

Historic Cultural Properties Inventory (HCPI) Base Form (FORM 1)

Historic Preservation Division, New Mexico Office of Cultural Affairs

For HPD Office use only: HCPI No. District No. NRHP: SRCP: Criteria: A B C D

NAME OF PROPERTY: **Civic Plaza Dr 121 - Taos Civic Plaza** LOCAL REFERENCE NUMBER: **2005001**
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **121 CIVIC PLAZA** UTM ZONE:
CITY OR TOWN: **Taos** UTM EASTING:
COUNTY: **Taos** UTM NORTHING:

DATE OF SURVEY:
2/18/2005
PREVIOUS SURVEY?
Not Available

PREVIOUS SURVEY DATE:
Not Available

NAME OF PROJECT:
2005 CLG Survey

PHOTOGRAPH:
ROLL NUMBER:

FRAME NUMBER:

NEGATIVE LOCATION:



PROPERTY TYPE: **Primary** PHOTOGRAPH VIEW: **south elevation central area between formerly separate buildings**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

121 Civic Plaza Drive is a 2-story Spanish Pueblo Revival style public structure with 2 building masses, flat parapet rooflines, canales, and earth-tone stucco. A barrel roof is concealed behind the parapet on the eastern portion of the building. Single level portales exist on the west and south elevations; a street-level portal provides a covered walkway between the east and west building blocks. Portales aid in breaking up the building's height and are detailed traditionally with exposed lintels, viga ends, corbels and round posts. Windows are a combination of fixed plate and double-hung multi-lite units. Doors are metal units with single vertical lites in each; they exist singly and in pairs on the building. Building corners are buttressed as is the west elevation of the structure. An open courtyard is located somewhat centrally in the building and is accessed via the street on the south side of the building.

CONSTRUCTION DATE KNOWN? **Yes** SOURCE FOR CONSTRUCTION DATE: **TOWN OF TAOS**

CONSTRUCTION DATE: **1941** to **1941**

SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS? **pre-1957 addition on west elevation of east building mass [Bataan Hall]; post-1957 portal walkway connecting buildings at street on the south elevation, and portal along west elevation; new windows**

NOTES ON CONDITION: **Good**

WHO USES THE PROPERTY?: **Town of Taos Convention Center**

SETTING: **Urban** RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: **Similar**
IF URBAN SETTING, NATURE OF IT: COMMENTS ON SURROUNDINGS:

ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVE: (Photo, drawing, footprint, etc.; indicate north arrow when possible)



NOTES ON ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVE: south elevation of west wing
(If photo, include photo info, as in #10)

SURVEYOR BUSINESS NAME: **Ragins Research and Planning**
 SURVEYOR FIRST NAME: **Mary**
 SURVEYOR LAST NAME: **Ragins**
 SURVEYOR STREET ADDRESS: **9 Stone ridge Road**
 SURVEYOR CITY: **Santa Fe**

OWNER OR OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE:
TOWN OF TAOS

SURVEYOR ZIP CODE: **87505**
 SURVEYOR TELEPHONE: **575.995.0852**
 SURVEYOR EMAIL:

IS THE PROPERTY ENDANGERED?: **NO**
 HOW IS THE PROPERTY ENDANGERED?:

The western portion of the building was formerly known as Rio Grande Hall and prior to this it was used as the Taos County Maintenance garage. The eastern half of the building is called Bataan Hall and was formerly the National Guard Armory. The Taos County Reassessment Survey describes the armory as a 12-room

SIGNIFICANCE TO CURRENT COMMUNITY: **High**
 DESCRIPTION OF COMMUNITY SIGNIFICANCE: **Used for community events, historically and architectural prominence**
 OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST: (Such as historical, legendary, structural, former ownership, etc.)

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Individual Building Status

IS PROPERTY INDIVIDUALLY LISTED ON A REGISTER?:
 INDIVIDUALLY LISTED ON SRCP?: **NO**
 INDIVIDUALLY LISTED ON NRHP?: **NO**
 IF NOT LISTED, IS IT ELIGIBLE?:
 IF ELIGIBLE, WHY?:

Building Located In A Special Historic District?

IS PROPERTY IN SPECIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT? **YES**
 DISTRICT NAME AND STATUS:
 Taos Downtown Historic District - SRCP **NO**
 La Loma Plaza Historic District - SRCP **NO**
 Taos Historic Overlay Zone - Taos Only **YES**

Historic Cultural Properties Inventory (HCPI) Detail Form (Form 2)

Historic Preservation Division, New Mexico Office of Cultural Affairs >>Complete HCPI Form 1 before Form 2<<

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COUNTY: Taos CITY OR TOWN: Taos DATE OF SURVEY: 2/18/2005

ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

STORIES ABOVE GRADE? 2.0

CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:

PRIMARY VISIBLE CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL: Adobe

NOTES ON VISIBLE CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL: Building corners are buttressed as is the west elevation of the structure.

