

State of California The Resources Agency  
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary #  
 HRI #  
 Trinomial  
**NRHP Status Code**

Review Code      Other Listings      Date  
                                          Reviewer

Page 1 of 3      \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 229 G Street

P1. Other Identifier: MT BBQ House

\*P2. Location:     Not for Publication     Unrestricted

- \*a. County Yolo and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)
- \*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Davis, CA Date 2018 T   ; R   ;    of    of Sec   ;    B.M.
- c. Address 229 G Street City Davis, CA Zip 95616
- d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone   ,    mE/    mN
- e. Other Locational Data: APN 070 252 14

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)  
 229 G Street is a two-story, concrete/concrete masonry unit (CMU) commercial building situated on the west side of G Street between 2nd Street (north) and 1st Street (south) (P5a.). The building is not reflective of a particular architectural style and may be described as vernacular. The building's facade is built to the property line adjacent to the public sidewalk, and the building's north and south side elevations abut neighboring buildings. The rear elevation is visible from a mid-block alleyway. The facade is covered with painted stucco and lacks ornamentation. The first story has a recessed, angled entrance with anodized aluminum doors at the south, and a larger tripartite aluminum-frame window at north. A metal sign is mounted to the center of the facade just above the first story ceiling line. The facade terminates above the second story with a metal-capped cornice along the parapet line. The building appears to be in good condition.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6. 1-3 story commercial building.

**P5a. Photograph or Drawing**



**\*P4. Resources Present:**

Building     Structure     Object     Site     District     Element of District     Other (Isolates, etc.)

**\*P5b. Description of Photo:**

229 G Street viewed from G Street, looking west.  
 March 14, 2019.

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: 1964. City permit and plan records

Historic     Prehistoric     Both

**\*P7. Owner and Address:**

Sosnick Spousal Trust  
 621 Elmwood Drive, Davis, 95616

\*P8. Recorded by:  
 Garavaglia Architecture, Inc.  
 582 Market Street, Suite 1800  
 San Francisco, CA 94104

**\*P9. Date Recorded:**

March 14, 2019

**\*P10. Survey Type:**

Intensive survey for California Register, National Register, and Local eligibility.

\*P11. Report Citation: N/A

\*Attachments:     NONE     Location Map     Continuation Sheet     Building, Structure, and Object Record  
 Archaeological Record     District Record     Linear Feature Record     Milling Station Record     Rock Art Record  
 Artifact Record     Photograph Record     Other (List): \_\_\_\_\_

# BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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B1. Historic Name: 229 G Street

B2. Common Name: Mnt BBQ House

B3. Original Use: Commercial B4. Present Use: Commercial

\*B5. Architectural Style: Vernacular Commercial (heavily altered)

\*B6. Construction History: Built in 1964 as a one-story commercial building with intension of expanding to two-story height.<sup>1</sup> The building was originally designed for retail use and was later modified to accommodate restaurant uses.<sup>2</sup> The existing facade design dates to 1976 (angled and recessed entrance) and 2004 (windows), based on available building permit records. The interior has been heavily altered to accommodate various retail and restaurant uses since the 1960s, based on available building permit records. See continuation sheet)

\*B7. Moved?  No  Yes  Unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*B8. Related Features: N/A

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Samuel A. Hart

\*B10. Significance: Theme \_\_\_\_\_ Area Davis  
Period of Significance N/A Property Type Commercial Applicable Criteria N/A

The subject building was constructed between 1971 and 1972 in downtown Davis, toward the end of a period of explosive downtown growth that spanned the years 1959 to 1971.<sup>3</sup> This period was marked by expansion of the town through numerous residential subdivisions, and construction of commercial and institutional buildings on formerly residential parcels downtown. Growth was largely driven by University expansion and rapid population growth during the 1960s. The building appears to have been completed in ca. 1964. Original building plans list the building's name as the Golden Cue Building, with a date of October 1964 and the name S.A. Hart. 229 G Street appears to have been commissioned by owner Gale Sosnick, who continued to own the property until ca. 2000s. A building permit application from 2018 listed a relative of Sosnick as the building's owner. Gale Sosnick (b. 1924) appears to have been the first owner of the subject building, based on building permit records. Sosnick's husband, Stephen H. Sosnick (1930-2014), was Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics at UC Davis.<sup>4</sup>

(See continuation sheet)

