

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
 HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4419

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 210-218 West Baltimore Street

and/or common Arrow Parking Garage

2. Location

street & number 210-218 W. Baltimore Street not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity of _____ congressional district Seventh

state Maryland county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Baltimore Arena Parking Assoc.

street & number 250 W. Pratt Street, Suite 850 telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse SEB482
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street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 folio 436

city, town Baltimore state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count: 1

This circa 1980 parking garage faces south on W. Baltimore Street and abuts two partywall structures. The brick and concrete structure is two bays wide and eight stories high. The street frontage is 130'10" and the depth is 156'1".

The facade is composed of horizontal bands of low brick walls punctuated by white-painted concrete posts. The stories are not identical stacked versions, but have variations in the spacing and size of the piers. The long horizontal bands of the parking tiers are bracketed at either end by solid brick walls that run the height of the building. The wall to the west contains the stair and elevator stack. It has a rounded corner where it meets the first through third story parking zones. It is flush with the low walls on the upper stories. The west wall is pierced by glazed openings. The brick wall to the east is merely a visually balancing bracket to the parking tiers.

The first story has a variety of openings. Moving west to east, the first bay contains the brick stair and elevator shaft with a foot passenger entrance, followed by an large open bay with three traffic entrances/exists regulated by toll gates, followed by a massive white pier that separates the first and second bays. The second bay contains a brick office and parking space set apart from the street by a low brick foundation wall with a metal grill.

The second and third stories are similar to each other. The low brick wall has squared openings defined by the white concrete posts. The second-story posts are more closely spaced together than those of the third. The white pier that divides the first story's bays runs unobstructed up through the second and third stories, on the outside facing of the brick walls.

The fourth through eighth stories are similar to each other. The low brick walls form continuous bands. The central pier that runs up the height of the building is now recessed behind the plane of the walls.

The eighth story has no overhead shelter. The low wall has a raised, two-stepped parapet profile. The elevator shaft rises up the west wall, but there is no matching shed on the east side.

The interior is composed of wide bays of reinforced concrete beams and posts. One post supports the middle of the bays. The stair and elevator stack is in the southwest corner. The stair has a tube metal railing and cast concrete steps. There are two elevators. The windows in the brick wall illuminate the landing in front of the elevators.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	unknown
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or		
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This 1980s parking structure is a significant building type in the Baltimore commercial streetscape. The need for parking structures is a twentieth-century phenomenon that accompanied that rise of the automobile--a need that has burgeoned in recent decades. The eight-story height of this structure indicates the increasing density of traffic and the need for parking in the downtown district, a need for office workers, shoppers and visitors to the Baltimore Convention Center. The garage also indicates the prevalence of commuter traffic in the downtown area in the post-War period and, as such, makes a contrast with the residential nature of the downtown in the nineteenth-century. The garage's location on Baltimore Street reflects a costly investment; this is valuable real estate, which was previously broken into four individual lots.

The style of the garage is a good example of a 1980s Post Modern architecture. There is visual play going on in this utilitarian structure: the white shaft that pierces the stories, the stepped pediment on the top floor, the rhythm of the lower stories columns, the use of stark white accents. Thus there is an evident concern for the appearance of this building on this important commercial street. In order to be acceptable, the style of the building must make some concessions to current architectural tastes.

The interior of the garage exposes its internal structure. The reinforced concrete posts and beams form a functional aesthetic which is deemed appropriate for the structure and is typically never covered up.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:
Modern Period, 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics

Resource Type:
Building

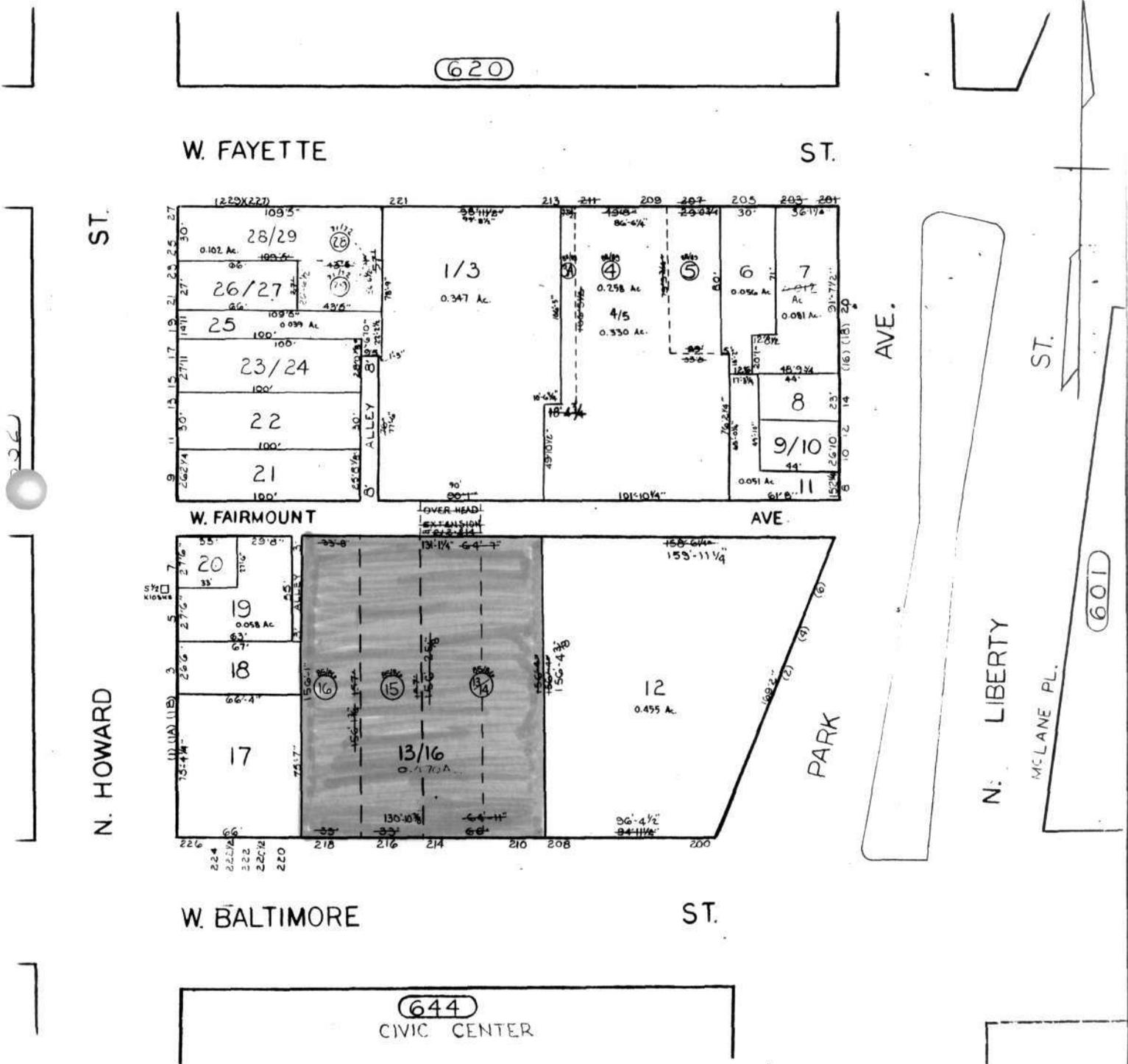
Historic Environment:
Urban

Historic Function and Use:
Transportation

Known Design Source:
None

REVISIONS

LOT 28/29 PER P.L.S.; C.S.H. 409
LOT 7 AMM CHANGED PER LETTER C.S.H. 84-052
LOTS 1/3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 19, 25 & 28/29 AMM CHANGED PER PLS C.S.H. 85-219
LOTS 13/14, 15 & 16 DIM CORR PER DEED, C.S.H. 85-487
LOTS 13/14, 15 & 16 CONSD PER APP. CH. 86-253
LOT 2A, 4 & 5 CONSD PER O.O. f App. C.S.H. 85-467



