for housing and commercial redevelopment in the downtown area, as well as affordable housing opportunities. In addition, a historic resource is not only preserved, but put to viable economic use. |
| Slope | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Erosion | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soil Suitability | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hazards and Nuisances, Including Site Safety |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Energy Consumption | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Noise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effects of Ambient Noise on Project and Contribution to Community Noise Levels | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air Quality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels |  |  | X |  |  |  | At the time of rehabilitation and remodeling, any asbestos found will need to be abated or encapsulated per federal and state requirements |
| Environmental Design and Historic Values |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Impact Categories |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sources or Documentation (Note date of contact or page reference) <br> Additional material may be attached |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Visual Quality Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale |  | X |  |  |  |  | The project will greatly enhance the appearance of the site and the downtown area. |
| Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources |  | X |  |  |  |  | The project will preserve and rehabilitate a structure on the State/National list of historic structures. Plan have been reviewed and approved as part of the Section 106 review process |
| Socioeconomic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demographic Character Changes |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Displacement | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment and Income Patters | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Facilities and Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Educational Facilities | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial Facilities | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health Care | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social Services | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solid Waste | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Waste Water | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Storm Water | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water Supply | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Safety Police | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fire | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency Medical | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Open Space and Recreation | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Affordable Housing |  | X |  |  |  |  | Twenty-six affordable apartments are part of the project. |

## ENVIRONMENTAL

 ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST Project Name and Identification No.

## Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

The Eaton Block Redevelopment project is intended to rehabilitate and redevelop this historic site and buildings with affordable apartments, market rate apartments and with supportive retail services. Among the buildings included with this project are the Eaton Hotel, the Wichita Hotel and the Bowers Hotel. When completed, the project will include 26 units of affordable rental housing.

## Summary of Environmental Conditions:

The environmental assessment primarily focuses on the historic aspects of the structures and the Section 106 review conducted, as the project did not have a significant impact on the environment re: land, air, water, or wildlife issues. As for historic and cultural issues, the project has undergone a Section 106 review and has been approved by the Kansas Historic Preservation Office per letter of August 29, 1999. The project does not involve the demolition of the Eaton Hotel, but does involve major interior remodeling and renovation.

## Project Modifications and Alterations Considered:

## Statutory Checklist <br> Eaton Block Redevelopment

Additional Studies Performed (Attach Study or Summary):
A Section 106 Review of the property was conducted in 1999. Summary letter of approval is attached.

Mitigation Measures Needed:

## Environmental Assessment

Project Name and Identification No. significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Project will not PREPARED BY: $\quad X$ Yes_No

## Wichita-Sedgwick Land Use/Research Division

Date: 05/2/2000
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## Environmental Assessment

Project Name and Identification No.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDING

On the basis of the environmental assessment of the above project I have made the following
finding.

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award for its work from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1994,
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Stenson said, a third of the money has typically come from private investors a from local, state and federal government sources, including grants and tax incen-
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Cole said she hopes the strong reputa. tion op Metroplains will make it easier to
find private money. The work most likely will be done in phases, she sald, with the Eaton Hotel being the first part of the de-
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## Casualties of change

City evicts shop owners to clear way for redevelopment of block near Eaton Hotel


Stephanie Dye owns Douglas Avenue Antique Boutique in the Eaton Hotel and Carey Square block along East Douglas. Dye says business in the location is good but she and other shop owners in the block must move after Christmas to accommodate the city's renovation plans.

## By Molly McMillin

## The Wichita Eagle

Stephanie Dye is one of the lucky ones. She has found suitable space in which to move her shop, the Douglas Avenue Antique Boutique.
Dye has operated the antique and dress shop in the 19th-century Eaton Hotel and Carey House block on East Douglas for the past seven years. She plans to move three doors east of the Larkspur restaurant in old Town in the old Vosburg Wallpaper \& Paint store.
"It's twice the rent, but it's beautiful" Dye said of the new location, just a few blocks east of her current store at 509 E . Douglas. Still "I'm very sad to go", she said.
Shop owners have been told by city officials that they must move to make way for redevel opment of the longailing Eaton Hotel and Carey House block. The city owns the property, which it purchased in a bankruptcy sale in April 1997.
The city's plans for the block include the re development of 30,000 square feet of commercial and retail space, 100 to 120 residential apartment units and covered parking. The City Council will vote today on financing and other
aspects of its redevelopment plans.
The city's plans are admittedly a setback for the shop owners, one city official said.
"I have been very grateful to those retailers for keeping that block alive and vibrant," said Joan Cole, the City Council member who pushed hardest to get the city to buy the Eaton and surrounding properties. "I know it's sad that they have to go on."
The changes are forcing out a number of stores, including The Jewel, an antique shop that has already closed. Most stores will stay open through the holiday shopping season. The city has extended the time by which they must move from Dec. 2 to Jan. 5.
"Definitely let people know we're still open," Dye told a reporter Monday.
Many shop owners in the block are earnestly seeking new locations.
"I'm frantically looking for store space,". said Debbie Charles, owner of the antique store Prized Possessions.
While many of the shops' owners want to stay in the old Town area, many are finding that space is more expensive and often larger than what they need.

In addition, "it's hard to find someplace that has the charm of our shops," said Toni Ashley, who operates Out of the Attic, an antique and craft.store at 106 S. Emporia.
Rents along the Eaton Hotel block are low, running from between $\$ 3.40$ to $\$ 7$ a square foot, depending on when the leases were signed and the condition of the individual property, said John Philbrick, property management director for the city:
Benjamin Lymn, who owns Bohemian Bean Co., is struggling to find space. He wants to stay in the Old Town area, "where the night life is." But he is finding that rent is more than double than what was charged in the Eaton Hotel block.
"If I have to pay that kind of rent to survive, I will," Lynn said. If he can't find suitable space, he may not be able to reopen the coffee shop.
"Business is about location, location, location," said Lynn. "If I don't have a good location, I may as well not open the doors."
In the meantime, the city's redevelopment plans are moving forward. The City Council

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Meanwhile, export demand remains well below year-ago levels while farmers produced a record large soybean crop and the secondlargest corn crop on record. They also appear to be doing well with the newly planted winter wheat crop at a time when wheat inventories are at their highest in eight years.
Hogs down - Pork futures fell sharply on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, also amid disappointment Russian aid deal apparently had not been reached. Hog production now stands at record numbers. Beef futures also retreated.
December lean hogs fell 2 cents to bellies fell a pound; February pork pound; December live 45.35 cents a pound; December live cattle fell 83 cent to 64.17 cents a pound; No70.70 cents a pouttle fell 42 cent to 70.70 cents a pound.


## Compiled from Eagle wire reports

## EATON

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will vote today on an agreement a lowing the city to retain final approva over changes in the design of the re development. And it will vote on agree ments to use federal funds and industrial revenue bonds, if needed, to help finance the redevelopment.
In August, the council unanimously approved a letter of intent with MetroPlains Development of St. Paul, Minn, to redevelop the Eaton block. The council is expected to approve the agreements, which will clear the way for Metroplains to begin the 148 million project. in mid-January. Key Construction has been selected as contractor of the project, which is expected to take 14 months to complete once work begins.
Work began last week to stabilize two properties in danger of cotlapsing. A crane was brought in and the sidewalk fenced off for the stabi lization of 505 and 507. E. Douglas.
"We were just terribly concerned that the building would just fall in," Cole said.
And last month, the city was able to of property along the block prece of property along the block, which had been independently owned and The city's portion of the financing, if approved, would take the form of federal community block grants of $\$ 424,000$, HOME funding totaling $\$ 1.485$ million to provide for 26 low-income apartment units, and $\$ 150,000$ to stabilize the two properties. Funding for the project also is expected to come from $\$ 2.9$ million of federal tax credits and other public funds, and investment and debt by the developer of $\$ 9.86$ million.
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## OUR VIEW

## Saved? <br> Council can put the Eaton on track to 21st-century glory

The Eaton Hotel, it turns out, is savable. Otherwise, MetroPlains Development Inc., a crackerjack Twin Cities-area converter of historic structures to profitable new uses, would not be asking the Wichita City Council today to designate it as the preferred developer for the beautiful but time-worn old hotel at Douglas and St. Francis.

The council, of course, should say yes, even though it is not yet clear whether public participation in MetroPlains' proposed conversion of the Eaton into $90-120$ apartments would be necessary.
The "preferred developer" designation commits the city only to focused discussions with MetroPlains about the design and financing of the Eaton apartment project. The council will have the chance to say yea or nay to whatever design and financial plans may emerge from those discussions.
Regardless of what now transpires, Wichitans should be excited to learn that the Eaton Hotel is not at death's door, as many had feared after the city bought it last year at a


The Eaton Hotel, builit ln 1886, may soon be given new life.
sheriff's sale for $\$ 365,000$.
Because subsequent engineering assessments raised concerns about the old building's structural integrity, some folks feared that the city had made a dreadful mistake - that the old hotel's Victorian facade masked an infrastructure on the verge of collapse and that millions would need to be spent just to stabilize the building, let alone de velop it.
Metroplains' leaders say not to worry; their firm has plenty of experience in rescuing gorgeous old structures and turning them to new purposes, including five other projects in Kansas. A city task force appointed last year inspected several of those projects before unanimously recommending that the council allow Metroplains to rehab the Eaton.
The risk that the council took in buying the building now appears validated. By initiating serious discussions about the Eaton with MetroPlains today, the council can put this historic 19th-century treasure on track to re turn to glory at the threshold of the 21st centary.


