
618 S Monroe Way – The Muchow Residence

City Council Public Hearing
April 10, 2023

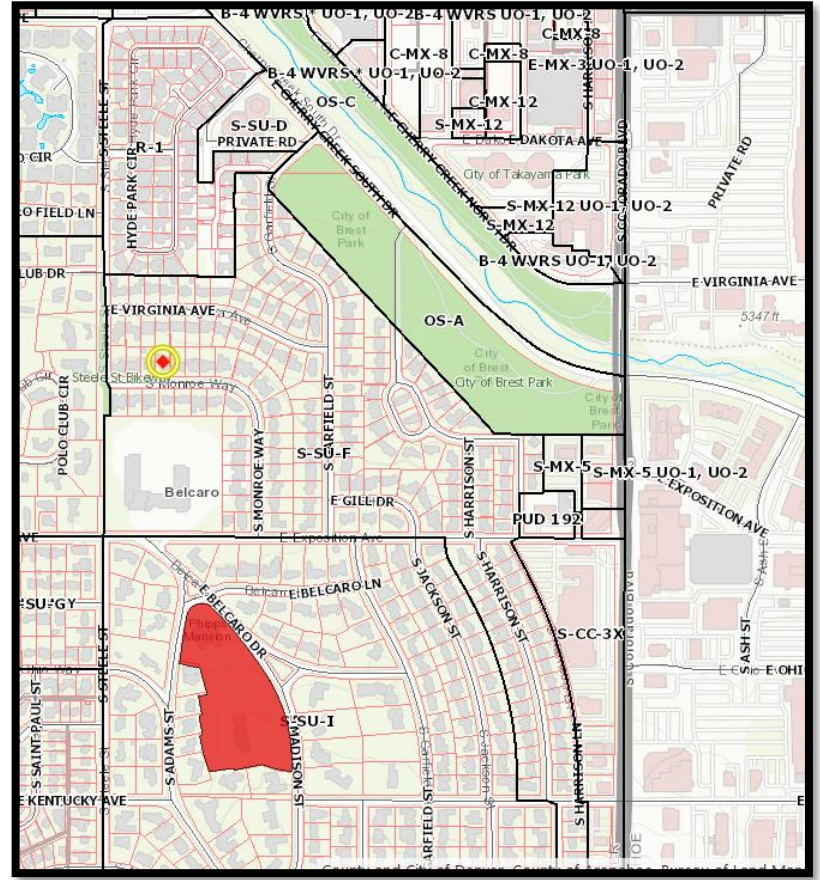