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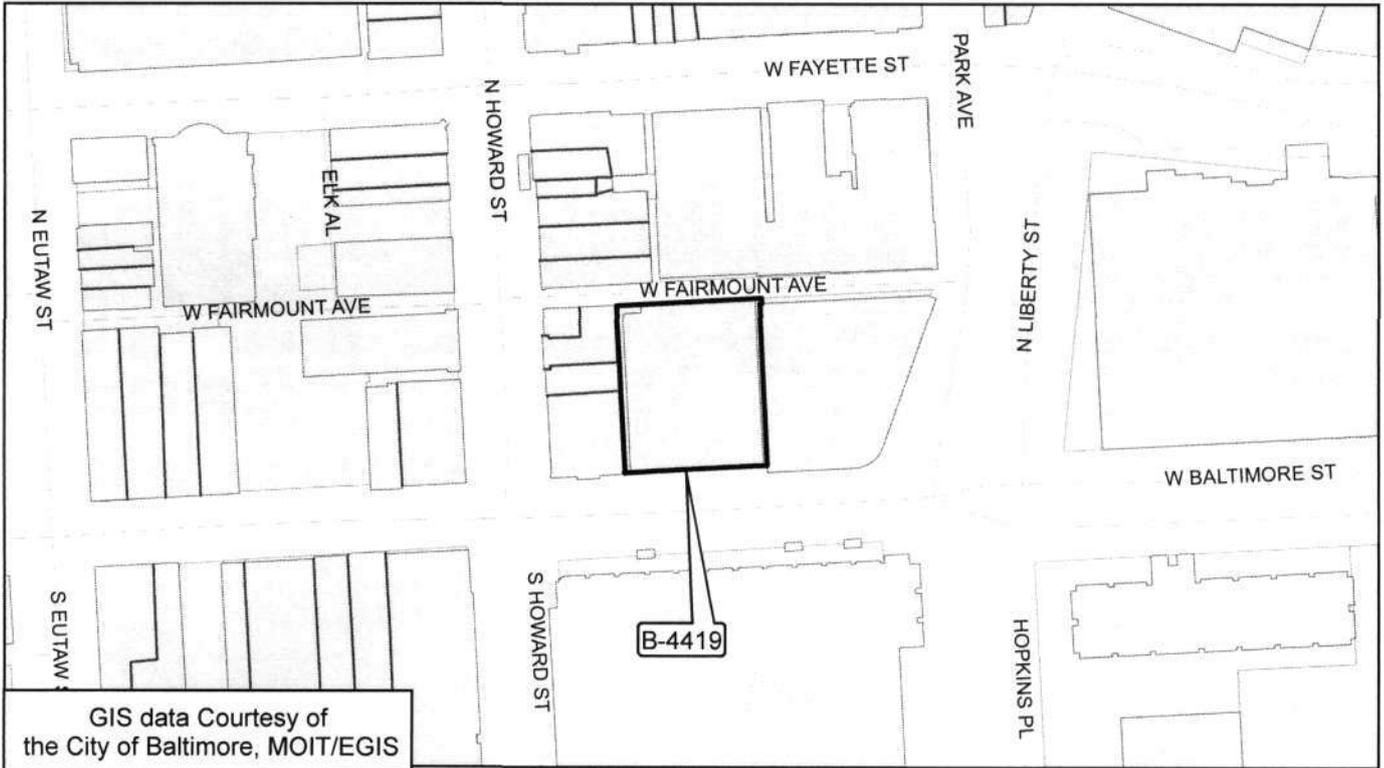
CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

WARD 4 SECTION 10
BLOCK 633

SCALE 1"=50'-0" DATE DEC 1966

B-4419
Arrow Parking Garage
210-218 W. Baltimore Street
Block 0633, Lot 013
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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210 W. Baltimore St. / Arrow Park

Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

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Facade, south elevation

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