

STREET ADDRESS: 855 West Main Street
MAP & PARCEL: 10-4
FILE NUMBER: 701
PRESENT ZONING: B-3
ORIGINAL OWNER: Rivanna Partners, Limited Partnership
ORIGINAL USE: Offices
PRESENT USE: Offices
PRESENT OWNER: Rivanna Partners, Limited Partnership
ADDRESS:

HISTORIC NAME: Republic Plaza Building
DATE/PERIOD: 1988
STYLE: Post-Modern
HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 3 ½ Stories
DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 310' x 212' (1 ½ acres)
CONDITION: Good
SURVEYOR: Bibb
DATE OF SURVEY: Spring 1995
SOURCES: City Records
Sanborn Map Co.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This Post-Modern building is distinguished by the intricate ^{patterns} ~~patters~~ ^{its} in brick work. At 3½ stories, it is taller than anything on West Main Street except the Albemarle Hotel Building. Brick is laid in stretcher bond. The building has a hipped roof, covered with standing-seam metal, with skylights to light the upper half-story. At the first storey level, a recessed, segmentally arched arcade runs along the facade and the western elevation; and the form is repeated in the brickwork, though it is not open, on the other two elevations. Within the arcade, the corners of the building are chamfered, and there is an entrance in each one. there are multi-light display windows in the other bays. There is a frieze of vertical brickwork above the arcade, and above that, a moulded brick water table. At the upper levels, there are two one-light, fixed-sash windows per bay, rectangular at the second level and square at the third. Each window is surrounded by a mitered double band of vertical stretchers. The 6-bay facade is dominated by a monumental round-arched opening two stories in height that occupies the central two bays. Behind the arch, there is an entrance at the first level and a one-light half-round window at the second. Between them, a panel framed by vertical headers bears the name "Republic Plaza". Above the arch, there is a one-light circular window at the third storey level. There is a full entablature of moulded brick on the parapet.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Rivanna Partners, Limited Partnership purchased the Safeway property in 1987 (City DB 500-179), remodeled the existing building and erected this new building, designed by Charlottesville Architect Kurt Wassenaar, on its parking lot in 1988.

RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL SURVEY REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCE
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FORM

Reviewed by Margaret Peters

DHR Identification Number: 104-0317

Other DHR Number:

Property Date(s) 1987 -88

PROPERTY NAMES

Republic Plaza (855 W. Main St.)

EXPLANATION

Address-Current

County/Independent City: Charlottesville

State: Virginia

Magisterial District: N/A

Tax Parcel: 31-170

USGS Quad Map Name: CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST

UTMs of Boundary:

Center UTM:

Restrict location and UTM data? N

ADDRESSES

Number	Thoroughfare Name	Explanation
855 -	W. Main St.	

Vicinity: Town/Village/Hamlet:

Name of National Register Historic District:

Name of DHR Eligible Historic District:

Name of Local Historic District:

Physical Character of General Surroundings: City

Site Description/Notable Landscape Features:

Built up. Building adjoins landscaped parking lots on its west and north sides.

Ownership: Private

NR Resource Type: Building

WUZITS

Seq. #	# of	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1.0	1	Commercial Building	Non-historic
2.0	1	Sculpture	Non-historic
3	1	Other	Non-historic
TOTAL:		2	
Historic:		0	
Non-Historic:		2	

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Component	#	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Structural System	0	Masonry	Brick	Veneer
Roof	0	Hipped	Metal	Standing Seam
Window(s)	0	Fixed	Metal	
Porch	0	1-story	Brick	Wrap-around

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER: 1.0 WUZIT: Commercial Building

Primary Resource? Yes

Estimated Date of Construction: 1987 -88

Source of Date: Written Data

Architectural Style: Modern Movement

Description:

Stylistically, this large commercial block references Charlottesville's tradition of classical architecture. The building's symmetrical front on West Main Street features a two-story center arch with a round window above. Flanking this arch, and wrapping around on the west side, is an inset arcade with segmental-arched openings and metal grillwork. Other notable features include recessed corner pilasters with molded brick capitals, roof skylights, and storefronts on the first level.