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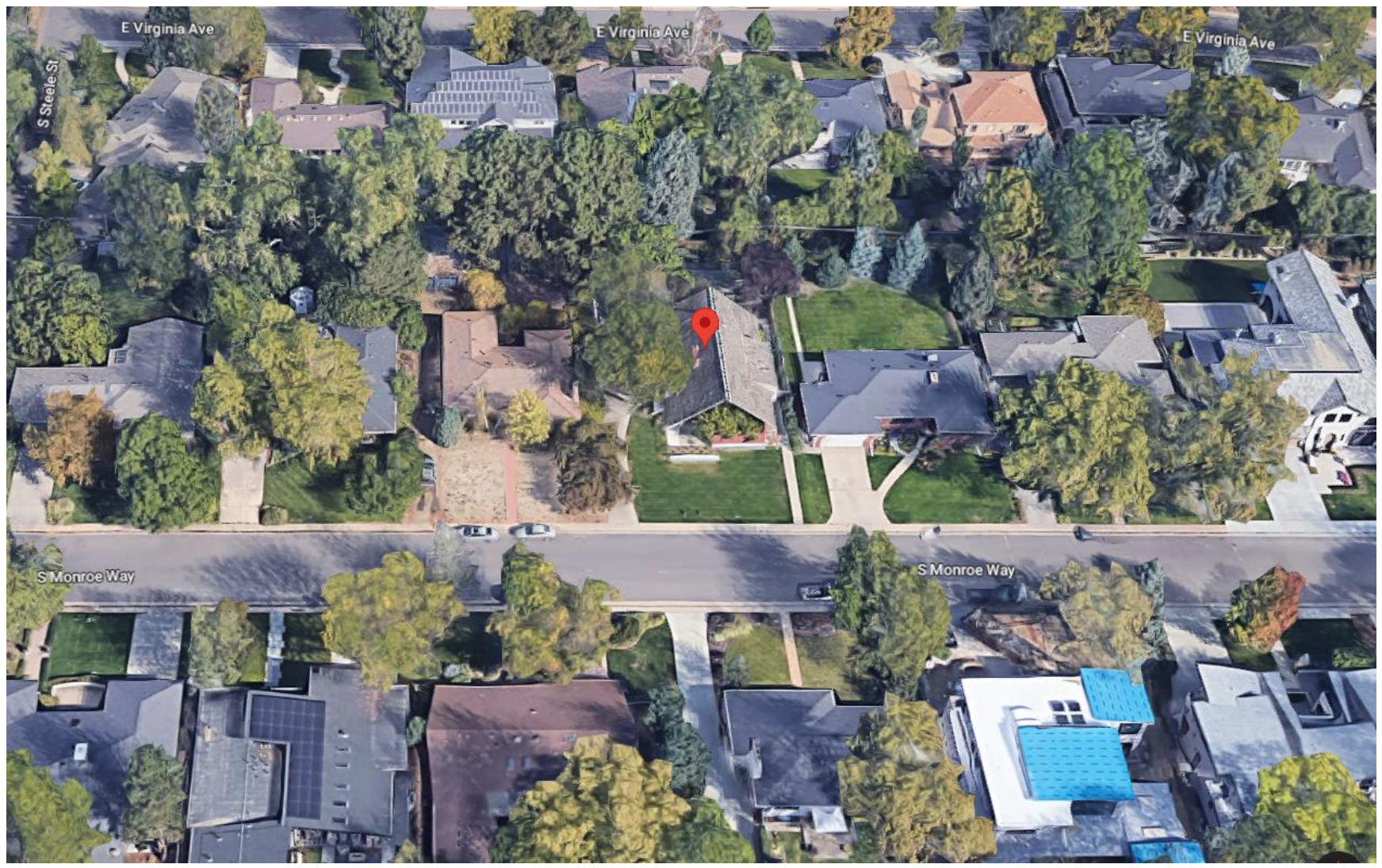
Muchow Residence



