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GENTLE STRENGTH CO-OP

234 WEST UNIVERSITY DRIVE

Founded in the early 1970's, Gentle Strength is a cooperative originally located in a building along West Fifth Street on property acquired for what later became the Mission Palms Hotel redevelopment. Gentle Strength was relocated to the former O'Malley's Lumber Yard in 1984. A complete renovation of the 1.63-acre site and structures resulted in 15,000 square feet of usable grocery, storage, office and meeting space.

public role: Co-Op was relocated to this site as part of the assembly of the site for the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. Hotel developer provided relocation funding that made possible, in part, the acquisition of the Co-Op site.

developer: Gentle Strength Co-Op

architect: Janus Associates (James Woodward)

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ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTER

131 EAST 6TH STREET /
616 SOUTH FOREST AVENUE

The Cultural Center is the first truly mixed-use project in the downtown, with restaurant, residential, office and worship facilities all located on the 1.0-acre site. One- and two-story buildings define courtyards, address the street frontage and are designed to reflect traditional Islamic architecture. The initial project was completed in 1984; subsequent minor additions expanded the worship center.

public role: Privately funded project; usage of City alley for internal site circulation

developer: Phoenix Masjid & Islamic Institute Project

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