

The History Central Park Tower (Part I)

OUR building at 1511 Farnam has quite a history. In the 1890's it was known as the McTague Hotel. In those days it was a three story Victorian that James Hugh McTague (1858-1926) opened as a hotel which featured a grill room and an oyster bar. Reportedly Buffalo Bill Cody and perhaps Wild Bill Hickok were guests. In fact, Buffalo Bill's wild west show was part of Omaha's 1898 Trans-Mississippi Exposition (Omaha's World Fair). Joseph Henshaw purchased the property and upgraded it as "Henshaw's European Hotel" in 1896. By 1898 it boasted of a ground floor cafe and grill room. In addition, it had a Ladies Cafe

open from 6 am until 2 am which was very popular. Rooms started at one dollar per day. The basic building that we are living in was eight floors built of re-inforced concrete completed in 1908. It provided 160 rooms featuring telephones and private baths. For decades, the Henshaw Hotel was ground zero for social networking in Omaha. The hotel had a major fire in 1940 and began to lose favor. By 1962, the building had been completely refurbished and opened as the Diplomat and advertised itself as " Omaha's only new downtown motor hotel". The old building was clad in the steel sheets we now see. It had 150 air-conditioned

guest rooms with free TV and radio. It also had lounges and dining rooms capable of seating 450 people. By 1963, the property was sold again and re-branded as the Prom-Diplomat. The Prom-Diplomat remained in use through the 1970s. However, by 1976, the City Directory listed it as "vacant." In 1980 it was listed as multi-tenant residential property with no name. In 1985 the property was known as the Central Park Towers and later as the Central Park Tower Apartments. In 1999 there was a major renovation. *To Be Continued ...*



1908 Henshaw Hotel



1940 Fire Damage

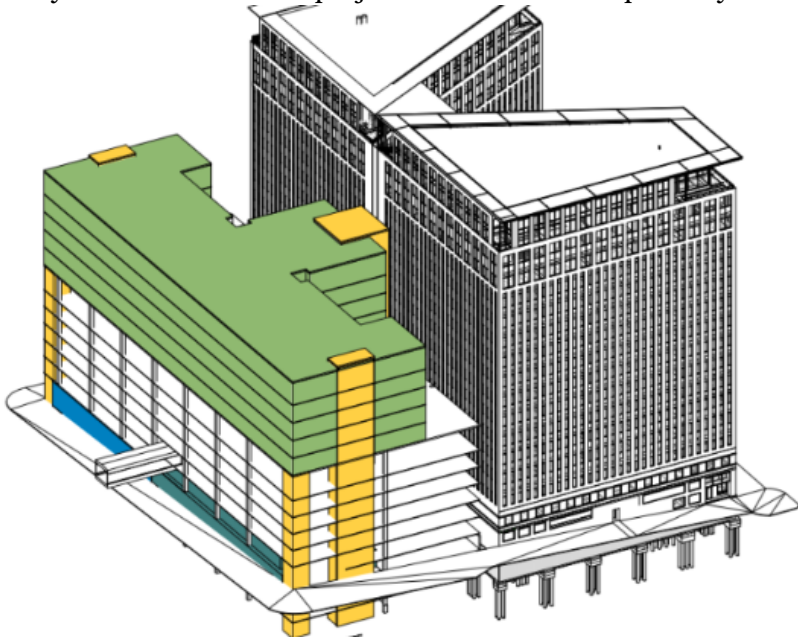


1960 Diplomat Hotel

The Duo



975 up to 1600 dollars per month for one bedrooms. Sullivans Restaurant will remain where it is and other retailers will follow. The plan will have another 150 apartments on the North side of Farnam Street and West side of 16th Street. Almost every day, Central Park Tower residents witness the razing of the old Parkfair Mall across the street. It will be replaced with a new parking garage with apartments and a swimming pool above. The Duo will also be adding a 17th floor and a sky bridge. NuStyle Development says that the whole project should be complete by 2027.



ACROSS the street on the north side, the twin towers of Central Park Towers (now called "The Duo") is being transformed into about 700+ apartments mixed between 1,2, and 3 bedrooms. Rents are said to range from

The Streetcar

THE Streetcar is eventually coming and will be free to ride. Right now, Central Park Residents can see the crews begin to work between 14th and 15th Streets on Farnam Street with the lane restrictions. We will witness over several years Omaha Public Power District, Metropolitan Utilities District, Omaha Public Works, and many other utilities relocate services including power, fiber, cable, water, gas, and sewer to prepare for Streetcar construction. Eventually, you will be able to ride West to 42nd and Farnam Street (Nebraska Medicine) or East to 10th Street.



Survey for Community Room Use

Would you like low-stakes or gift based BINGO in the Community Room?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

Would you like CHURCH SERVICES available in the Community Room?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

Would you like SEASONAL PARTIES (Summer, Christmas, etc.) available in the Community Room?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

Would you like COOKING CLASSES available in the Community Room?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

Would you like ALCOHOLIC/NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings available in the Community Room?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

Would you like to upgrade our EXERCISE/PHYSICAL THERAPY equipment in the

Community Room?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

Would you like to invite various SPEAKERS (Veterans, Crime Stoppers, etc.) to the Community Room?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

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