Kathleen Willey's credible story makes the scandal more troubling

Bill Clinton told potential voters in 1992 that he felt their pain. During the same campaign, he admitted on "60 Minutes" to having caused pain in his marriage.
Given his familiarity with the feeling, then, is it too much to wonder whether now-Prestdent Clinton can sense how much pain the

Willey and that he is "mystified and disappointed by this turn of events." The White House, trying to undercut her story, released some letters she wrote to the president after their 1993 encounter in which she requested jobs and referred to herself as Mr. Clinton's

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# EATON BLOCK PROPERTIES PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN August 1998 

MetroPlains proposes to develop an entire city block in downtown Wichita. The block include a number of historic buildings, including the Eaton Hotel, the Wichita Hotel and the Bowers Hotel. The goal of the development is to preserve and enhance the existing historic character of through providing housing and retail near the cenue, while bringing new life to the neighborhood The development would include the adaptive reuse of the existing historic structures, the construction of a new structure and the creation of dedicated parking on the site. The final 120 residential units. The combination of adaptive feet of commercial and retail space and 100 to construction will assure that an economic critical mass is existing structures and new The housing in the development will feature both affordable and market rate units. The affordable units will comprise between $20 \%$ and $25 \%$ of the total housing units. The market rate have proven popular in a number of derigns including large, open loft style designs that traditional upscale units with an amenity package delopments throughout the country and more Wichita market.

The commercial space will consist of retail space facing, and adding to the vitality of, Douglas Avenue and office space facing the interior of the block, opening onto the pedestrian arcade lobby of the Hotel Eaton is being designated and designed for an anchor restaurant. MetroPlains the commercial space.

The southern half of the Eaton Block would be developed into parking. The parking concept will be a combination of surface parking and a multi-level parking ramp. The option for a pedestrian Naftger Park to the const would the Eaton Block to an existing parking ramp to the southwest and with Wichita's central business district.

The current alleyway will be redeveloped into a primarily pedestrian system that would connect the commercial and retail spaces, the residential areas, the parking and the park. The alley would also be constructed to handle commercial and retail deliveries. The proposed use of the walkway will allow easy access to the buildings while preserving the historic facade on Douglas Avenue. The development concept is to create a variety of residential and commercial options that meet a wide range of income levels and lifestyles. With a critical mass of development and a synergy of Wichita.

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Kassebaum's legal work, Dave Dahl, said he knew little about it. There were two Chapter 11 bankruptcies filed, he said: one for Kassebaum personally and another for Wichita Corp.; part owner of the Eaton and nearby properties.

And down at the Eaton hotel, manager Carol Barker was just trying to get through the day.

Phil's supposed to be back sometime today and talk to me about it," she said.
You don't sound too happy.
"No, I'm not very happy," she said.
As far as she knows, Barker said, the hotel will remain open and the bankruptcy will have no direct effect, at least for the time being, on the 60 or so people living there.
The fact that Kassebaum filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which gives debtors a chance to reorganize their business, Dahl said, may be a clue to what's on his mind. When you're really ready to throw in the towel, Dahl said, you file Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which results in liquidation of the debtor's assets to pay off creditors.
So Kassebaum intends to hold onto the hotel?
"Yeah, that's his hope," Dahl said.

Cole said she wants to see the old hotel, whith is listed on the National Register of Historic Places,. remodeled and turned into a major attraction in the Old Town area.

The city's role, she said, would be to buy the hotel property and then to look for a developer with the money and expertise to bring the building back to life in one form or another.
The bankruptcy puts the city's plans on hold, Cole said, at least for the time being.
"We can't do anything until we see what happens," she said.
Bank IV will think of something to do, said Monty
"We, executive vice president of commercial lending.
"We will do our best to force the issue as quickiy as possible," he said.
Force it to what? What do you want done?
"We'd like to see a sale," he said.
In 1990, Kassebaum obtained a $\$ 1.8$ million loan from Bank IV. The loan was secured, in part, by a second mortgage on the Eaton and other nearby properties Kassebaum owns in what he calls the Carey House Square block. He still owes about $\$ 450,000$ on the mortgage.

The city of Wichita holds the first mortgage, which it purchased from General Financial Services in Jatuary

## DEVICES

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sensation at one point on his waist. The tingling is at another spot when he has his weight on his toes.
"It feels like if you bump your funny bone or something," he says in describing the sensation.
It may not sound like much, but it makes a big difference because it allows him to feel proportionately how much weight he's puiting on the foot. Now, if he's on an uneven surface, "I can feel it. If I step on a rock, I can feel it's hard" rather than soft like a carpet or grass. "If it's hard, I can feel it; if it's soft, I can feel it:"

Gormanson said, "He can walk slow, he can walk fast and he's learning to run with it." Before, Jar rett ran with the distinctive hop, skip and jump of an amputee who has to give his prosthesis time to catch up with the rest of his body. Now, he lopes most of the way down a hallway in a more natural gait before returning to his old ways.
"We had to pretty well retrain him in how to walk," said Jarrett's mother, Vicki Perry. "This foot has really helped his gait."
Jarreth, a second-grader with a smattering of freckles across his cheeks and nose, has been without his left leg since he was 2 days old. A circulation problem necessitated the amputation. He has about about 6 inches of leg now. He got his first prosthesis when he was about a

Gormanson has one other client using the SOF system in a lower extremity and another one scheduled to be fitted for an upper system. With it, a sensor lets the wearer know how firmly his hand is closing, through a unit that vibrates like a pager.

He hopes to be able to test the Hot and Cold System within a month or so:"As soon as they send me a unit, "'ll be happy to put it in," he said.

Both devices might someday be used for people other than amputees. For example, Gormanson said, they could help diabetics with no feeling left in their feet.
Eventually, too, the systems mighthave more sensors - maybe one for each side of the foot, for example.

The, Sense of Feel System can be adjusted to the wearer's comfort. "If you want to turn up the heel, you get the screwdriver and turn it up," Jarrett explained, pointing out the control points. No, he hasn't tried adjustments on his own. Even though he's a typical active kid who can't stand still, he knows better than to mess in Gormanson's territory.
But his eyes lit up in co-conspirator delight when Gormanson sug gested a demonstration to an observer. "Come on. Come on. Let's do that. It doesn't hurt," he promised.

It didn't. The sensation was similar to the tingling of a minor electric shock. The anticipation can throw off a gait for the first few steps thonoh

## ABORTION

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It is that kind of talk that has local supporters of abortion inghts viewing the coming conference with skepticism. They fear the conterence could be a platform for violent confrontations.
"It would be fair to say that:"we are hoping for the best and preparing for the worst," said Peggy Jarman, a spokeswoman for the ProChoice Action League.
This week's Wichita conference opens with a speech by Joe Foreman, who helped found both-operation Rescue and Missionaries to the Preborn. Friday's activities include "field exercises" and workshops on such topics as "creative tactics" and "investigative techniques/expose the abortionist campaigns."
Pamphlets promoting the conference promise Saturday prayer vigils at the homes of "abortionists; pickets and "field trials of new tactics" hands on gettin' down to business."

Wichita Police Department + Maj Tyler Brewer said he doesnit know what to make of language like that.
"We have several flexible ideas that we can implement depending on the nature of the demonstration," Brewer said.

His goal, Brewer said, is to "make sure no one gets hurt."

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A Minnesota developer wanks to renovate downtown's historic Eaton Hotel with about 120 apartment units.

## Restoration project

## Minnesota developer is proceeding with plans to renovate the historic Eaton Hotel with new apartments and retail space

By Molly McMmin
The Wichita Eagle

AMinnesota developer is moving for wand win a proposal to restore the sidenlial Eaton Hotel, renovating it The plan capartments and retail space. tout 120 ans for turning the hotel into on the street level said Gary sth retail space dent of Metroplains Dery Sleason, prest Paul, Minn.
We're still in the design stage," Stenson said in an interview this week
The Wichita City Council gave the company permission in March to develop a plan which the city bought in a barkinuptcy sale last year.
MetroPlains has completed at least 10 projects of similar scope in several Midwestern
states, including Kansas.
To truly revitalize downtown, it is essential that people Hve downtown, sald Joan Cole, a City Councll member who represents the
we really, really need people coming and going 24 hours, I believe," Cole said "All the the mand the research indicate that that's Staagic ingredient.
Stenson's proposal would turn the upper hoors of the hotel into more than 60 apartmete uaits, with plans to construct a sepa-有 behind the hotel. The two buildings likely would be connected with waikways, sald Mann, the Wichith firt with Wuson Damell dann, the Wichita firm hired by Stenson. would likely range in size from 600 to 1000 square feet, with rents ranging from about
$\$ 350$ to $\$ 900$ a month, Stenson said Plans also call for the other buildings Stang the block to be restored
Stenson is working to obtain the public and which would come with for the project million to $\$ 14$ million
In most of the projects Metroplains has been involved th, financing has come from private investors, local mortgage lenders and cal, state and federal government sources Stenson sald.
MetroPlains typically brings in private in estors, usually large corporations, to invest in its projects, Stenson said. In four of its rewas the sole limited pariness giant Cargill Inc. Public funding partner.
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*andsory group rea vy Boeing and Airbus Industrie tells federal authorities that proposed changes are too costly.

## By Eric Rosenterg

New York Times News Service
WASHINGTION - An industry advisory group ied by Boeing Co. and arbus Industrie on ruesday rejecte esign changes to commercial jets to prevent fuel tank explosions such as he blast wat federal oficials say After tour moner wo years ago. group told the Federal Avation the ministration that it was too costly to eliminate all explosive vapors in the center fuel tanks of commercial tets or dramatically reduce the vapors' flammability.
The National Transportation Safety board blamed a fuel tank explosion for the TWA disaster and recommended that the FAA require aircraft of explosive vepors in the buidup of explosive vapors in fuel tanks.
in a 36 -page report red that approach in a 36 -page report released Tuesday. practical means,* said Ron Hinder berger, a meanber of the pan Hinderand director of Seattle airsafety investigation program
The industry group, known as Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee, is the main advisory body to the FAA on safety issues. FAA offichals now will review the report and accept or reject it.
Paul Hudson, a member of the advisory panel and the executive ditocor Proiect a Aviation Consumer Acadvocacy proup foundon, D.C.based advocacy group founded by Ralph port "rresponsible" "This report stmp
FAA), 'We are not going to to the thing now. If you want to do things you can, and we are going to study it or the future,' " Hudson said
Hudson also asserted that the cosis for the fuel tank fixes likely are much ower than depicted in the report. Flight 800 exploded in fight off the

## Cessna res profits at I

봅 Strong airplane sales help parent company report 13 percent increase in second-quarter earnings.
By Bob Cox
The Wichill Eagle
Textron Inc. reported a strong second-quarter financial performance Tuesday, thanks in considerable part to its Cessna Alrcraft Co. subsidiary. Although Textron does not break out the numbers of its company subsidiarles separately, the performer of its aircraft was the star a substantial increase division, with and net income.

