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**HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
11.1 REVIEW**

PROJECT NAME: SUZIE CAPPA ART CENTER

PROJECT ADDRESS: 722, 724, 726 St Joseph St and
514, 516, 518 Mt Rushmore Rd

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

REMOVE wall in Alley, remodel and reinforce roof.
Sprinkle 722, 724, 726 and install garage
under roof to accomodate staff parking, Handicap
Van Drop off point and Handicap Van parking
in a covered environment.

YEAR CONSTRUCTED: 1929

HISTORIC DISTRICT:

 West Boulevard Historic District Downtown Historic District Individually Listed Property Environs of West Boulevard Historic District Environs of Downtown Historic District Environs of an Individually Listed Property

STATUS:

 Contributing Non-Contributing

TYPE:

 Commercial Residential**OWNER OF RECORD**Name: MHW LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP

Phone #: 605-341-3502

Fax #: same

Mailing Address: 4821 Capitol Street Rapid City, SD 57702

Owner's Signature: *[Signature]* Date: April 4, 11**APPLICANT (If different from owner of record)**

Name: Brad Saathoff Phone #: 605 718 6200 Fax #: 605 721 0644

Mailing Address: 3659 Range Rd Rapid City SD 57702

Applicant's Signature: Vince Brown, V.P. Date: April, 11

[Signature]
General Partner MHW Limited Partnership



A 21,000-square-foot building downtown that has been in the same family for more than 60 years is for sale.

Pia Wilkins of Rapid City is selling the one-story building that houses UBS, Fierce Modeling and Lakota Ink at the corner of Mount Rushmore Road and St. Joseph Street.

"It was something that was very difficult to decide to do," she said. But, at age 62, she doesn't want the work of managing the building, and her son and daughter aren't interested in taking over.

Wilkins grew up in Sturgis, one of seven children, and remembers coming to Rapid City to shop as a girl and the family going out to eat at the Westwood restaurant that was in the building then.

"When I was a kid in the '50s, it was a big thing to come down to Rapid to eat at the Westwood," Wilkins recalled. "You were really uptown if you ate there."

A brochure from the restaurant at the time advertised "Rapid City's newest and most modern restaurant and cocktail lounge." People who have lived in Rapid City for years still remember it as the nicest restaurant in town in the '50s and '60s, the place to go after work for a drink or for birthdays and celebrations.

The building was owned then by her future father-in-law, Mort Wilkins Sr., and his business partner, Milo Brekhus. Jim Brekhus, Milo Brekhus' son, lives in Rapid City and said the building replaced the original structure on the lot sometime in the '50s or early '60s. The original building was called the D&H garage, and when Wilkins and Brekhus bought it, they bought a Chrysler Plymouth franchise, which didn't operate during World War II but started selling cars again in 1945. Wilkins and Brekhus moved the dealership to what is today the Bradsky building at Main Street and West Boulevard, and put in the Westwood restaurant, Brekhus said.