**B11. Additional Resource Attributes:**

HP6. 1-3 story commercial building

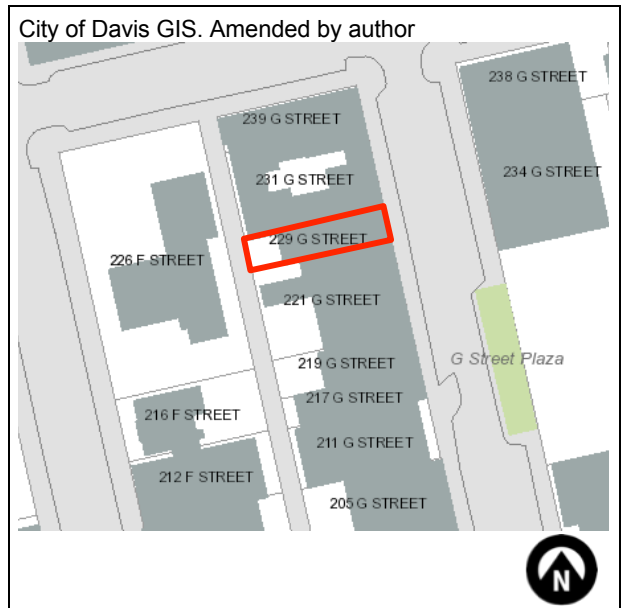
\*B12. References: Building Permit Records, City of Davis Planning Department. Kara Brunzell, Brunzell Historical, *Davis, California: Citywide Survey and Historic Context Update*, 2015. Central Davis Historic Conservation District, Historical Resources Survey, August 2003. Architectural Resources Group, *City of Davis Cultural Resources Inventory and Context Statement*, (Davis, CA: City of Davis Parks and Community Services Department, September 30, 1996). Historic Environment Consultants, *Cultural Resources Inventory: Final Report*, (Davis, CA: June 1980). Proquest Digital Sanborn Maps, online. John Lofland and Phyllis Haig, *Images of America: Davis, California: 1910s-1940s*, (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2000). John Lofland, *Images of Modern America: Davis Transformation*, (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2016). U.S. Census and City Directory data researched at Ancestry.com.

B13. Remarks:

\*B14. Evaluator: Garavaglia Architecture, Inc.

\*Date of Evaluation: August 12, 2019

(This space reserved for official comments.)



<sup>1</sup> Building permits provided by City of Davis Planning Department.

<sup>2</sup> Building Permit 456, December 1, 1964, City of Davis Planning Department.

<sup>3</sup> Kara Brunzell, Brunzell Historical, *Davis, California: Citywide Survey and Historic Context Update*, 2015, 31.

<sup>4</sup> "Stephen H. Sosnick," *Davis Enterprise*, online. Accessed April 17, 2019. <https://www.davisenterprise.com/obits/stephen-h-sosnick/>

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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### \*B6. Construction History (Continued):

229 G Street was built in 1964 and appears to have been designed by Samuel A. Hart, a builder or potentially professional architect. Research did not find additional information related to Hart's career or training.

### \*B10. Significance (Continued):

During the course of Sosnick's ownership of the building its occupants included: 1965, an Italian restaurant; 1970, The Abbey Restaurant; 1976 Buster Buns/The Stuffed Bun; 1998, House of China restaurant; 2004 Sunrise Restaurant. Mt. BBQ House appears to have occupied the building since 2018.<sup>5</sup> In 2018, the building suffered fire damage during a construction project related to the new use as Mt. BBQ House.<sup>6</sup>

### Evaluation

#### *Criterion A/1 (Events)*

The subject property does not appear to be individually eligible under Criterion A/1 for listing in the NRHP/CRHR or the local register. The building at 229 G Street was constructed in 1964, during a period of rapid growth in Davis. The subject building is not known to have been individually important within the downtown during this period based upon available information related to its role in local commerce and commercial development of the period.

#### *Criterion B/2 (Persons)*

The subject building does not appear to be individually eligible under Criterion B/2 for listing in the NRHP/CRHR or local register. Historic information related to ownership and occupancy of the subject building was researched through available archival and online sources including U.S. Census, city directories, building permit records, and historic newspapers. These sources did not provide evidence that the subject building is significant for its association with a person or persons who made significant contributions to local, State, or national history. Although the building appears to have been owned by UC Davis professor Stephen Sosnick and/or relatives of Sosnick, his association with the subject building does not relate directly to his academic career. Research did not find evidence that Galya Sosnick or any known occupants of the building made significant contributions to local, State, or national history that are directly associated with the subject building.

#### *Criterion C/3 (Architecture-Design)*

The subject property does not appear to be individually eligible under Criterion C/3 for listing in the NRHP/CRHR or local register. The subject building was constructed in 1964 as a one-story, vernacular modern commercial building that was designed for future expansion to two-story height. The building's original designer appears to be Samuel A. Hart a builder who was potentially a trained architect. Research did not find extensive scholarship related to Hart's career. Relative to other examples of period architecture in Davis, the building does not stand out as an important example from its period, or of a particular type or style.

#### *Criterion D/4 (Information Potential)*

Archival research and physical investigation of the property focused on the above ground resource only. Therefore, no informed determination could be made regarding the property's eligibility for the NRHP, CRHR, or local register under Criterion D/4.

The commercial building at 229 G Street does not appear to meet the criteria for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHP), or the City of Davis Register (local register) as a Landmark or Merit Resource.

<sup>5</sup> Occupancy history compiled from 1970 Davis City Directory, and review of available building permit records.

<sup>6</sup> Fire Damages Under-Construction G Street Restaurant," *Davis Enterprise*, online, August 17, 2018. Accessed April 17, 2019. <https://www.davisenterprise.com/local-news/fire-damages-under-construction-g-street-restaurant/>.