## Farm \& Markets

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a two-year low amid ample beef supplies wrk and poultry marHstocked. The USDA rted feedlots placed ${ }^{2 d}$ into their pens in nt from a year ear-

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## EATON <br> From Page 14A

early as August, Cole said, depending on the response to applications requesting tax credits.
The City Council must approve the final plan before it can go forward Cole hopes the project can move ahead soon.
"This block is badly in need of ren ovation, restoration and redevelopment," Cole said. "So I feel that it's critical that we do it now."
Once approved, work would begin after the first of the year, with com pletion expected 10 or 11 months later.
George Rogers, a City Council member, said that while he has not seen the detaiks he agrees with the concept. "If it's a reasonable investment for the city, I'll be in support of it," he said.
The Eaton, at the southwest comer of Douglas and S. Francis, opened in 1897. The city bought the hotel and all but one of the other buildings on the south side of the 500 block of East Douglas for $\$ 365,000$ last year.
The vacant hotel is on the list of the state's 10 most endangered buildings. Ultimately, Cole said, the plan is to see that the property is owned and managed by the developer

Wichita real estate agents Rod Stewart and Leo Goseland have been selected by MetroPlains as leasing agents for the commercial portions of the project, Stewart said.
MetroPlains has completed several other projects in Kansas.
It renovated the historic Osage hotel in Arkansas City into a 38 -unit senior apartment complex in 1991. It converted Reh Winkel Hall on the campus of St. John's College in Winfield into senior housing and transformed the North American Hotel in Ottawa into apartments in 1992.


Tuesday's Grain Prices

## Money And Metals

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The Carey House in Wichita, now known as the Eaton Hotel later served 1886-87 for John B. Carey, a local financier who the hotel, which was vari Wichita in 1891-1892. Construction of uly, 1886. The was variously called the Carey House, began in designed the five-story architectural form of Terry and Dumon reportedly cost $\$ 100,000$.

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# THE DEVELOPMENT OF WICHITA'S EAST DOUGLAS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT 1868-1910 

## Marci Cranston Hess

DECEMBER 7, 1992

The Christmas of 1886 was the "wildest and noisiest day" of Wichita's speculation period. ${ }^{31}$ Millions of dollars of real estate were changing hands and every hotel in town was filled to capacity with many waiting to grab the first available vacancy. The influx of people, mainly businessmen, coming to wichita created an increasing demand for more overnight accommodations. Boarding and rooming houses flourished and since women customarily managed these, the financial success of women increased with the large profits made from operating these overnight lodges. ${ }^{32}$

Until the building of the Hotel Carey in 1886, most hotels in Wichita were very plain and utilitarian. These small, practical hotels were barely able to handle the constant business they had, much less solicit the business of large conventions. Because of the numerous travelers to this city, it seemed inevitable that Wichita should have a lavish hotel. John B. Carey was an avid Wichita promoter, and with the accumulated wealth from his lumber business, he wanted to build "the most luxurious hotel between Denver and Kansas City." ${ }^{33}$ While the boom created riches that allowed businessmen to rebuild using red brick, it also called for architectural sophistication. Wichita buildings were constructed taller, more elegant, and with more elaborate

[^6]detailing. Carey wanted to expound on this, so before the completion of his hotel, he added two stories onto the original plans. ${ }^{34}$ Several names were discussed for this hotel, but when the hotel opened on the last day of 1887 at the bargain cost of just $\$ 100,000$, it was officially named the Hotel Carey. ${ }^{35}$

The crash arrived suddenly and with such impact and force that investors were not able to extend their loans and mortgages, and much of their land was sold to pay their debts. Some lost everything. Homes were abandoned, personal property was sold, and foreclosures were widespread. "The boom blew up so suddenly that even the tight wads who only ventured from day to day were caught. "36 According to Marshall Murdock, the editor of the Wichita Eagle, the boom could not last long. In his infamous editorial entitled "Call a Halt," he professed his views on speculation. "When men abandon legitimate trade to embark in a craze of any character the end is not far off. ${ }^{1177}$

Despite the setbacks that the boom/bust period created, Wichita was durable and its geographic location along with railroad accessibility gave businessmen ample opportunities

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# Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1 

## EATON PLACE

502-525 E. Douglas; 112-114 S. Emporia Street
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance <br> SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS

## Statement of significance:

The buildings located on the south side of 500 E . Douglas and the 112-114 S. Emporia are located within the East Douglas Historic District. The East Douglas Historic District is an intact grouping of architecturally significant commercial buildings constructed between 1886 and approximately 1914 that display a variety of largest remaining concentration ofmamentation popular during these periods. The district also represents the boundaries of the district date fro early commercial architecture in Wichita. Nearty all the buildings within the decades of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century.

The 500 E . Douglas block was further identified as being an independent historical district in the City of Wichita 1979 and was named to the Register of Historic Kansas Places as the Carey House District.

The Carey House District is anchored at the northeast corner by the Carey Hotel, presently known as the Eaton Hotel, and the Lawrence Building or Bowers Hotel at the northwest comer The buildings located on this block were critical to the building up of E . Douglas. After the construction of the Eaton Hotel in 1886, the demand for 1902, the Lawrence Block in 1906, the addition to the construction of the Bronson and Kirkwood Buildings in Hotel and Schweiter/Bissantz Building in 1910 the Carey Hotel in 1907 and the construction of the Wichita construction of the Lexington Hotel at 112-114 S. Emporia in 1914.

The Carey House District consists of the only contiguous block face of commercial buildings remaining in the East Douglas Historic District. In addition, this block is the only historic block within the City of Wichita that has
not been significantly altered over the years.

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## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

Lawrence Block - Bowers Hotel<br>EATON PLACE<br>501-503 E. Douglas<br>WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Lawrence Block building, also known as the Bowers Hotel, was buitt in 1906 with alterations in 1980. The three-story L-shape structure sits on the comer of Emporia and Douglas. The building 'hugs' the comer by rounding the north and west elevations at this point. The red brick building sits on a stone foundation topped with a flat roof. The roofline is surrounded by a cast iron comice with block modillions atop a dentil strip. At the comer of the roof is a cast iron crest inscribed with "Lawrence Block". A similar cast iron comice creates the stringcourse between the first and second floors. Additional stone stringcourses create the window sills at the second and third floors with a wider stringcourse above the second floor windows.

The building is approximately 60 feet wide by 150 feet long. The primary elevations of the building are the north along Douglas and west along Emporia. The primary elevations are divided into bays by brick pilasters., One entry to the building is located at the rounded comer and leads only to the first floor retail space. The entry features double commercial doors with sidelights topped by two arched transom windows and flanked by Doric columns. A second single door entry is located in the center of the west elevation. Stone keystones highlight the arched windows at the third floor. The second floor windows are traditional rectangular. The first floor was used as a commercial space. The storefront windows are divided into separate bays and topped with arched transoms. The only major alteration to the exterior, which occurred in 1980, are the window openings along the west elevation that were infilled with stucco to match other openings that had been created by the removal of windows prior to 1980.

Another notable exterior feature are the large non-functional gas/electric lamps located along the first floor elevation.

The interior of the building has seen the largest amount of atterations, most which occurred in 1980. The foyer and staircase at the west entry are intact and have maintained a high degree of integrity. However, the second floor has been continuously adapted to meet the commercial needs of the building. The corridor configuration however, has remained intact. The third floor of the building has been relatively untouched with the original corridor configuration and door openings remaining intact.

## Statement of significance:

The Lawrence Block originally housed the Merchants State Bank, which opened December 10, 1906 and the Bowers Hotel, which occupied the second and third stories of the building. The remaining first floor retail uses were varied, but seemed to support both the hotel and the bank.

The Lawrence Block is the west end anchor building to the Carey House Historic District, which is further
identified as part of the East Douglas Historic District. identified as part of the East Douglas Historic District.

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## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

## Bronson Building

EATON PLACE
505 E. Douglas
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Bronson Building was built in 1903-04. The two-story, red brick building sits on a stone foundation and is flanked on its west side by the Lawrence Block Building and to the east by the Schweiter/Bissantz Building. Its primary elevation faces E. Douglas. It is approximately 30 feet wide by approximately 150 feet long.

Below the roof, features corbeled brickwork highlighted with white paint. The first floor storefront is intact but non-original. It is currently boarded. Entrances to the building are located in the center of the first floor storefront and at the northeast comer. The second story windows are single hung windows with sidelights topped by an arched transom divided into three lights. The second story windows are trimmed with a corbeled brick arches with a center keystone.

The interior of the building is non-existent. The building's roof system, ceilings and floors collapsed due to lack of roof maintenance and/or repair. The interior wood rotted and eventually ended up in the crawl space. ,The debris has been removed and all the original exterior walls have been stabilized. In addition, to the stabilization a new roof was put on the building in 1998.

## Statement of significance:

The Bronson Building was constructed in 1903-04 by Mr. E. Bronson at a cost of $\$ 5,000$. Original use of the building is suspected to be commercial but it is unknown.

Photo Nos.: $\qquad$ C1-C4

## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> Part 1

## Schweiter/Bissantz Building <br> EATON PLACE <br> 507 E. Douglas <br> WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Schweiter/Bissantz building was built in 1905. The two story, red brick building sits on a stone foundation and has a flat roof. Its primary elevation is on E. Douglas. It is flanked to the west by the Bronson Building and to the east by Kirkwood building.

The Schweiter/Bissantz Building is the simplest architectural building in the Carey House District. The existing first floor storefront is not original. It presently features a center entry, leading only to the first floor commercial space, flanked by divided light windows. A divided lite transom is above the entire system. The second floor windows are trimmed with rock-faced stone lintels and sills.