Vital Data:

- Neighborhood: Belcaro
- Council District: #10, Chris Hinds
- Zoning: S-SU-F
- Proposed boundary: The west 18 feet of Lot 32 and the east 57 feet of Lot 31, Block 3, Stokes Place Addition







Landmark Designation Eligibility

The structure or district must meet the following criteria *:

- 1. Maintains its integrity
- 2. More than 30 years old, or is of exceptional importance
- 3. Meets at least three of ten criteria
- 4. The LPC considers the historic context

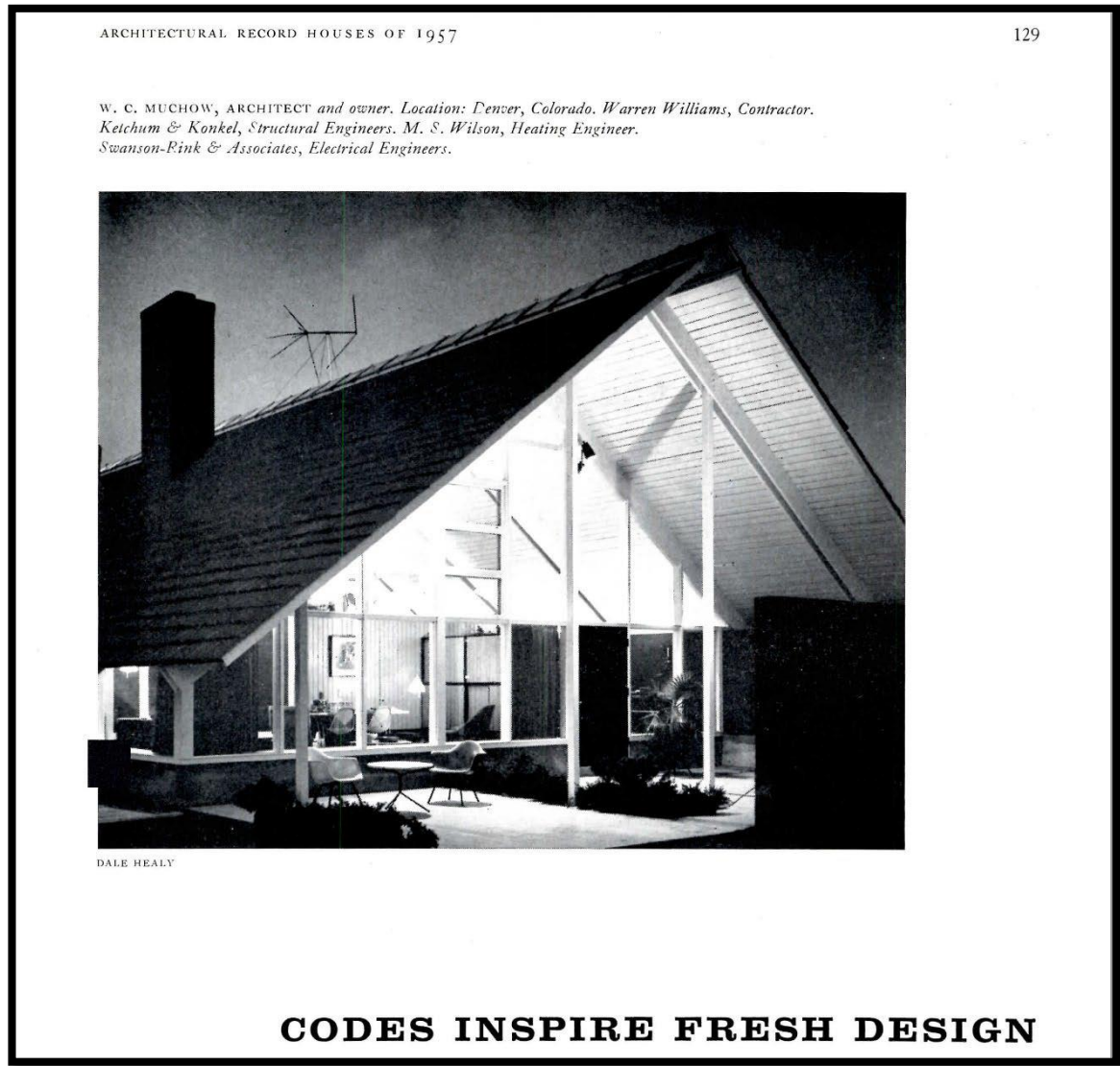
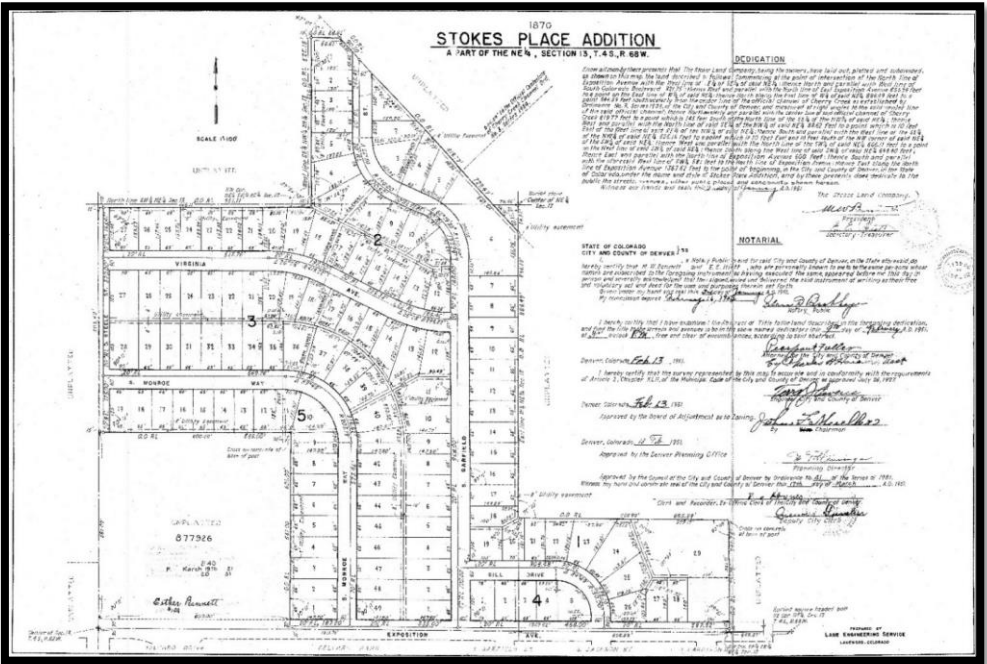
*Per Landmark Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 30, DRMC)