FOUNDATION:

DOES A FOUNDATION EXIST?:

TYPE OF FOUNDATION:

FOUNDATION MATERIALS

FOUNDATION NOTES:

GENERAL: Notes

Details

no obvious maintenance needs

EXTERIOR: Notes

Details

Building corners are buttressed as is the west elevation of the structure.

ROOF: Notes

Details

Flat Parapet
Medium
Flat
Low

DOORS: Notes

Details

Doors are metal units with single vertical lites in each; they exist singly and in pairs on the building.

WINDOWS: Notes

Details

Multi-lite

Double Hung
Fixed

PORCHES/PORTALES: Notes

Details

Main entrances - Rio Grande Hall(W) & Bataan Hall(E) detailed traditionally with exposed lintels, viga ends, corbels and round posts.

Full
Partial
Entry

CHIMNEYS: Notes

Details

Not Available

EXTERIOR WALLS : Notes

Details

Not Available

LANDSCAPING: Notes

Details

An open courtyard is located somewhat centrally in the building and is accessed via the street on the south side of the building.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES Describe unique features.)

[Empty box for other significant features]

MODIFICATIONS: (For each entry, indicate source of the date. Enter "surveyor" if it is your own. If prior survey, give date.)

pre-1957 addition on west elevation of east building mass [Bataan Hall]; post-1957 portal walkway connecting buildings at street on the south elevation, and portal along west elevation; new windows and doors

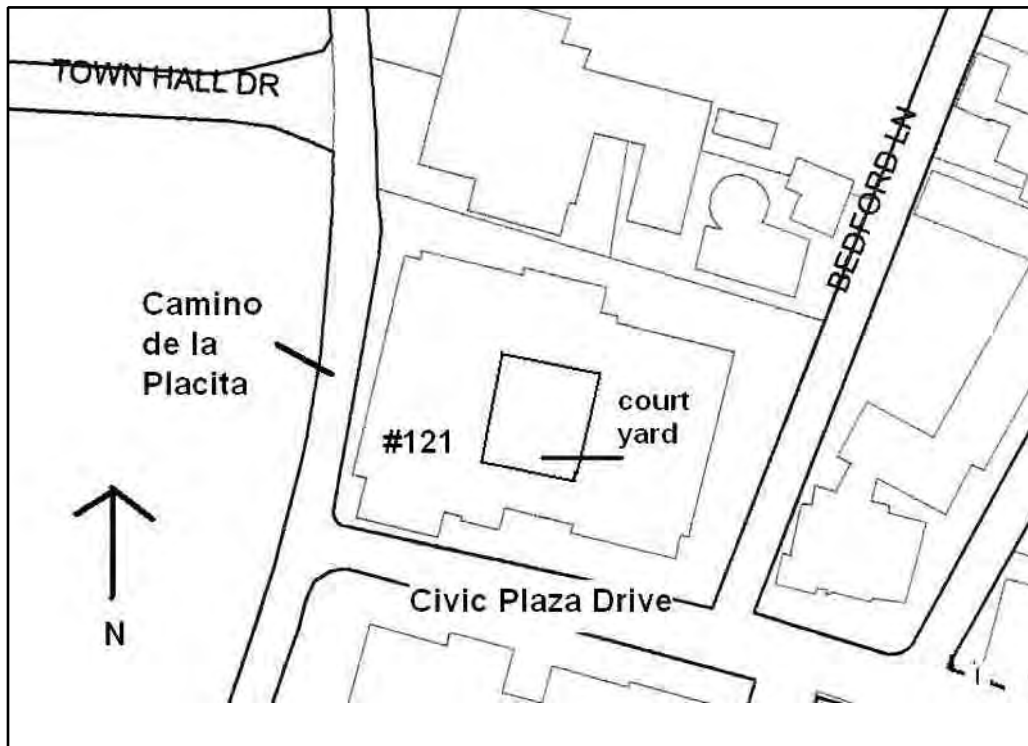
PRIMARY ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

no obvious maintenance needs

Spanish-Pueblo Revival

SITE PLAN:

(Include footprint of building, porches and balconies, major landscape features, associated properties, walls, fences, gates, nearby roads, driveways, and north arrow.)



LOCATION OF, AND AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

(Plans, histories, oral histories, maps, aerial photos, bibliographic references, etc. and where they can be found.)

[Empty box for location of and available documents]

SITE PLAN NOTES:

Site Plan. Base map provided by Taos GIS. NTS.

ATTACHED OR ASSOCIATED PROPERTIES: (List and describe. Indicate whether surveys exist for these and provide survey numbers if known.)

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IF SO, ARE THEY ELIGIBLE FOR LISTING?: None