

Franklin Street, S.W.

When it opened on July 11, 1968, Campau Commons was Grand Rapids' first low-income housing project. The project was intended to be centered around the Campau Park School and recreation area, including the large above-ground circular public swimming pool. When completed in the early 1970's, it had taken up much of the former Campau Park with its walkways and gardens; completely vacated Ionia Avenue between Franklin and Albany, all of Agnew Avenue and Ryerson Street, and Antoine, Delaware, and most of Albany west of Ionia; and further eliminated all the buildings on the west side of Division from Franklin to Albany, on the south side of Franklin west of Division, on the north side of Albany, and on all the remaining portions of Antoine and Delaware Streets. The project's townhouses, duplexes, and single units were all poorly built, and quickly came to be regarded by many as a slum. The homes were addressed on Division Avenue, Franklin Street, Antoine Street, and Commons Avenue, a new north-south thoroughfare connecting Antoine and Delaware west of the old Ionia Avenue. A few tenants were long-time residents, and Campau Commons was home to some 350 people in 112 households. They were gradually moved out in the first part of 2006, and the old project was demolished in the late summer of that year. Completion of a newly developed Campau Commons was anticipated for November, 2007. It was to include 60 townhouses, 32 duplexes, a new community center, and an expanded park.

11			<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>
14	06/21/72	4214	Urban Renewal--Pitsch
15-17	05/03/76	5056	Neighborhood Improvement Rehabilitated.
17	12/04/81	7109	Campau Project No cutoff.
19-21	11/12/80	6036	Economic Development-- Campau Commons
21	07/24/81	7048	Campau Project
23-25	11/19/73	4506	Pitsch
26	03/17/71	3824	<i>Urban Renewal--Pitsch 2-story frame dwelling.</i>
28-30	02/09/70	3341	<i>Urban Renewal--Pitsch Duplex flat.</i>
31	06/28/88	7786	King-Kennedy Day Care Center.
32			<i>2-story frame dwelling at west rear of 28-30.</i>
36-38-40	01/23/70	3342	<i>Urban Renewal--Pitsch Large apartment house with attached apartments at 40.</i>
37-39	03/13/81	7006	Campau Project 1-story frame stores.
41	10/14/80	6009	Economic Development
44-46	12/06/67 01/23/70	2583 3343	<i>Cooke Urban Renewal--Pitsch (cancelled) Double house.</i>
45	10/14/80	6010	Economic Development
47	03/08/74	4520	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
50	05/04/71	3851	<i>Urban Renewal--Pitsch 2-story frame dwelling.</i>
51	07/24/81	7047	Campau Project

115	08/15/78	5585	Great Lakes
115	Franklin S.W. Franklin Street Station. The Grand Rapids Fire Department occupied this "super station" on December 26, 1979, relocating Engine 7 from Madison & Franklin, Engine 10 from Division & Brown, and Truck 2 from Hall & Grandville to this new facility. That arrangement continued until 2006, when Engine 7 was permanently replaced by a small medical emergency vehicle, Squad 7.		
119	08/15/78	5586	Great Lakes
121	05/24/68	2729	C.I. & I.S.
	06/04/68	2742	Safeway
125	08/15/78	5587	Great Lakes
126	06/24/68	2754	C.I. & I.S.
		2759	Pitsch
127	<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>		
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139	02/24/61	252	<i>William G. Roodvoets</i>
144	<i>Coal yard.</i>		
145	06/19/97	8732	Old Franklin Fuel Co. office. 2-story brick building had been built to meet the height of the viaduct.

201-11 1937
1-story frame warehouse.

Franklin & US-131 S.W. GRP photo 01/14/60 1. "Ramp Linking US131,
Overpass Begins to Rise." Franklin Street viaduct to open in February,
1960.

321 04/03/69 3010 Cooke

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329 03/21/66 2136 Diamond Salvage

335 *04/03/69 3009 Cooke*
2-story frame dwelling.

400 05/22/95 8498 McMaster
Old Franklin Street Christian School.

405 11/25/96 8689 Bogard, Inc.

405½-r 11/15/74 4673 Urban Renewal--Cross
No gas.

426 *Gas station, s.e. corner Franklin & Grandville.*

439 11/16/70 3688 Dohm

443 11/10/83 7230 Neighborhood Improvement--Courtade

450 08/21/62 1347 M. Kelly
To reuse sewer and water mains.