The interior of the building is very similar to that of the Bronson building with the majority of the interior nonexistent. Again, the building's roof system, ceilings and floors have all but collapsed on the back half due to a lack of roof maintenance and/or repair. The debris has been removed and the remaining section facing Douglas has been stabilized with a new roof installed in 1998.

## Statement of significance:

Construction started on the Schweiter/Bissantz building in 1904 and was completed in 1905. Early use of the building included the Wichita Truck Factory and the Higgins Rooming House.

Photo Nos.: D1-D3

## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

Kirkwood Building
EATON PLACE
509 E. Douglas
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Kirkwood building was built in 1902. The two-story brick building sits on a stone foundation and is flanked to the west by the Schweiter/Bissantz Building and to the east by the Wichita Hotel. Its primary elevation faces E. Douglas. It is approximately 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Along primary north elevation of the flat roof is a metal comice with a fleur-de-lis pattern over an inset dentil strip. The comice is topped by an iron pediment, which reads ' 1902 ' in the tympanum and 'Kirkwood' at the base. Corbeled brickwork is seen below the cornice.

Entrances to the building are located in the center of the first floor storefront and just to the east of the storefront that leads to the second floor. The second floor double windows feature arched transoms highlighted by arched brickwork outlined by a stone strip interspersed with keystones. A stone stringcourse intersects the building and creates the sills for the second floor windows.

The interior of the building has retained some historical integrity. As the 505 and 507 buildings, the 509 building has suffered extreme structural damage. The first floor ceiling and second floor floor are presently being stabilized by a series of suspension rods attached the second floor ceiling/roof to prevent collapse.

## Statement of significance:

The Kirkwood Building was constructed in 1902 by Dr. James W. Kirkwood and cost approximately $\$ 5,000$. The building was originally and has continued to be used as commercial/retail space.

Photo Nos.:................E1-E3

# Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1 

## Wichita Hotel

EATON PLACE
511-515 E. Douglas
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Wichita Hotel was built in 1910. The Wichita was designed in the Neoclassical Revival style of commercial architecture. The three-story salmon \& brown brick building sits on a stone foundation and has a flat roof. Approximately 50 feet wide by 150 feet long, it is flanked to the west by the Kirkwood building and to the east by the Eaton Hotel. Its primary elevation is along E. Douglas.

The defining exterior feature of the Wichita is the cast iron comice with elaborate neoclassical detailing, including a projecting pediment with neoclassical decoration in cast iron in the tympanum.

Windows are spaced in a paired symmetrical pattern. A portion of the original storefront remains and features cast iron structuring most prevalent in two cast iron columns. The second and third floor windows in the outer bays feature cast stone jack arches with projecting keystones. The center bay, third story windows have arched fanlights with keystones and corbeled trim.

A first floor entry door, located in the center, provides access to the original hotel spaces, which occupy all the second and third floors. Retail spaces flank both sides of the main entry and feature separate storefront entrances. The first floor door to the hotel, which was originally recess, features in glazed brick trim 'Wichita Hotel'. The two retail spaces feature modern storefronts and entrance.

The staircase from the street level leads to a second floor landing, which then splits to the east and west, allowing access to the third floor of the building. The upper floors of the building maintain a various degrees of integrity, including original staircases, wainscoting and doors. Some areas have seen destabilization, pirate removal, etc.

## Statement of significance:

The Wichita Hotel opened in 1910. The building was used as a hotel and commercial space.

Photo Nos. $\qquad$ F1-F4

## Historic Preservation Certification Application <br> PART 1

## The Eaton Hotel

EATON PLACE
525 E. Douglas
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Eaton Hotel was constructed in 1886-87 with an addition to the west elevation in 1909-1910. The fivestory brick structure sits on a stone foundation with a partial basement. The upper four floors are U-shaped while the main floor is a simple rectangle approximately 100 feet wide and 150 feet long. The primary elevations of the Eaton face north on E. Douglas and east on St. Francis. The original entrance to the hotel was on St. Francis and with the exception of the ballroom is the only intact original feature of the hotel. The building is flanked to the west by the Wichita Hotel and to the south by the alley.

The Eaton Hotel reflects the Second Empire style of architecture due to the distinctive mansard roof present on the north and east elevations. The basic building material is face brick laid in running bond that has been painted its present deep red color. Cut stone trim is used extensively throughout the facades, which provides an impressive contrast to the building facades. As mentioned above, the two main entrances to the building are on the north and east facades. The entries are set within large semicircular arched openings framed with cut stone.

On the first floor there are large storefront windows with flat carved stone lintels. Windows on the second, third and fourth floors are double hung sash windows. Stone window sills form continuous bands around the façade. Window lintels are inverted U-shaped cut stones extending partially down the jambs. The fifth floor windows are dormers in the mansard roof and are accented by omamented pediment roofs. Stone chimneys break the mansard roof between window groupings.

The most significant change to hotel occurred in 1909-10 when the west elevation addition was added and the lobby was lowered to street level. This change altered the original window configuration, which was originally like the windows located along the east elevation at the ballroom.

The interior of the hotel has retained much of its historic integrity. Spatial volumes and corridors are intact. The ceramic floors in the lobby and ballroom are intact. Much of the original woodwork is still present, including doors, frames and base. The building is in various stages of disrepair. The ballroom has sustained significant structural damage. The various hotel rooms have suffered water, pigeon and lack of plumbing problems.

## Statement of significance:

Built in 1886-87 by local financier John B. Carey, the Carey House, or Eaton Hotel as it is presently known, is one of the most distinctive architectural features in Wichita as well as one of the most notorious. On December 27, 1900, the hotel gained nation-wide recognition after militant prohibitionist Carry Nation waged an attack in the hotel bar. The bar, which was reportedly the show saloon of Wichita and one of the most elegant bars in the Midwest, contained the nude picture "Cleopatra at the Bath", which was painted by noted Wichita artist, John Noble. While spouting the dangers of alcohol, she proceeded to destroy the massive mirror behind bar, several bottles of whiskey and attempted to ruin the painting by throwing billiard balls at it.

The Eaton Hotel is presently vacant. The original use of the building was a hotel. The building was most recently used as a rooming house until August 1997 when the new owner, the City of Wichita, was able to relocate all of the residents. A commercial tenant was located in one of the north storefronts until December 31, 1998.

Photo Nos: $\qquad$ .G1-G6

# Historic Preservation Certification Appucation <br> PART 1 

## The Lexington Hotel

EATON PLACE
112-114 S. Emporia Street
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## Description of physical appearance:

The Lexington Hotel was constructed in 1914. The two-story brick structure sits on a stone foundation and is approximately 50 feet wide by 150 feet long with a flat roof. The Lexington is the only building in the Carey House Historic District that does not face on E. Douglas. The primary elevation of the Lexington sits on Emporia. It is flanked to the south by a parking lot and to the north by the alley that runs behind the E. Douglas buildings. An addition was made to the east side (rear) of the building in approximately 1932.

The hotel features large storefronts on the first level and five single hung windows with stone sills on the second level. Two entries to the building are also located on the west elevation. One located in the northem storefront and another located at the southern comer or the west elevation. The storefront entry leads directly into the first floor space, the south entry leads to the second floor. The building retains no historical integrity on the first floor and only the west section of the second.

A distinguishing feature to the building is the partial brick wall located immediately to the south of the building. The red brick wall reads 'Carey House Square'.

## Statement of significance:

The Lexington is the only building located in the Carey House District not located on E. Douglas, but is integral to the continuation of storefront along S. Emporia. The building was operated as a hotel until about 1973.

Photo Nos.: H1-H4

## POINTS OF REFERENCE FOR NORTH ELEVATION PHOTOGRAPHS



## POINTS OF REFERENCE FOR SOUTH ELEVATION PHOTOGRAPHS



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PART 1

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PROJECT NO.
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WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

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SOUTH ELEVATION


## LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS



## C) Bronson Building

C1 North Elevation
C2 Detail corbeled brick
C3 South Elevation
C4 South/East Elevations
D) Schweiter/Bissantz Building

D1 North Elevation
D2 Detail window/brickwork
D3 South Elevation

## E) Kirkwood Building

E1 North Elevation
E2 Detail pediment
E3 South Elevation
F) Wichita Hotel

F1 North Elevation
F2 Detail pediment
F3 South Elevation
G) Eaton Hotel

G1 Northeast Elevation
G2 North Elevation
G3 East Elevation
G4 South \& East Elevations
G5 North entry Detail

## Historic Preservation Certification Application

Part 1

EATON PLACE PROJECT NO.
502-525 E. Douglas; 112-114 S. Emporia
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tract 1:
Lot 47, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (429 East Douglas)
Tract 2:
Lots 49 and 51, and $1 / 2$ of the South adjacent vacated alley, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (104 South Emporia)

Tract 3:
Lot 53, and $1 / 2$ of the South adjacent vacated alley, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (505 East Douglas)

Tract 4:
Lot 55 and $1 / 2$ of the South adjacent vacated alley, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (507 East Douglas)

Tract 5:
Lot 57, Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition to Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.
Tract 6:
Lots 59 and 61 and $1 / 2$ of the South adjacant vacated alley, on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Addition (515 East Douglas Avenue)

Tract 7:
Lots 63, 65, 67, 69 and 71 on Douglas Avenue, NA English's Additon (523 East Douglas)
Tract 8:
Lots 1 and 3 and $1 / 2$ of the North adjacent vacated alley, on Emporia Avenue, NA English's Addition ( 112 South
Emporia)
Tract 9:
Lots 5, 7, 9 and 11 on Emporia Avenue, NA English's Addition (100 and 126 South Emporia)
Tract 10"
Lots 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, on Fourth, now St Francis Avenue, NA English's Addition (520 East William and 102 South St Francis)
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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONPART 1

Wichita Hotel
Property Name

## NPS Office Use Only

511-515 E. Douclas
Property Address

## 5. Description of physical appearance:

The Wichita Hotel was designed in the Neoclassical Revival style of commercial architecture. The building is three stories in height, approximately 50 feet in width by approximately 150 feet long. Basement foundation materials are stone, with a wall structure consisting of brown/salmon brick and corbeled trim. The roof is flat. The cornice is cast iron with elaborate neoclassical detailing, including a projecting pediment with neoclassical decoration in cast iron in the tympanum. Chimneys are located inside the side walls.