Condition: Good

Threats to Resource: None Known

Additions/Alterations Description:

Number of Stories: 3.0

Interior Plan Type:

Accessed?

Interior Description:

Relationship of Secondary Resources to Property:

To the west of the building across a parking lot access drive stands a sculpture entitled "Oasis" carved by David Breeden and dated 1990. The sculpture stands in a small reflecting pool. At the back (north end) of the parking lot stands a small frame parking lot attendant booth.

DHR Historic Context:

Significance Statement:

Although the building does not contribute to the historic character of West Main Street, its styling is in keeping with Charlottesville's long tradition of classical architecture. The Republic Capital Corp. (developers) began construction on the building in October 1987 at the "long-vacant Safeway Store lot." (The Safeway Store may survive as an annex at 853 W. Main.)

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Medium	Medium ID #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm Photos	14633	12 -	2/ /1996

B&W 35mm Photos	14633	25	-	2/	/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14799	4	-	5/	/1996
B&W 35mm Photos	14633	28	-	2/	/1996

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Sequence #: 1.0 Bibliographic Record Type: Newspaper
 Author: Charlottesville Daily Progress
 Citation Abbreviation:
 October 17, 1987
 Notes:

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Date: 2/ /1996
 Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey
 Organization or Person: J. Daniel Pezzoni, Preservation Con
 ID # Associated with Event:
 CRM Event Notes or Comments:

MAILING ADDRESS

Honorif:
 First :
 Last :
 Suffix :
 Title :
 Company: Rivanna Partners LP

Address: PO Box 7885

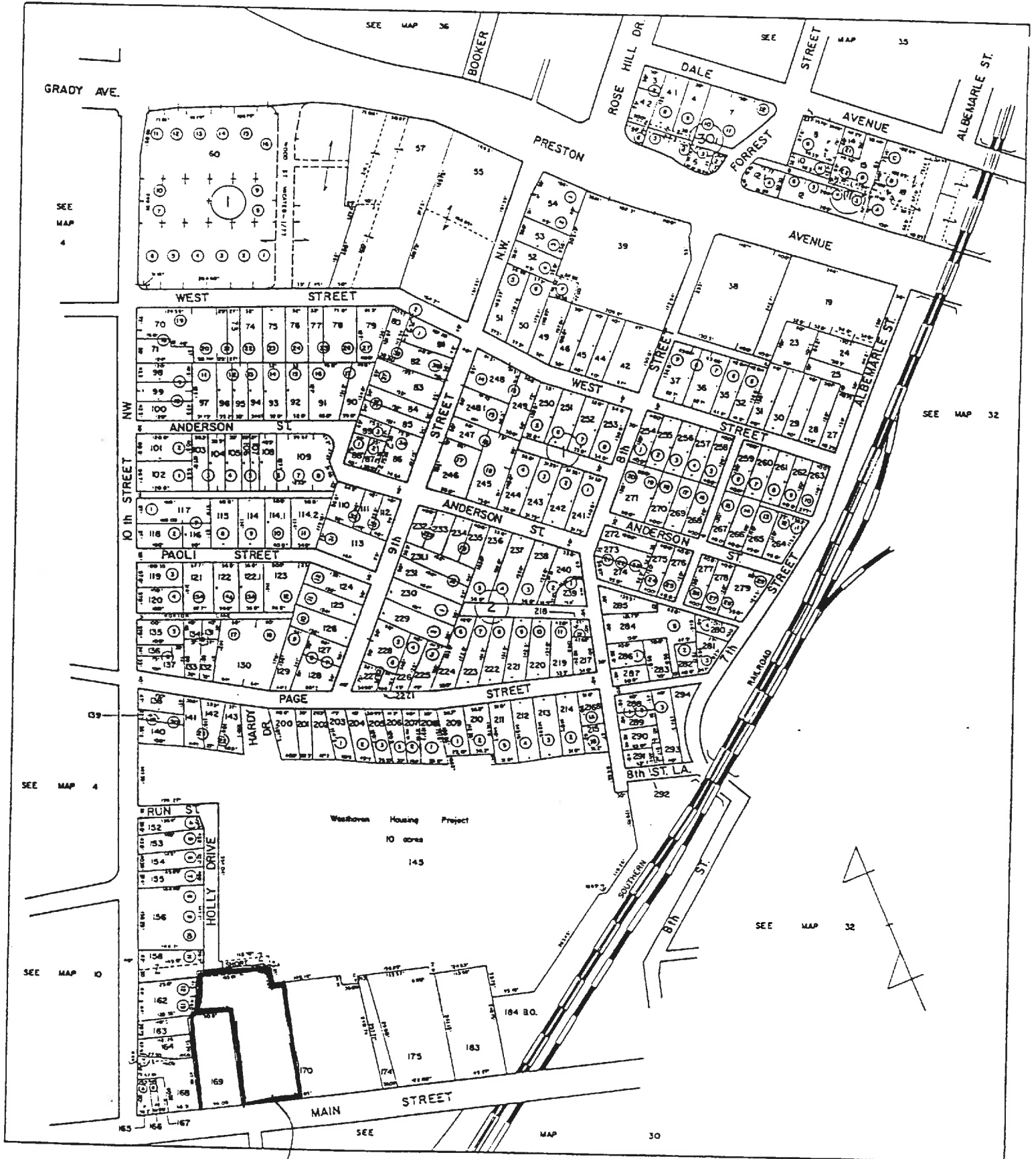
City : Charlottesville State: VA
 Zip : 22906- Country: USA
 Phone/extension:

Individual Category Codes:

Mailing Address Notes:

Surveyor's Notes:

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



SCALE : 1" = 100'

104-317

7-23 ✓

315 x 200 = 57,500
B-3

853 107 11/22 in

500-179 Ricanna Postoffice, H.A. Plancher 1957 plat 500-184-187
467-695 267 West Main " " 1955 " 186-401 no plat
186-401 Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. 1955
Safeway Store, Inc

* Chas Wm Heath Blake Hunt

Safeway - ~~1977~~ 1967

office
new bldg - 1988
3 1/2 - 5

~~substante~~ brick frame, brick around walls, metal hipped roof

ABC store built ¹⁹⁷¹ ~~1977~~

Safeway - 1954-55

E 2

855
Republic Plaza

3rd - 5

6 bays N x S, 4 W

stretchers bond

55m hipped roof w/ skylights

seg - arched arcade on S, ext multi-light display wind ^{store} behind
same on N 'infilled' w/ brick + bond, high of window
wide brick ^{pillars} ~~columns~~ w/ shaped brick bases + bond
vert stretchers on architrave?
fringe of vert brickwork
moulded brick water table above

2nd & 3rd -

2 wind per bay, ext at 2nd, sq at 3rd

1-l fixed sash

bordered on all sides by ^{moulded} double bond vert stretchers

moulded brick ~~architrave~~ ^{fringe of vert brickwork}
fringe of vert brickwork
on moulded brick course } brick entab
on project

same on V w/ multi-light display wind in 2 middle ones
~~with~~ ^{with} corner open int loggia w/ doors + "ret diag"

on E -

ent occupies 2 ent bays 5;

2-5 round-arched opening ~~at end~~

flanked by ~~no opening~~ smaller openings (at seg arched) in arcade

1-2 circ wind at 3rd level

plain blackwork

and 5th bays ~~are~~ ^{sl recessed}

behind round arch;

panel ~~of smaller~~ ^{mitered} framed w/ brick w/ name over ent

1-2 half-round 2nd story wind above

all corners clipped

pointed tops over piers extend into frieze (mitered into frieze)

E - 3rd & 2nd - 5 bays - 1 wind 1, 3, & 5

2 & 4 recessed & blank

1st arcade 1st, arched panels 3 & 5

rect panels 2 & 4

frieze ent



14633



Date 2.1996 File No. 104-317

Name Republic Plaza
(855 W. Main St.)

Town _____

County Clear Lake

Photographer Dan Pezanni

Contents 3 ext. views

