



Request Comment to Division of State History

Community & Economic Development

To: Historic Landmark Commissioners

From: Kelsey Lindquist, Associate Planner (kelsey.lindquist@slcgov.com ; 801-535-7930)

Date: January 7, 2016

Re: Proposal to remove Hotel Albert (Arrow Press Square) 121 S. West Temple from the National Register of Historic Places

The Division of State History will give the Historic Landmark Commission, as the Certified Local Government, the opportunity to comment on a request to remove the Hotel Albert (Arrow Press Square) from the National Register of Historic Places. The Hotel Albert was located at 121 S. West Temple in Salt Lake City but was recently demolished. Below, please find information relating to the property. I have also attached a document written by Bradford Westwood, State Historic Preservation Officer, and photographs relating to the structure.

The information includes the following:

- 1. Who made the request?** Bradford Westwood, State Historic Preservation Officer (please see attachment A)
- 2. Does the Property Owner have an opinion of whether the property should be removed from the Register?** The State Historic Preservation Office Staff notified the owner of the property at the same time the City was notified. They have yet to receive a comment; however there is a 30 day waiting period.
- 3. What is the reason someone would want a building delisted?** According to the staff of the State Historic Preservation Office, buildings can be removed from the register either when they are demolished, or when they lose those elements that made them significant and eligible for listing in the first place: Integrity and Significance. The property has been demolished and is since subject to removal from the Register. The primary benefit of delisting is that it ensures the National Register does not get compromised by buildings that do not retain those characteristics that are required to be listed in the first place: their historical integrity and their significance. Once a building has been removed from the National Register it no longer retains any rights or privileges that come with listing, including tax credits for rehabilitation. The Utah State Historic Preservation Office does not typically pursue removals of sites from the National Register, except in the case of demolished buildings, where there is a clear case for removal. However, SHPO staff does not monitor buildings listed on the National Register. They keep track of buildings of which they know do not exist and process several removal requests at a time every couple of years.

- 4. Are there other examples of delisting a property in Salt Lake City?** Cory, Jensen, of the State Historic Preservation Office stated that the only building they recall their office making a request for removal for that was not a demolition was the Redman Building in Sugar House located at approximately 1230 East 2100 South, just because it was so obvious that the integrity was blatantly compromised. In addition, there was a request to remove the Brooks Arcade building in 2014, due to demolition.

- 5. Is the Property still eligible to receive historic tax credits for appropriate modifications?** According to the National Park Service, since the Hotel Albert is individually listed on the National Register, there is no Part 1 required for a tax credit application (to determine if it is eligible for the tax credit process). It was considered a “certified historic structure” for the purposes of the credit just by being individually listed on the National Register.

Request for Delisting from Bradford Westwood



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December 7, 2015

INTERNET PROPERTIES
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Dear Mr. Priskos:

This letter is to notify you of the pending petition to the National Register of Historic Places for the removal from the Register the Hotel Albert (also known as Arrow Press Square; NRHP Listing #82004142), formerly located at 121 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City (the address provided on the NRHP form), which was recently demolished. According to 36 CFR (Code of Federal Regulation) 60.15, properties may be removed from the National Register for a number of reasons, but primarily because of demolition or loss of historical integrity.

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office is required to notify owners of properties listed on the Register, as well as local elected officials and local historic preservation commissions when there is a request to have a property removed from the Register. These parties are given at least a thirty-day period in which to provide comment to our office regarding this matter.

The removal request will be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Review Board at its meeting to be held at 12:15 pm, Thursday, January 21, 2016, in the Board Room of the historic Rio Grande Railroad Depot, located at 300 S. Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Cory Jensen at 801/245-7242 or at coryjensen@utah.gov. Any comments should be received by our office before the Board meeting.

Sincerely,

P. Bradford Westwood
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Mayor Ralph Becker, Salt Lake City; Michaela Oktay, Salt Lake City CLG



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Historic Photo of Hotel Albert



Photo of Hotel Albert being Demolished, Taken by Steve Griffin from The Salt Lake Tribune