Windows are spaced in a paired symmetrical pattern. A portion of the original storefront remains, and features cast iron structuring most prevalent in two cast iron columns. Windows are rectangular with single pane sashes. Window trim features cast stone jack arches with projecting keystones; third story windows have semicircular arched fanlights with keystones and corbeled trim.

A first floor entry door provides access to the original hotel spaces, which occupy all of the second and third floors. Retail spaces flank both sides of the main entry, and feature separate storefront entrances. The first floor door to the hotel, which originally was recessed, features in glazed brick trim "Wichita Hotel." The two retail spaces feature modern storefronts and entrances.

The grand staircase leads to a second floor landing, which then splits to the east and west, allowing access to the third floor of the building. The upper floors of the building maintain a high degree of integrity, including original staircases, wainscoting and doors. The majority of interior door and window glass appears original as well.

Date(s) of Alteration(s):
Has building been moved? yes $\square$ no. If so, when?
6. Statement of significance:

The East Douglas Historic District is an intact grouping of architecturally significant commercial buildings constructed between 1886 and approximately 1914 that display a variety of styles and types of architectural ornamentation popular during these periods. Decorative elements are usually stylized neoclassical motifs. The earliest buildings show influences of the Second Empire style (Carey Hotel) and commercial variations of the Queen Anne style and Italianate styles (505 and 501 E. Douglas).

The district also represents the largest remaining concentration of early commercial architecture in Wichita. Nearly all of the buildings within the boundaries of the district date from two important periods in the city's history - - the 1880 s and the first three decades of the 20th century. Additionally, two structures found in the district are individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places - the Carey/Eaton Hotel located at 515-527 E. Douglas and the Rock Island Depot, located at 711 E. Douglas.
The district appears spacious and uncluttered, partially because of the low profile of the buildings and because of the great width of Douglas Avenue with approximately 115 feet between building facades. The qualities that make this district unique are its unity of scale, materials and usage. Additionally, the south side of the 500 block of East Douglas is the only contiguous block face of commercial buildings remaining in the East Douglas Historic District.

The Wichita Hotel opened ca. 1905.

## 7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.
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| Schweicier/Bissantz Building Property Name | PART 1 | Project Number: |
| 507 E. Louglas |  |  |
| Property Address |  |  |

5. Description of physical appearance:

The Schweiter/Bissantz building is two stories in height, approximately 30 feet in width by approximately 150 feet long. Basement foundation materials are stone, with a wall structure consisting of red brick. The roof is flat. The cornice features a simple corbeled brick panel. Chimneys are located inside the side walls.

Windows are spaced in a regular pattern - original storefront windows and materials have been removed Second story windows are rectangular with side pane sashes. Windows are trimmed with rock-faced stone lintels. The building retains a central storefront entrance and a west entrance to the second story. Storefront materials and entrance doors are modern replacements.

Presently, the structure is completely vacant as the building's roof system, ceilings and floors have all but collapsed to grade - due to a lack of roof maintenance and/or repair. While not in the same deteriorated condition as 505 E. Douglas, the building is nonetheless not occupied. Since September 1997, the City's local landmarks commission has worked with the Kansas State Historical Society to provide several stabilization schemes and options. It is the hope of the local commission that tax credits can be obtained to assist in its preservation and rehabilitation.

Date of Construction: 1905 Source of Date: City Directories, Wichita Eagle
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Has building been moved? $\square$ yes no. If so, when?
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Construction started on the Schweiter/Bissantz building in 1904 and was completed in 1905. Early uses included the Wichita Trunk Factory and the Higgins Rooming House.

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The Carey House at the southwest corner of Douglas and st. Francis avenues in downtown Wichita is a large commercial example of Eclectic architecture. It is a rectangular five-story structure ? with a full basement. The upper four floors are U-shaped while the main floor is a simple rectangle approximately 100 feet wide and 150 feet long. The basic building material is face brick laid in running bond. Cut stone trim is used extensively throughout the facades. The whiteness of the cut stone contrasts with the redpainted face brick. The fifth floor is enclosed behind a woodshingled mansard roof. The major roof structure is flat. A decorative brick cornice of closely spaced corbeled brackets follows the perimeter of the building and separates the mansard roof from the walls below. The northeast corner of the building is enhanced by a projecting tower extending the full building height and terminating in a truncated steeply pitched pyramidal roof with gabled dormers on the east and north sides. The main building entrances on the north and east facades occur in large semicircular arched cpenings framed with cut stone. On the first floor there are large store front windows with flat carved stone lintels. Windows on the second, third and fourth floor levels are the simple rectangular double hung sash type. Stone window sills form continuous bands around the facades. Window lintels are inverted U-shaped cut stones extending partially down the jambs. The fifth floor windows are dormers in the mansard roof and are' accented by' ornamented pediment roofs. The third dormer from the east on the north facade has the date "1887" on its pediment. Stone chimneys break the mansard roof between window groupings.

A 25-foot extension to the west was added around 1904; it was identical in style and material to the original. Prior to the addition the building had terminated at the west side of the larger arched entrance feature on the north facade. A semicircular pediment, which was formerly mounted atop the tower facing north, was removed more than 50 years ago. The pediment had the legend: "Erected by J. B. Carey." The only major changes to the building's appearance have occurred below the second floor line. The portion of the basement wall above grade was originally of Cottonwood Falls limestone; the only unaltered section is the south part of the east facade, which also shows the original basement and first floor window pattern as well. The first floor window arrangement was changed considerably prior to 1920; oxiginally the window treatment was identical to that of the second floor.


## Wichita State University

Land Use Analysis Project: 500 Block East Douglas (South Side) Wichita, Kansas

Submitted to
Dr. Rebecca Conard, Instructor HII 701: Introduction to Public History

December 30, 1996

Submitted by
Tom Muller

For this project, I analyzed the historical land use of the south side of the 500 block of East Douglas Avenue in downtown Wichita, Kansas from the year 1884 to 1935. The Eaton Block, as this collection of commercial buildings is better known, is significant primarily for two reasons; first, as the site of the National Register-listed Eaton (Carey) Hotel, and second, for its uninterrupted streetscape (a rarity in downtown Wichita today). Historically, the block represents the secondary outgrowth of the original commercial district, as impacted by the cattle, milling and railroad industries.

The purpose of this project was to identify the names and nature of businesses that existed on this property during the years 1884-1935, as well as to determine the dates of construction of those buildings still standing. Primary sources used for this exercise included Sanborn fire insurance maps and Wichita city directories. As neither of these resources exist for every one of the fifty-one years of this project's focus period, a sampling is hereby presented that represents eight years for which Sanborn maps were available. From this sampling can be ascertained the physical development of the Eaton block, as well as the manner, and for what purposes, the property was utilized.

My research methods involved studying the available Sanborn maps (photocopies of which are included in this paper), and researching occupants listed at each address in the city directories from each of the same years as the maps. I then used this information to create a matrix showing
the development of the block and the names of the occupants. (See figure 1) From this matrix can be determined approximate dates of construction and commercial uses of the property. Secondary sources and photographs were then consulted for evidence to substantiate the location and names of businesses, however, little additional specific information was found.

These sources did, however, promise to shed some light as to why to the block developed when it did. Evidently, the growth of the cattle trade and the establishment of the railroad immediately east of the 500 block turned the property into prime real estate. Located on the edge of the commercial district, the block was utilized early by businesses catering to the locals, such as blacksmiths, feed stores and lumber yards, housed in small frame structures. John Carey, however, began the transition of the block by building the Hotel Carey in 1887 to capitalize on the property's proximity to the new depot. Later development, around the turn of the century, brought businesses representing both the proximity and nature of the jobbers district, such as lunch counters and second-hand shops. Still later development reflected the growth of the depot as a place of disembarkment, as two more hotels and three restaurants were established. Overall, the block maintained more of a service, rather than retail, oriented nature through the 1930s.

Further research into the history of the Eaton block could explore the economic and cultural changes leading to the development of the block, including the motivations of John Carey to close his large lumber business so as to gamble on his hotel venture. In addition, it would be interesting to know why the north side of the 500 block developed earlier, as well as why a gap of approximately twenty years existed between the construction of the Hotel Carey and the full development of the rest of the south side of the 500 block.
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Appendix 1: Scenes of $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ block East Douglas (south side) - 1996

## Appendix 2: Sanborn map images of 500 block East Douglas (south side)




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2．Agent：
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2. Agent: $\qquad$ Address Phone
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recommend thon from the Planning Commission, and propet notice having been given and hear ing heid as provided by law and under authorify and subiect to the provisions of Section 28,04.195. The Cade of the City of Wichita. Kansas, the lands legally described tiereby are designated as a historlc landinark to wit:

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ADOPTED AT WICHITA. YANSAS, JUEY 12,197 Attest: (Seal), DONALD
Attest: (Seal), DONALD C. GISICK, City Clerk


STATE OF KANSAS, SEDGWICK COUNTY, SS:

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being first duly _w, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Business Manager of THE DAILY RECORD formerly known as The Democrat \& Daily Record, a newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general paid circulation on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis in Sedgwick County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.
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has been so published continuously and uninterrupted in said County and State for a period of more than five (5) years prior to the first publication of the notice attached and has been admitted at the post office of Wichita in said County and State as second class matter.

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# Kannsas State Histor al Society <br> 120 West Tenth • Topeka, Kansas 66612 • 913:296-3251 

December 7, 1979
Mr. John Phillip Kassebaum
c/o Kassebaum and Johnson
125 North Market
Wichita, Kansas 67202
and
Mrs. Nancy Kassebaum
111 North Market
Wichita, Kansas 67202
The property listed below was approved on the date specified for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review. The Board did not recommend the property for National Register nomination for the reasons indicated in the enclosed attachment.