Landmark Designation Criteria

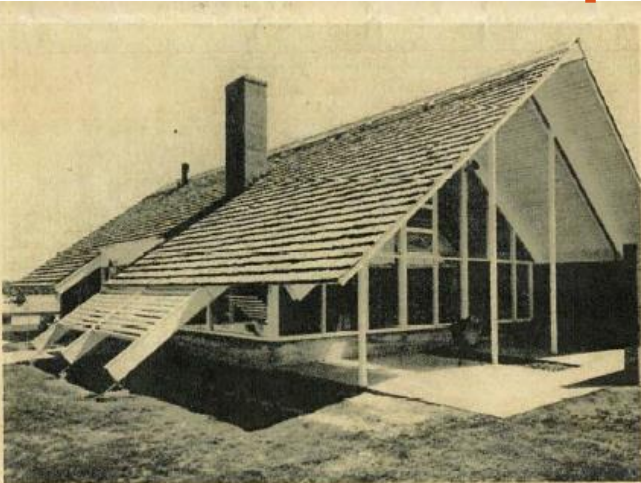
- A. **It has a direct association with a significant historic event or with the historical development of the city, state, or nation;**
- B. It has direct and substantial association with a recognized person or group of persons who had influence on society;
- C. **It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;**
- D. **It is a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder;**
- E. It contains elements of design, engineering, materials, craftsmanship, or artistic merit which represent a significant innovation or technical achievement;
- F. It represents an established and familiar feature of the neighborhood, community or contemporary city, due to its prominent location or physical characteristics;
- G. It promotes understanding and appreciation of the urban environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity;
- H. It represents an era of culture or heritage that allows an understanding of how the site was used by past generations;
- I. It is a physical attribute of a neighborhood, community, or the city that is a source of pride or cultural understanding;
- J. It is associated with social movements, institutions, or patterns of growth or change that contributed significantly to the culture of the neighborhood, community, city, state, or nation.

A. Direct association with historical development of city

- Post war development boom
- Small homes, quick to build
- Suburban growth



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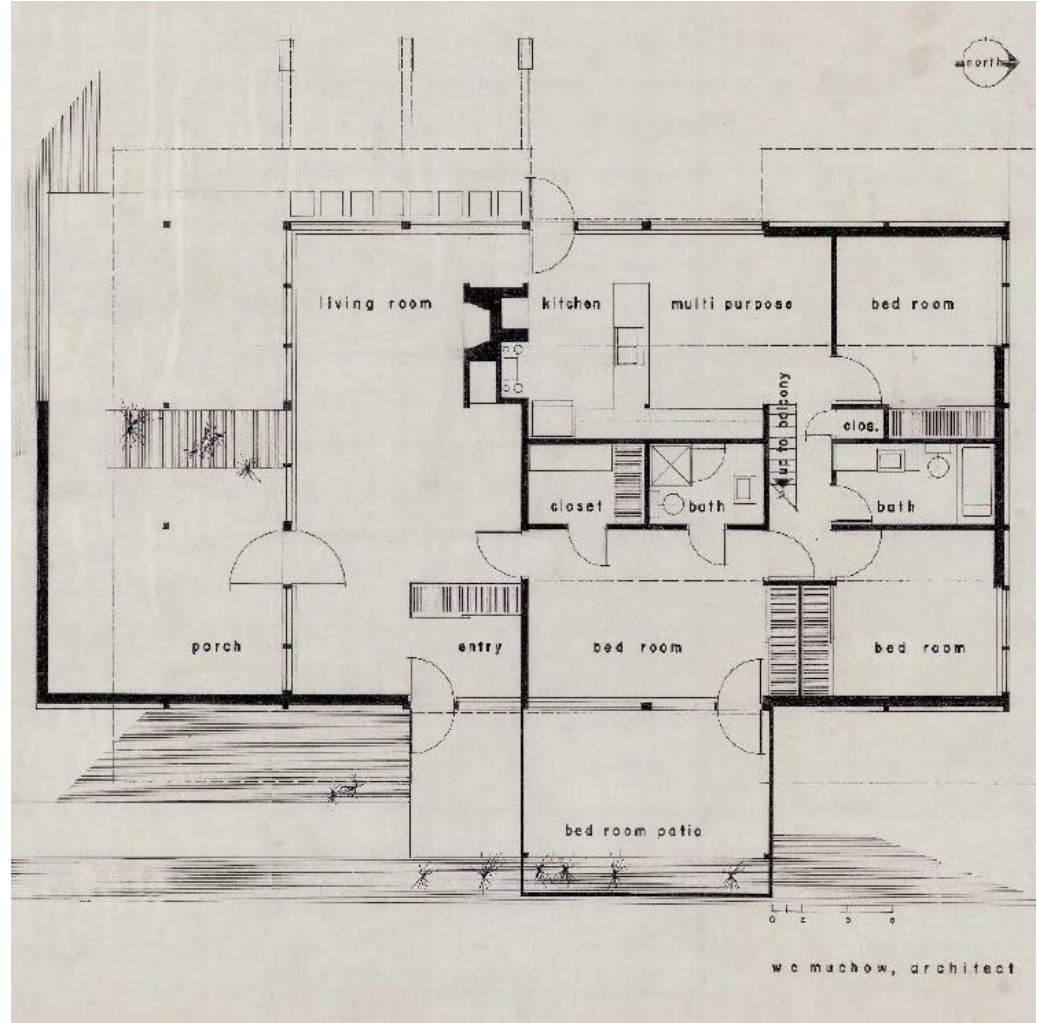
The high pitched, cedar shake roof drops to within a few feet of the ground on the sides, shading the generous expanses of glass.



