Historic Libertyville

BEGINNING STREET NUMBER	708
END STREET NUMBER	-
STREET # SUFFIX	-
STREET NAME	N. Milwaukee Avenue
PIN	

Photo Id: MilwaukeeAveN708(1)

LOCAL

WITHIN LOCAL DISTRICT?	No
LOCAL DIST CONTRIB/NON-CONTRIB?	NC
LOCAL LANDMARK?	No
YEAR	-
LOCAL LANDMARK ELIGIBLE?	No
CRITERIA	-

BUILDING DETAILS

BUILDING NAME

Liberty Theater

GROUND FLOOR USE

Theater

UPPER FLOOR USE

N/A

CURRENT OCCUPANT

Liberty Theater

ZONING

C-1

NUMBER OF STORIES

1

PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER

1116303001

NATIONAL REGISTER

NR DISTRICT CONTRIB/NON-CONTRIB

NC

WITHIN DISTRICT?

No

NR LANDMARK?

No

YEAR

-

NR ELIGIBLE?

No

CRITERIA

-

ALTERNATE ADDRESS?

-

GENERAL INFORMATION

CATEGORY

Building

CONDITION

Good

INTEGRITY

Major alterations

CURRENT USE

Recreation and Culture - theater

HISTORIC USE

Recreation and Culture - theater

SECONDARY STRUCTURE

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NR SECOND

-

<u>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION</u>

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION

No Style (altered)

DETAILS

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OTHER YEAR

1968

DATE SOURCE

Illinois Digital Archives/ Permit

WALL MATERIAL (CURRENT)

Brick

WALL MATERIAL 2 (CURRENT)

Wood

PLAN

Rectangular

NO OF STORIES

1

ROOF TYPE

Flat

ROOF MATERIAL

Not Visible

FOUNDATION

Concrete

PORCH

-

WINDOW MATERIAL

Metal

WINDOW MATERIAL 2

-

WINDOW TYPE

pivot

WINDOW CONFIGURATION

Multi-light

SIGNIFICANCE

-

HISTORIC FEATURES

Part of historic marquee remains over main entrance to theater

ALTERATIONS

Theater extensively altered in 1968--vertical marquee partially removed/covered with vertical wood and wood siding; most windows along side bricked in; replacement front entry doors

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo Id: MilwaukeeAveN708(2)

Photo Id: nmilwaukee708

Photo Id: MilwaukeeAveN708(1950s)

Photo Id: MilwaukeeAveN708(1970s)

Photo Id: MilwaukeeAveN708(1920s)

HISTORIC INFORMATION

OLD ADDRESS (CITY DIR.YEAR

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BUILDING MOVED?

-

MOVED FROM

-

ORIGINAL OWNER

-

ORIGINAL ARCHITECT

-

ARCHITECT SOURCE

-

BUILDER

-

SURVEYOR

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SURVEYOR ORGANIZATION

Ramsey Historic Consultants

SURVEY DATE

May-June 2016

SURVEY AREA

Downtown Libertyville

PERMIT/HISTORIC INFORMATION

OLD ADDRESS

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DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

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PERMIT MOVING INFORMATION

MOVING PERMIT #

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DATE MOVED

-

ORIGINAL PERMIT INFORMATION

BUILDING PERMIT #

-

DATE

-

BUILDING PERMIT DESCRIPTION

-

COST

-

ORIGINAL OWNER OCCUPIED?

-

EXTERIOR ALTERATION PERMITS

4765 (12/26/1968)--remodel theater front ($25,875.00);
88-655 (10/25/1988)--remodel interior lobby area

OTHER PERMIT INFORMATION

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HISTORIC INFO

Information included with 1950s photo of Liberty Theatre on Illinois Digital Archives (photo and information provided by Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society and Cook Memorial Public Library)-- "Located on North Milwaukee and Newberry Avenues, the Liberty Theatre opened its doors on August 27, 1937. The owner, Fred W. Dobe, first polled the community to determine whether or not Libertyville was satisfied with the existing moving picture facilities on the second floor of the Gridley Building. When Mr. Dobe was convinced that the area would support a modern theatre, he proceeded with plans for the building. At the time of its opening, the Liberty was admired for its ultramodern design, 700-seat capacity, parking lots and air conditioning. Actor Marlon Brando was employed as a theatre usher for a short time, when he lived in Libertyville between 1939 and 1941. The marquee on this post card reads, "Cary Grant & Katharine Hepburn in 'Holiday' and Comedy and Latest News."

OTHER SOURCES

Historic photograph from the 1950s on Illinois Digital Archives (in collection of Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society and Cook Memorial Public Library)--
http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm/ref/collection/cookmemo11/id/121
http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/cookmemo11/id/1252/rec/1 Assessor's photograph from the 1970s on Illinois Digital Archives (in collection of Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society and Cook Memorial Public Library):
http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/cookmemo11/id/6671/rec/4

HISTORIC INFO COMPILER

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VOLUNTEER

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