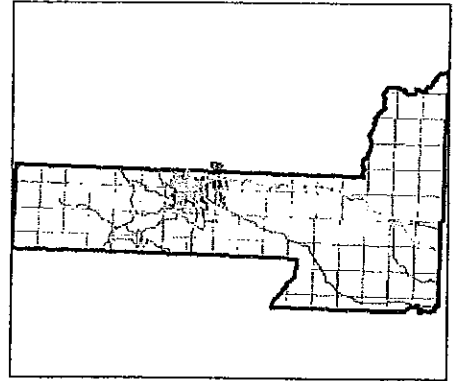
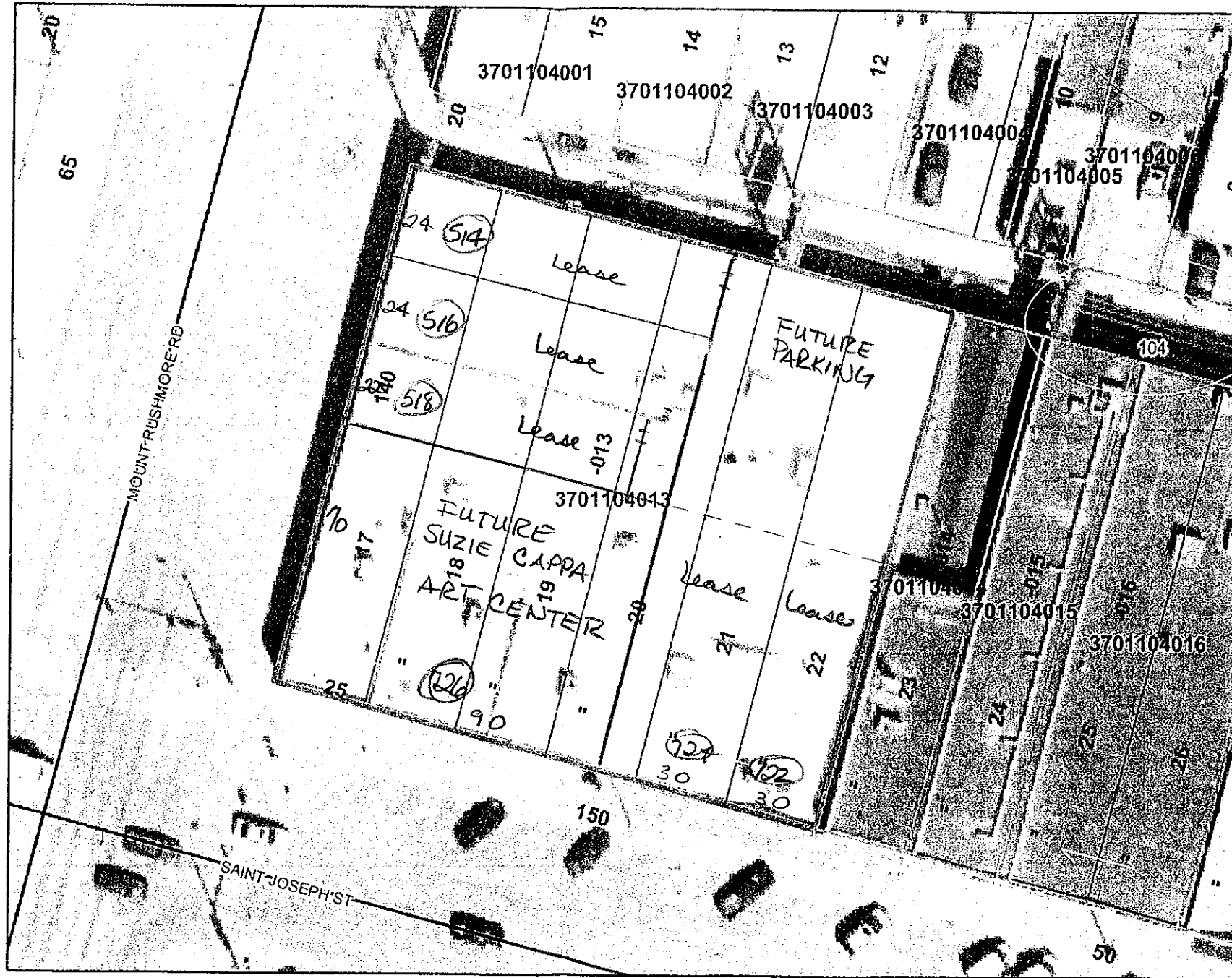
Wilkins' late husband, Mort Wilkins Jr., an attorney and former state's attorney in Rapid City, owned the building after his father.

Over the years it has housed a variety of businesses, including a bowling alley, taxi company, the car dealership and more, Wilkins said. She said it has high visibility and has been well-maintained.

Realtor Gale Johnson is listing the building for \$1.4 million, including 16 parking spots in a lot across the street at 511 Mount Rushmore Road. The building is fully leased with six tenants; most recently, an empty spot was filled by a political candidate's campaign.

"It's one of the most visible corners in Rapid City," Johnson said. While the building itself doesn't stand out among the taller, more ornate downtown architecture, "everybody knows Mount Rushmore Road and St. Joe."

BHWS SUZIE CAPPA PROJECT

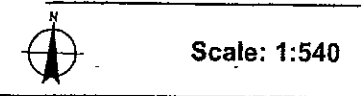


Legend

- Roads**
- Not classified
- Interstate
- US Highway
- SD Highway
- County Highway
- Main Road
- Minor Arterial
- Collector
- Ramp
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Unimproved Road
- Trail
- other
- Not yet coded
- Parcel Cartography Text
- Parcel Cartography Lines
- CORNER TIC
- UNCLASSIFIED LINE TYPE
- DIMENSION TIC
- LOT FROM/TO
- IN-OUT MARK
- MINERAL RIGHTS
- TAX BLOCK NUMBER
- PARCEL HOOK
- PARCEL TIP
- RR CENTERLINE
- SUBDIVISION
- TEXT ARROW
- Parcel Text
- Township/Section lines
- SECTION
- TOWNSHIP
- Parcel Number Labels



Map center: 44° 4' 51.13" N, 103° 13' 49.65" W



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