This is Bill and Priscilla Muchow and daughter Marcy. Kitchen-dinette is gathering place for guests as well as the family.

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Muchow's "modern Colonial"



C. Embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;

Midcentury Modern design

- Geometric volumes
- Simple materials
- Indoor/outdoor space
- Wide overhanging eaves/exposed rafter tails
- Large expanse of glass



D. Is a significant example of the work of a recognized architect

William Muchow, AIA

1968 – elected Fellow to AIA

1950-91 – won 35 AIA awards

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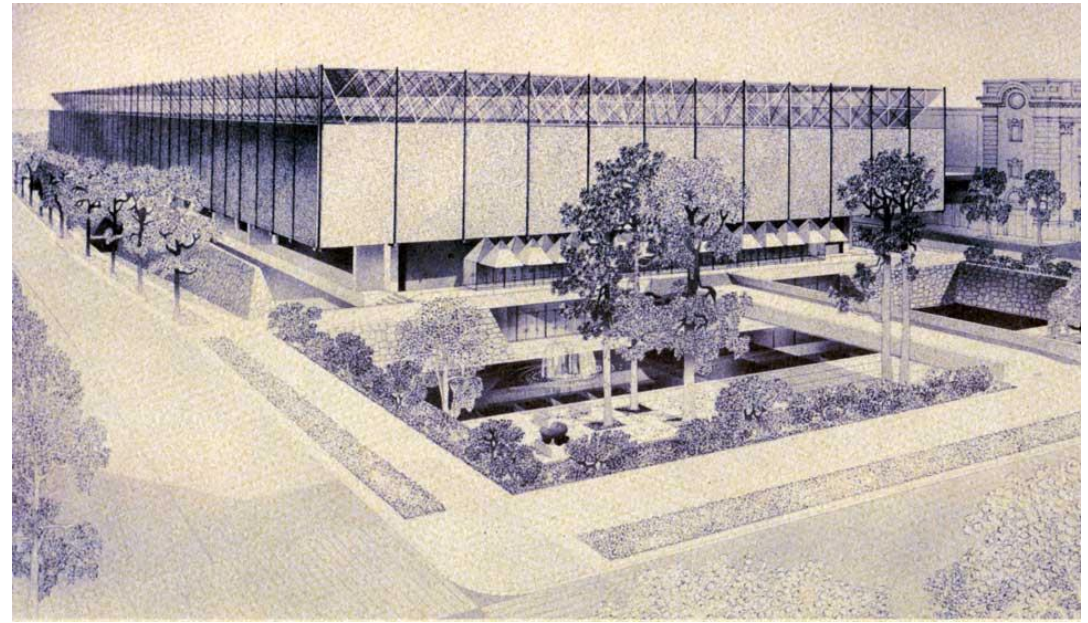
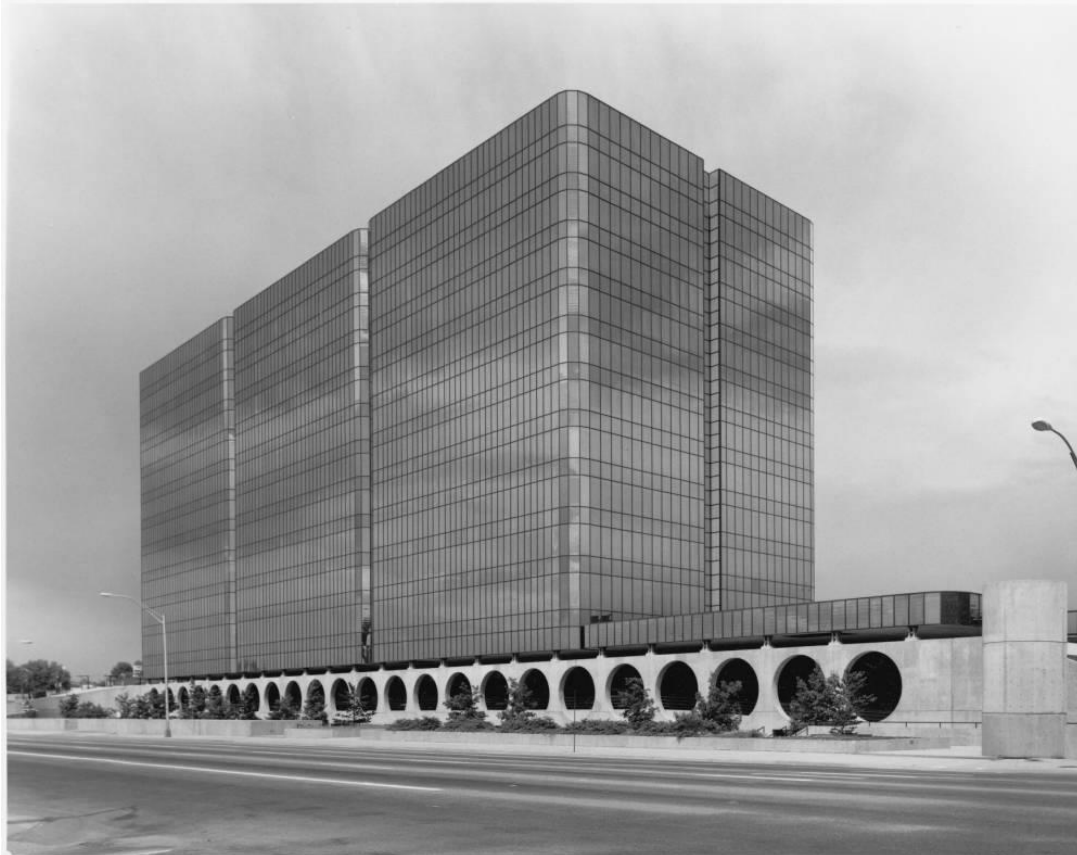
- Architectural Record's Award of Excellence
- Denver Post Empire Magazine – Home of the Month