Carey House Historic District, 503-523 East Douglas, Wichita
The Register is a master list of buildings, structures, sites, districts and objects located in Kansas that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology and culture. The Register includes two categories of properties. National Register properties meet federal standards of significance and integrity as established by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior. Other properties included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places are those that do not meet federal standards (largely because of diminished integrity) but that still have substantial importance to the heritage of Kansas and its local communities.

Under state law, the above referenced property is now afforded a measure of protection from projects of state and local authorities that could encroach upon, damage, or destroy it.

The purpose of Register listing is to provide official recognition of properties with historic significance that should be treated sensitively to insure that' their historic integrity is protected for the benefit of present
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and future generations of Kansans. Significant alteration of the property may result in its being removed from the register. The expected lifespan of an historic property can be abruptly shortened through improper cleaning, tuckpointing, and other renovation treatments. The property's historic character and integrity can be seriously compromised by inappropriate modern work. To assist you in insuring the continued physical and historic well-being of your property, we have enclosed a copy of the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Historic Preservation Projects" and an order blank for information on specific technical treatments. In addition, please feel free to contact this office with any questions or concerns you may have when undertaking work.

cc: Robert A. Puckett
Historic Wichita Board
Historic Landmark Preservation Committee
City of Wichita

The Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review voted to postpone consideration of the Carey House Historic District for National Register listing until further investigations can be made as to whether a larger National Register-eligible district exists in the area and, if so, if this larger district could be nominated. As the district was proposed it does not appear to meet the National Register criteria for districts, because this block of buildings is not of distinctly different associational or design character from many of the other buildings in the immediate area. Once further information has been gathered the board will reconsider the nomination for National Register listing.

November 8, 1979

Julie A. Wortman, Architectural Historian
Historic Preservation Department
Kansas State Historical Society
120 West Tenth Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612
Dear Ms. Wortman:
This letter is to advise you that the property known as the Carey House Square District, 503-523 East Douglas, has been degignated as a historic Landmark by the Board of Wichita City Commissioners. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission considered the proposed designation on June 9, 1977 and took action recommending to the Board of Wichita City Commissioners that the designation be approved. Subsequently, on July 5, 1977, the Board of Wichita City Commissioners approved the designation and placed on first reading an ordinance establishing the designation. The ordinance was adopted on second reading July 12,1977 and became effective upon publication in the official city newspaper on July 15, 1977.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Young
Principal Planner

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# Kansas State Historical Society 

120 West Tenth - Topeka, Kansas 66612 913/296-3251
October 30, 1979

Mr. John Phillip Kassebaum
c/o Kassebaum and Johnson
125 North Market
Wichita, Kansas 67202
and
Mrs. Nancy Kassebaum
111 North Market
Wichita, Kansas 67202

Dear Mr. Kassebaum:
This is to inform you that the property listed below will be considered for nomination to the Register of Historic Kansas Places at the request of the sponsor indicated.

Carey House Square District, 503-523 East Douglas (property)
Historic Landmark Preservation Committee, The City of Wichita
(sponsor)
The Register is a master list of buildings, structures, sites, districts, and objects located in Kansas that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology and culture. The Register includes two categories of properties. National Register properties are included in the Federal Government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation. Other properties included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places are those that do not meet Federal standards of significance and integrity but that still have substantial importance to the heritage oi Kansas and its local communities. The purpose of Register listing is to provide official recognition of properties with historic significance that should be treated sensitively to insure that their historic integrity is protected for the benefit of present and future generations.

Under state law, all properties listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places are afforded a measure of protection from projects of state and local


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authorities that could encroach upon, damage, or destroy them. listing in the National Register also makes property owners eligible to be considered for Federal grants-in-aid for historic preservation (so long as applicable federal regulations are met) and provides 1 imited protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the effect of federally financed, assisted, or licensed undertakings on historic properties.

The property rights of the owner are not affected by Register listing, nor is there any cost to the owner for this recognition.

If your property is depreciable and is listed in the National Register. there are also certain provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and that may apply to you. Section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 encourages preservation of historic depreciable structures by allowing favorable tax treatments for rehabilitations. In addition, it discourages destruction of historic buildings by reducing tax incentives both for demolition of historic structures and for new construction on the site of demolished historic buildings.

Your property will tz considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review as soon as is possible. Properties approved by the board for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places will be included as soon as the nomination is certified by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Nominations approved for National Register listing will be sent to the National Register office in Washington where the final decision on National Register listing will be made.

Before your property receives consideration by the review board, Historic Preservation Department professional staff will visit it in person for the purpose of first-hand analysis. Every effort will be made to contact you before this visit is made, but owing to the uncertainty of staff travel schedules, a visit may be made without prior notice. Please advise us if this presents a complication.

The nomination procedures now in effect in Kansas provide a 30 -day opportunity for the property owner to comment on the proposed Register nomination, prior to Review Board consideration. By carbon copy we are also notifying the governmental authority listed below and affording them a 30 -day opportunity for comment.

City of Wichita
Should you have any questions or comments, please let us know.


Historic Preservation Department

# THE CITY OF WiCHITA V. 

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
City Clerk
July 26, 1977
City !all, ind Floor
455 North Main
Wichita, Kansas 67202
Marion B. Cone
Historic Preservation Officer
Historic Wichita Board
3751 E. Douglas
Wichita, Kansas 67218

Dear Sir,

Notice is hereby given that on
July 12, 1977
the Governing Body of the City of Wichita, Kansas, approved a historic landmark subdistrict designation for the following property:
(Carey House District) Lots 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69 \& 71 on Douglas Ave \& Adj E/W alley; Lots $1 \& 3$ on Emporia Ave; all in N.A. English's Adan. (Case No. H77-5)

By copy of this notice, ordinance No.
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s being filed with the County Clerk and Register of Deed

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ANDMARK CERTAIN LANDATING AS A HISTORIC OF WICHITA, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY SECTION 28.04.195, THE COOE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF-WICHITA, KANSAS.
SECTION 1. That having received a recommendation from the Planning Commission, and proper notice having authority and subject to the provisions of 5ection 28.04 .195 , The Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, the lands legally described hereby are designated as a historic tandmark, to wit:

## CASE NO. W17.5

Estabilishment of the "H". Historic Landmark Designation on the following described property:
CAREY HOUSE DISTRICT- located upon the following described property:Lots $49 ; 51,53,55,57,59,61,63,55,67$, altey; Lots t and 3 on Emporia Avenue; all in N. A ENGLISH'S ADDITION to the City of Wichita, Sergwick County, Karsas. Generally located between Douglas aned William, from Emporia to 5 St . Francis.
SECTION 2. That upon the taking effect of the Or. dinance, the above historic designation shafl be outlined and shown on the-"Official Zoning Map"4 previously SECTION 3. That this
in force from and after its adoption and publication be ifficial City paper.
ADOPTED AT WICHITA, KANSAS. JULY 12, 197 TONY CASADO. Mayor
Artest: (Seal), DONALD C. GISICK, City Clerk

STATE OF KANSAS, SEDGWICK COUNTY, SS:

Ola Hein , of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Business Manager of THE DAILY RECORD formerly known as The Democrat \& Daily Record, a newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general paid circulation on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis in Sedgwick County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.
Said newspaper is published at least weekly fifty (50) time a year, has been so published continuously and uninterrupted in said County and State for a period of more than five (5) years prior to the first publication of the notice attached, and has been admitted at the post office of Wichita in said County and State as second class matter.

That a notice, a true copy of which is hereto attached, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newepaperfor consecutive Cley as follows:

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Business Manager


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SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and publication in the official City paper.

ADOPTED AT WICHITA, KANSAS. $\qquad$
ATPEST:

Mayor
(SEAL)
City Clerk BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
CASE NO. $1177-5$ CONS IDERED BY MAPC: $\quad 6-9-77 \quad, \quad$, $\quad$,

REQUEST FOR: Historic Landmark Designation
REASON FOR REQUEST (AS PROVIDED BY APPLICANT):
Historically significant property

GENERAL LOCATION: Between Douglas and William, from Emporia to St. Erancis.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots $49,51,53,55,57,59,61,63,65,67,69$ and 71, on Douglas Avenue and adjacent east-west alley; Lots 1 and 3 on Emporia Avenue; all in N. A. English's Addition to the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

APPLICANT: Historical Landmark Preservation Committee 3751 E. Douglas 67218
COUNSEL FOR APPIICANT: Marion B. Cone, Historic preservation Officer,
Historic Wichita Board, 3751 E. Douglas, 67218
PROTESTORS (LIST COUNSEL) IF ANY: NONe
SURROUNDING ZONING: North, East and South, "En \& "D"; West, "D"

LAND USE: North, typewriter sales, pawn shop, Goodwill Store;
East, general business, offices; South, 推ortuary, general
business, Santa Fe trucks: West, parking, office furniture sales. REGQMMENDATION:
CPO Area Council "L" unanimously recommended approval of this designation.

## PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

That this historic landmark designation be approved for the entire frontage on the south side facing Douglas between St. Francis and Emporia, including the east-west alley, and lots 1 and 3, facing Emporia south of the east-west alley. Bell moved, Barrier seconded, and it carried by a vote of 7 in favor (Barrier, Bayouth, Bell, Goebel, Greider, May and Taylor) and 1 opposed (Hennessy). Kamen and Savina were absent.

[^9]30. Case No. 1777-5 - The Historic Landmark Preservation Committee requests establishment of the "H" Historic Landmark Designaton on the Carey House District located upon the following described property:. Lots 49, 51, 53, $55,57,59,61,63,65,67,69$, and 71 , on Douglas Avenue; Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, on Emporia Avenue; Lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and Lots 7, 9, 11, on St. Francis Avenue, all in N. A. ENGLISH'S ADDITION to the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. Generally located between Douglas and William, from Emporia to St. Francis (on both sides).

