



September 8, 2011

Savannah Jameson
Denver Landmark and Preservation Commission
City & County of Denver

CC. Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, Amy Zimmer, Charlie Woolley

RE: 2526 East Colfax Avenue - Bonfils Lowenstein Theater

Dear Ms. Jameson:

CHUN is a registered neighborhood organization, which was formed in 1969 for the area of Denver bounded by Broadway, East First Avenue, Colorado Boulevard and East 22d Avenue. CHUN's mission is to preserve the past, improve the present and plan for the future of Greater Capitol Hill. CHUN currently owns and occupies the Historic Tears-MacFarlane Mansion at 1290 Williams, which is on the north edge of Cheesman Park.

At the regularly scheduled monthly meeting the Board of Delegates, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) **unanimously** voted in favor of the following motion on August 18, 2011:

CHUN should support designation of the Bonfils / Lowenstein Theater as a Denver Landmark.

BACKGROUND – The Bonfils / Lowenstein Theater was designed in 1949 by John K. Monroe (a local architect), and was constructed in 1953. It was funded by Helen Bonfils, owner and publisher of the *Denver Post* and also a leader in Denver civic theater. It is prominently located on the south side of Colfax Avenue just opposite the Sullivan Gateway and City Park Esplanade, which runs directly to the west of East High School.

Built in the Art Moderne architectural style, the Bonfils / Lowenstein Theater was purchased by the St. Charles Town Company in 2005, and is now occupied by the Tattered Cover Bookstore.

The application was prepared by Historic Denver, in consultation with CHUN. Submittal of the application was approved and paid for by the St. Charles Town Company, which is the current owner.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

Roger Armstrong
Executive Director