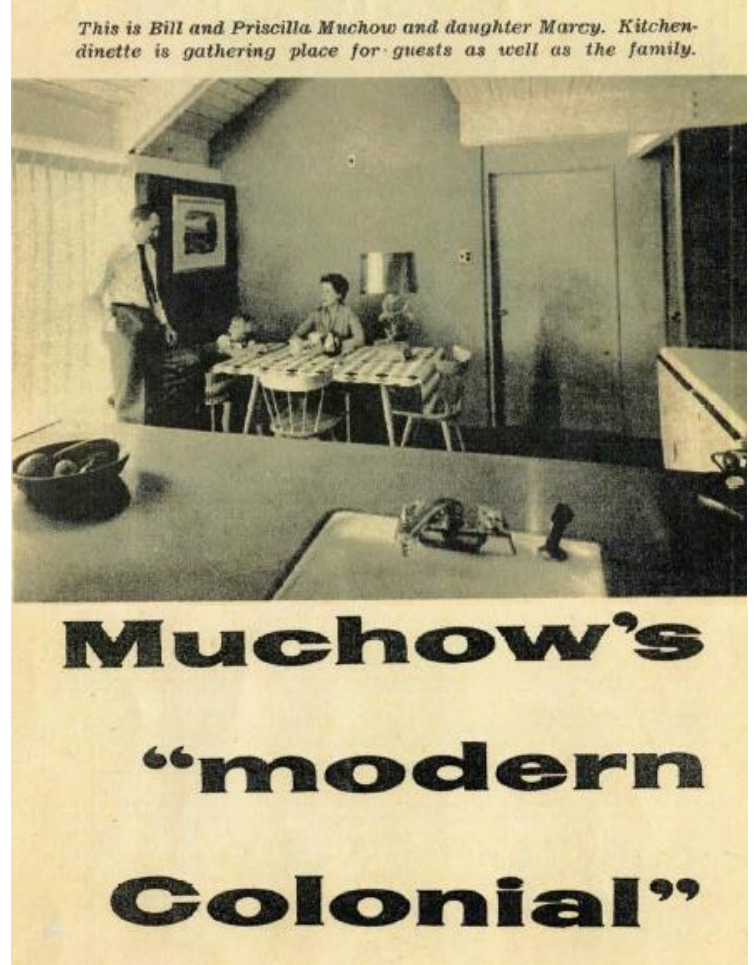
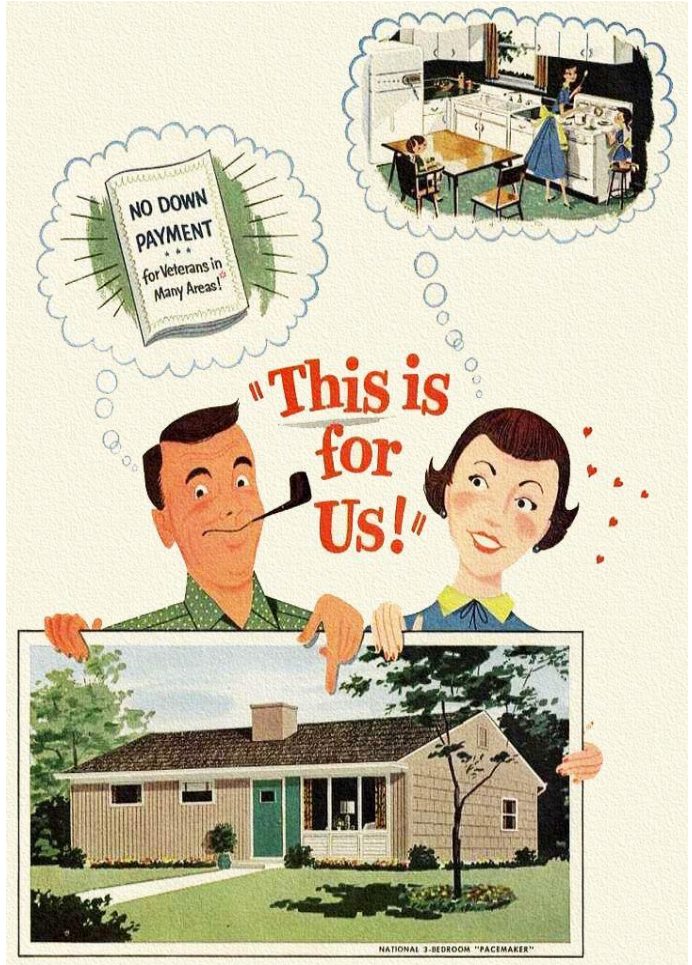
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Notable works:

- BlueCross/Blue Shield Office Building (1975)
- Currigan Hall (demolished)
- 3130 S Monroe Way (similar design)



Historic Context



Period of Significance

- 1954-1975

Integrity

- Retains integrity –
Garage Addition designed by architect; small addition on east elevation does not detract from integrity

Public Comment

- 2 comments –
In favor

Landmark Designation Review Criteria

- Over 30 years of age
- Application meets at least three criteria
 - A. It has a direct association with a significant historic event or with the historical development of the city, state, or nation;
 - C. It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;
 - D. It is a significant example of the work of a recognized architect
- Retains Integrity
- LPC considers the historic context

Based on the ordinance designation criteria and on the findings of the Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) that the application meets the criteria for designation of a structure, CPD staff recommends approval of the application.