GALBRAITH showed slides of the subject area and reviewed the following staff comments:

Comments:

1. The Historic Landmark Preservation Committee has submitted an application to the planning Commission for recommendation to the Board of City Commissioners as to whether the block bounded by Emporia, Douglas, William and St. Francis and the northeast corner of William and St. Francis should be designated as a historic landmark in accordance with the ordinance passed by the City Commission on April $1,1975$.
2. Previous historic landmark designation requests have involved a single structure yet the ordinance provides that "buildings, structures, land, areas, and districts" may be designated as historic landmarks. The "Carey House District" (subject property) contains six separate buildings encompassing several uses and parking lots; however, the entire tract is under a single ownership.
3. A portion of subject property, the Carey House (Eaton Hotel) has previously been designated as a historic landmark on March 9. 1976 (H 76-9). Said hotel is also contained on the National Register of Historic places.
4. Subject property lies within the East Douglas Urban Renewal Activity area. The Urban Renewal Agency has been notified of the requested historic landmark designation. The Historic Landmark Preservation Committee has submitted documentation in justification of the requested historic designation.
5. In this instance, if approved, the historic landmark designation provisions of the City zoning ordinance concerning exterior renovations, certificates of appropriateness, etc. will apply to the entire block area described as the "District."

GALBRAITH stated that CPO Area Council "L" unanimously xecommended approval of this historic designation, and that staff could see no conflicts except he questioned why certain parking lots were included in the request.

MARION CONE, Historic Preservation Officer, stated that there had been an error in the legal description or a misunderstanding, as it had been intended that only those buildings facing Douglas between St. Francis and Emporia, including the alley, plus the Lexington Hotel built in 1914, located at 112/114 South Emporia, be included in the landmark designation.

MOTION: That the Planning Commission recommend to the City Commission that the historic lancmark designation be approved for the entire frontage on the south side facing Douglas between st. Francis and Emporia, including the eastwest alley, and lots 1 and 3 , facing Emporia south of the east-west alley.

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Ms. Marion B. Cone
Historic Preservation Officer
Historic Wichita Board
3751 East Douglas Avenue
Wichita, Kansas 67218

> Re: $H 77-5$ - Historical Landmark Designation - CAREY HoUSE DISTRICT - Generally located between Douglas and William from Emporia to St. Francis and the northeast corner of William and, St. Francis

Dear Ms. Cone:
Our letter to you dated June 10, 1977, advised of the action taken by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission at their meeting on June 9, 1977, with regard to the above captioned case.

Subsequent to the foregoing meeting, an examination of our aerial photograph of the area revealed that the Maxwell Hotel on South Emporia only covers lots 1 and 3 and, therefore, our ordinance being sent to the Board of City Comissioners will not include lot 5 .

If you have any comments or questions concerning this matter, please call.

Sincerely,

Jack H. Galbraith Chief Planner

JHG:GLS: e1
cc: Robert A. Puckett, Director, Wichita Historical Museum Assoc., 3751 E., Douglas, 67218 Phil Kasselbaum, 123 N. Market, 67202

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Fhis matter will be forwarded to the Board of City Comismioners for consideration at their meating on Juiy 5, 1977, this meeting to be hala in the City Commission Heeting Roon, Firat rloor, City Hall, 455 North Main. We would remind you that Planning items are considered after all other matters of business.

If you have any questions concerning this mattex, please call.
Yours very truly,

Jack n. Galbraith Chief Planner
JHG:bh
cc: Robert A. Puckett, Director, Wichita Historical Nuseum Assoc., 3751 . . DOuglas, 67218
Phil Kakealbaum, 123 N. Market, 67202
City Manager's office

THE CITY OF WICHITA OFFICE OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

DATE June 8, 1977
to, Jack Galbraith, Chief Planner, Current Plans, MAPD
FRoM Warren Gil key, CPO Administrative Aide
subject Historic Zone Case No.77-5
(General Area - Between Douglas and William from Emporia to St. Francis; on both sides)

At the June 6, 1977, meeting of CPO Council Area "L", the Council unanimously recommended the Carey House District for Historic Designation.

In the opinion of Council "L", there are not many historic strucutures in the Wichita area, therefore, as many of these type structures as possible should be saved for the future.

Council "L" appreciates your bring the recommendation to the attention of the MAPC as background information as this case is considered during their meeting on June 9, 1977.

WG: sm


David Furnas
Citizen Participation Coordinator

Wichita-Sedgwick Metropolitan Area Planning Commission City Hall
Tenth Floor, 455 North Main Street
Wichita, Kansas 67202
Attention: Robert A. Lakin, Secretary
Re: Case No. H77-5
Gentlemen:
This will acknowledge receipt of your May 26,1977 notice to property owners involving the Historical Landmark Designation of Carey House District.

As President of The Radio Station. KFH Company, Inc., parent company for and owner of the property involved, I wanted to advise you that the corporation welcomes the establishment of such historical landmark designation for the proposed Carey House District.


JPK/sb

IAPC HEARTIG DATE: 6-9-77

| Case No. H 77-5 | Request: Eistoric Landraark Designation |
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Location: Generally located between Douglas and William from Emporia to St. Francis and the northeast corner of William and st. Francis.

| Acres: | 3 Size; 300' 3 325\% (irregular) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Land Use | Zoning |
| Existing | Radio station, hotel, parking - general business |  |
| Morth | Typewntiler sales, pawn shop, Goodwill store | ${ }^{19} \mathrm{D}^{59} 8$ |
| East | General business, offices | MD: |
| South | Mortuary, general business, Santa Fe trucks | "D" ${ }_{\text {"D }}{ }^{8}$ |

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3. In this instance, if approved, the historic landmark designation provisions of the City zoning ordinance concerning exterior renovations, certificates of appropriateness, etc., will apply to the entire block area described as the pistrict."
I. Applicable criteria under Crdinance 33-790, City of Wichita (Section 2.12.1019 Code of the City of Hichita). Property is rated $1-5$ in applicable areas. See Section IV for justification.
a. Character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the City of Wichita, State, or United States $1 人$
b. Location as the site of a significant historic event
c. Identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City
d. Exemplification of the cultural, economic, social or historical heritage of the City
e. Portrayal of the environment of a group of people in a era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style
f. Embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen
g. Identification as the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the City
II. Environmental Factors:
a. Desecretion of Original Design II $-D+E$.

h. Embodiment of elements of architectural design, detail, materials or crartsmanship which represent a significant architectural innovation $\square$
4. Relationship to other distinctive buildings, sites or areas which are eligible for preservation according to a plan based on historic, cultural or architectural motif
j. Unique location of singular physical characteristics representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the City
$k_{\text {. Archaeological value in that it has }}$ produced or can be expected to produce data affecting theories of historic or prehistoric interest
5. Value as an aspect of community sentiment or public pride

TOTAL SCORE

III. Justification for Section I.
a. One of the only remaining examples of the streetscape as it appeared at the turn-of-thecentury. f. \& I. Architecturally important as the facades are intact and a very important section of Douglas Ave to protect sivthe only complete block left of downtown Wichita that is this early, ALA GRICK BLOGS/LImESTONE COLOR TRiN-
IV. General Comments upon Significance, strongest ALL Sitive and negative $\mathcal{Z}$ DATE Positive influence as it is owned by one owner who is restoring the entire block, which will fit into the East Douglas Restoration Project as the SE anchor.


WICHITA LANDMARK REGISTRY

1. NAYE OF PROPERTY:

CAREY HOUSE SQUARE INC
(Common or Historic)
2. LOCATION:

Douglas Frontage on South side from St_ Francis to Emporia Avenue (Street \& Number) 428-430 E. Douglas

## 3. CLASSIFICATIONS:

A. CATEGORY\&
Structure
B. OWNERSHIP:
$\quad$ Public
Private $X$
C. STATUS:
Site Object
$\qquad$ Occupied $\frac{x}{x}$
Build.
D. PRESENT USE:
Agriculture
Commercial
Educational Government -
Park $\qquad$ Ants $\qquad$ Commercial
Educational
Entertainment Industrial Private Res $\qquad$

4. OWNER:

Carey House Square, Inc. 523 E. Douglas, Wichita, -Kansas 67202 (Name)
(Address)
(CIty \& State)
5. CONDITION:
A. Excel $\begin{array}{r}\text { Good } \\ \text { Fair }\end{array}$ $\qquad$
B. AlteredUnaltered $X$
C. Moved Original Site X
6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: (Include any alteration made \& any special interior features)

The buildings located in the block were built between $1886 \& 1907$. It is
only integral block of original Wichita extant from these dates.
7. SIGNIFICANCE:
A. Date of Construction or Importance
B. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Carey House (Eaton hotel) occupies the northeast corner of the block.
It was constructed in 1886-87 and has been designated on the national list c Historic places. Several American Presidents have been quests at the hotel and it received national acclaim when its principal bar was smashed by carie
A. Nation on December 29, 1900.

The Lawrence blok occupies the northwest corner of the block This buildir
was formally the home of the Merchants statembouk. It vas restored in 1973 and currently houses the studios of radii stations $\mathcal{F F H} \& \mathrm{KBRA}$. The building received and AIA Award of Excellence in (1975


President
Relationship to Property

NOTE: Please enclose photo

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Submit thrus Historic Landmark Preservation Committee 3751 East Douglas Ave. Wichita, Kansas 67218
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P. ant appearance:

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Number of stories $\qquad$ Basement

Date of construction: 1887-1907
Architect:
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## Builder:

Exterior wall material: Brick-Varióus cost:
Color of exterior: 5 BLDGS - RED RR Other construction data;
Type (shape) of roof! FADGT
Color of roof: ——
Roof materials: $\qquad$ Architectural style:
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BALANCE -TURN OF CEWTKMA ECLECTIC

Doors: materials, form PLAN
Lintels and sills: type, shape, material
LIMESTONE SLAT O- WOOD
( F yes and cornice: - CORBELLEA)
BOXER/BRACKEIEO
Chief exterior features: (towers, turrets, bays, porches, entrances,
unusual detailing)
MULTI SHADED WINDOWS
Explain how the present exterior appearance differs from the original.
What additions and alterations have been made?
ST FLOOR ENTRANCES CHANGED IN SOMA INSTANCES
BASICALLY INTACT
First occupant:
VARIOUS
Original usage: COMMERCIÁL
Other occupants, if known;
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Other usages, if any:
Cent use: commerciit
Future plans, if known:
CAREY HoUSE SQUARE DISTRICT

If MERCHANTS STATE BANK WAS OPENED DECEMBER, 10,1906 SOON AFTER THE LAWRENLE BLOCK WAS COMPLETED. OFFICERS OF TINE BANK WERE: GEO, N. ROBINSON, PRES.", D. HEATON, VICE PRES, AND N, A. MURPHY, CNSIILER, THEY STINTED WITH A CAPITAL OF $\$ 50000$. ROBINSON RESILNIZD ON OCT. OF 1909 AND CHARLES LENIS BECOME PRESIDENT. WITH GEORGE VEAL, VICE PRES. AND J,W. DICE, CASHIER. THE LAWRENCE BLOCK 15 LOCATED AT $501-503$ E. DOUGLAS.

