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Historic Resources of Downtown Gallup
McKinley County, New Mexico

1. Name: Harvey Hotel
2. Location: 408 West Coal Avenue
Gallup, New Mexico
3. Classification:
Category building
Ownership private
Status occupied
Accessible yes: unrestricted
Present Use commercial
4. Owner of Property:
Julio Chiaramonte
904 N. Dustin
Farmington, NM 87401
5. Location of Legal Description:
McKinley County Courthouse
205-209 West Hill Street
Gallup, New Mexico
6. Representation in Existing Surveys:
New Mexico Historic Building Inventory
August 1985
New Mexico Historic Preservation Division
228 E. Palace Avenue, Rm 101
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503
7. Description:
Condition good
altered
original site

The 1928 Harvey Hotel (not a Fred Harvey Hotel), is a two-story, flat-roofed building with a Decorative Brick Commercial Style facade and Stone Commercial Style walls. Located on Coal Avenue, this hotel provided competition for the Grand Hotel one block east.

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The flat roof on this structure is hidden behind a blond brick parapet which is decorated on the south (front) facade by a stepped, dentil-like blond brick cornice. The upper story of the front is punctuated by five evenly spaced windows, each with a brick segmental arch, and soldier course lug sill. The original one-over-one, double hung, wooden windows still remain. At street level the facade has been renovated. Above the wood-framed storefront windows is a concrete lintel, and below is a wainscot of slumblock. The remaining wall area is of blond brick. Entry is gained through a door up four steps on the east end of the facade.

The side walls of the hotel are constructed in the Stone Commercial Style with the exception of the stepped and capped blond brick parapet. One brick chimney, whose structure is visible from ground level to the second story, rises from the northeast corner of the building. The side walls of the upper floor are punctuated with evenly spaced, one-over-one, double hung, wooden windows set in wood frames. The lintels are concrete and the lug sills are stone. The first floor windows are identical to the upper floor with the exception of one less window at the south end. The walls are constructed of locally quarried sandstone laid in a random ashlar pattern.

The interior floor level is approximately two feet above street level. A front desk occupies the area immediately inside the entry, with a small lobby to the west. One hallway goes back from the west center of the main floor with rooms on both sides. A narrow stairway leads upstairs from the east side of the main floor. Access to the basement is not visible. The floor is carpeted and the ceilings are lowered with accoustical tile.

The exterior of the hotel has been slightly remodeled (slumblock and new display windows), but its historical appearance is still discernable. It is a simple example of the locally popular combination of Decorative Brick Commercial Style and Stone Commercial Style. The building is still in use as a hotel.

8. Significance:

Area of significance architecture
commerce

Period of significance 1928

Criterion A one of a group of hotels that catered to the tourist and commercial classes.

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The Harvey Hotel, along with the Grand Hotel, were the only two hotels built along Coal Avenue. The earlier hotels that served the railroad traffic (and later the automobile) were built along Railroad Avenue close to the Santa Fe depot. The later hotels, such as the El Rancho (1936) spread out along Railroad Avenue (Route 66) toward the east and west edges of town.

Because the railroad precluded development on the north side of the street building spilled on to adjoining Coal Avenue. Thus from the mid 1920s to the early 1930s the major commercial development was along Coal Avenue. Also as railroad traffic decreased and automobile traffic increased Coal Avenue became the more fashionable development. The Harvey Hotel, modest though it appears, was along with the Grand Hotel the elite of hotels during the 1920s.

Architecturally, the Harvey Hotel is an example of the local variation of the Decorative Brick Commercial Style integrating local sandstone and commercial blonde brick.

9. Major Bibliographical References:

Interviews

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1988

10. Geographical Data: The nominated property consists of the east 10' of Lot 19, all of Lot 20 and the west 14' of Lot 21, Block 32, Original Townsite.

Quadrangle Name: Gallup East

Quadrangle Scale: 7.5 minute

Acreage: less than one acre

UTM References:

Zone 12 Easting 704465 Northing 3933575