Breedlove Restaurant

801 S. Harbor Boulevard 1948

Steamline Moderne

Status: Unrecognized Significant Property



Since it construction in 1948 – replacing a small house on the lot – this two-story building has retained its Streamline Moderne design with only minor alterations. Constructed with reinforced masonry walls, the building's first ground level commercial occupant was the Breedlove Restaurant with Vernon Breedlove as the owner. Then, another restaurant occupied the building: Ted 'N' Zella's Café, one of the most popular spots for high school and college students in the early 1950s. Ted and Zella advertised extensively in the high school and college yearbooks, marking the first time that businesses marketed exclusively to teenagers. Later, former mayor Everett Farnworth and his brother Stan purchased the building and turned it into the Brothers Chuckhouse, a fondly remembered restaurant that stayed in business from 1952 to 1975 – a remarkable run for an eating establishment.

After the building was used primarily as a motel and rental housing in the late 1970s, the current owner bought the property, and in 1986, made substantial interior improvements for its use as a specialty clothing store and restored some of the building's Moderne features on the exterior. That business continues today with the exterior Streamline Moderne design still basically intact.

A one-story addition fronting Harbor boulevard on the south side of the building was constructed in the 1970s and is not part of the initial design of the two-story building.