* CAREY HOUSE SQUARE PROPERTY
aistory of the Lexinglon Hotel (Brief)
The Lexington was constructed in 1914. (Date of opening unknown at this time.) The first owner and proprietor was John L. Wiedeman who featured steam heat, bath, hot and cold woter in every room of his hotel that was listed at 112-114 South Emporia. In 1919 the hotel was owned by Mrs. Lulu P. Gross who also served as manager of the hotel. Several proprietors followed and since 1924 the Hotel address listing was changed to $1141 / 2$ which indicates the ground floor lobby was eliminated at that time. The hotel remained in business until 1973 when it was phased out for the Carey House project. Glazed white brick adorns the front of the hotel.

March 2, 1977

## Dear Mr. Bruggeman:

The Historic Landmark Preservation Comittee has voted to recommend a Landmark District, located in the Carey House Square Block, from St. Francis St to Emporia St, along Douglas, and back to and including the alley behind this block. We feel that this area is important as the last remaining site containing original cedar block paving in Wichita, and special care should be taken to preserve it. We realize that it might be difficult for your Department under all circumstances to maintain the alley in existing condition in case of a utility or paving problem, and therefore offer the following suggestions which might be agreed upon by our Committee and your Department to ease some of the problems which may occur.

Should there be a utility failure, every effort should be made not to displace these blocks, to tunnel under, etc. If this is impossible, and the alley must be dug up for repair purposes, the cedar blocks must be carefully removed and replaced if possible. If the cedar block is deteriorated to a point that they cannot be replaced, that the block be salvaged and placed in a public area for viewing, to be determined by the Landmark Committee and Historic Wichita Board.

Should a drainage problem occur due to wear of these blocks, that these blocks not be paved over, that they be removed carefully and replaced if possible. If the cedar block is deteriorated to a point that they cannot be replaced that the block be salvaged, etc etc.

Should these blocks deteriorate to a point where they must be paved or removed, that these blocks be removed and replaced in a public area for viewing, to be determined by the Committee and Board.

We would appreciate your comments on the matter.
Sincerely,
HISTORIC LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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H. Craig Miner, Chairman

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will consider the following item in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, lst. floor, 455 North Main, Wichita, Kansas, during its meeting on June 9, 1977 beginning at $1: 30$ p.m.

## CASE NO. H77-5

## Establishment of the "H" Historical Landmark Designation on the following described property

CAREY HOUSE DISTRICT - located upon the following described property: Lots 49, 51, 53, 55, $57,59,61,63,65,67,69$, and 71, on Douglas Avenue; Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, on Emporia Avenue; Lots $2,4,6,8,10,12$ and Lots $7,9,11$, on St. Francis Avenue; all in N. A. ENGLISH'S ADDITION to the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. Generally located between Douglas and William, from Emporia to St. Francis (on both sides).

A representative of the Historic Landmark Preservation Committee, 3751 E. Douglas, Phone No. 681-1131, will contact you to explain the proposed historic landmark designation and answer questions you may have.

The planning Commission requests that the property owners make known their wishes and desires concerning the proposed historic landmark designation. This can be accomplished by written correspondence prior to the hearing date or by appearing at the public hearing in person or through a representative if so desired. Written correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Robert A. Lakin, Director of Planning, City Hall, 10th Floor, 455 North Main Street, Wichita, Kansas 67202.

On the basis of the proceedings of the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend for or against the establishment of a Historic Landmark Designation to the Board of Wichita City Commissioners. In the event the Board of Wichita City Commissioners approves the Designation, such Designation provides for a review by the Historic Landmark Preservation Committee and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Board of Wichita City Commissioners for any proposed exterior alteration of the Historic Landmark. The Designation also provides for a suspension of up to 240 days for the issuance of a demolition permit on a Historic Landmark. The Historic Landmark Designation does not change the types of uses permitted by the zoning classification established on the property.

NOTE: You are also informed that the Citizen Participation Organization Area Council may consider this case at its next meeting. Additional information about such a meeting may be obtained by calling the CPO Office, 268-4516.

NOTE: It is the policy of the Planning Commission that any request for a deferral of the hearing of this case shall be submitted to the Secretary, Robert A. Lakin, City Hall, Tenth Floor, 455 North Main Street, 1 days prior to the meeting. The Chairman or the Secretary may grant such a request for deferral. Persons requesting deferrals will be charged with the cost of preparing and mailing new notices.

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STATE OF KANSAS )
SEDGWICK COUNTY ) SS:
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The Fidelity Title Company, Inc., duly qualified Abstracter under the laws of the State of Kansas, after a careful search of the records of Sedgwick County, Kansas, makes the following statement concerning the title to the following described property situated in in said County and state, to-wit:

Lots $49,51,53,55,57,59,61,63,65,67,69$ and 71, on Douglas Avenue,

Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, on Emporia Avenue,
Lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and Lots 7, 9, 11, on St. Francis Avenue,
all in N. A. ENGLISH'S ADDITION to the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

That the last deed or deeds, purporting to convey title to said property is a

See Schedule "A" attached.
and purports to be a full and completo conveyance of tine entire fee simple title except as follows:
except easements and restrictions of record.

Dated at Wichita, Kansas, this 11th day of April, 1977, at 7:00 o'clock A.M.



Lots 49 \& 51, Douglas Avenue
Warranty Deed filed June 25, 1971, recorded in Book "1529" of Deeds, page 280, from 0. S. Gossard \& Jaclyn G. Gossard, husband and wife, to CAREYHOUSE SQUARE, INC., a corporation,

Lot 53, on Douglas Avenue
Warranty Deed filed April 1, 1975, recorded on Film "136", Page 938, from Henry Leben, a single man, to CAREY HOUSE SQUARE, INC., a Kansas Corporation,

Lot 57, Douglas Avenue
Warranty Deed filed July 20, 1973, recorded in Book "67", Page 1047, from Esther Steinberg, a single woman, to ELINOR HELITZER
Lease Agreement, filed October 26, 1971, recorded in Book "700" of Msc., page 434, from Phillip Gerson, by Esther Steinberg, Attorney in Fact for Phillip Gerson, to CAREY HOUSE SQUARE, INC., a Kansas corporation,

Lot 55, on Douglas Avenue
Corporation Warranty Deed filed May 18, 1971, recorded in Book " 1526 " of Deeds, page 401, from The Fourth National Bank and Trust Company, Wi chita, to CAREY HOUSE SQUARE, INC.,

Lots 59 and 61, on Douglas Avenue
Deed of Testamentary Trustee, filed May 14, 1971, recorded in Book
" 1526 " of Deeds, page 262, from First National Bank in Wichita, testamentary trustee under the will of Rachel L. Grace, deceased, to CAREY HOUSE SQUARE, INC.,

Lots 63, 65, 67, 69, \& 71, on Douglas Avenue
Warranty Deed filed May 18, 1971, recorded in Book " 1526 " of Deeds, page 399, from Louise Shirk Gossard, a single woman, to CAREY HOUSE SQUARE, INC., a Kansas Corporation

Lots 1 \& 3, on Emporia Avenue
Warranty Deed filed August 16, 1971, recorded in Book "1533" of Deeds, page 203, from Dan Mar and May H. Mar, his wife, and So J. Yee and Toy W. Yee, hiswife, to CAREY HOUSE SQUARE, INC., a Kansas Corporation

Lots 5, 7, $9 \& 11$, on Emporia Avenue
Corporation Warranty Deed, recorded on Film "189", Page 1164, filed May 10, 1976, from Noble Properties, Inc., to CAREY HOUSE SQUARE, INC.,

Lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 , and Lots 7, $9 \& 11$, on St. Francis Avenue, Corporation Warranty Deed filed August 5, 1976, recorded on Film " 203 " Page 1171, from The Litwin Corporation, to CAREY HOUSE SQUARE, INC.

Mus. Phil Kassebaum, Pros.
Corestrame Squaw, do.
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123 North market
Wrelita tho. 67202

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[^1]:    ${ }^{31}$ Bentley, History of Wichita, 247.
    ${ }^{32}$ Wichita Eagle, Oct. 19, 1936.
    ${ }^{33}$ Wichita Eagle, Mar. 29, 1977.

[^2]:    ${ }^{34}$ Curtise L. Wood, Dynamics of Faith (Wichita: Wichita State University, 1969), 99.

    35 Wichita Eagle-Beacon, May 31, 1987.
    ${ }^{36}$ Wichita Eagle, Oct. 16, 1936.
    ${ }^{37}$ Editorial. Wichita Eagle, Feb. 24, 1887.

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    Wichita Eagle, Oct. 19, 1936.
    ${ }^{33}$ Wichita Eagle, Mar. 29, 1977.

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[^8]:    7. Photographs and maps.

    Attach photographs and maps to application.

[^9]:    ACTION 1. Approve the recommendation of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and place the ordinance effectuating the historic landmark designation on first reading; or
    2. Take such action as the City Commission deems appropriate.

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