

From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
To: [Bartleson, Debra - City Council](#)
Subject: FW: Historic designation for Beth Eden support
Date: Monday, May 19, 2014 10:13:27 AM



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From: marjorie.alexander@gmail.com [mailto:marjorie.alexander@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Marjorie Alexander
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2014 11:04 AM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: Historic designation for Beth Eden

Hello Ms. Jameson.

Please support the efforts of Historic Denver to designate Beth Eden as a historic property.

Thank you,

Marjorie Alexander
3249 W. Fairview Place #101
Denver, CO 80211

From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
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Subject: FW: Save Beth Eden
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From: Mark Barnhouse [mailto:m.barnhouse@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 9:46 PM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: Save Beth Eden

Dear Ms. Jameson,

I strongly support the proposal to declare the old Beth Eden Baptist Church, on Lowell Boulevard near West 32nd Avenue, a historic landmark so that it can be saved from potential demolition, and, ideally, adaptively reused.

Adaptive re-use could include conversion into condominiums, commercial space, or a number of other purposes. Any of these would add to the vitality of the neighborhood; allowing the building to be potentially demolished would prevent that from happening.

Also, a building like Beth Eden, placed as it is near a popular commercial district, acts as a sort of visual anchor for that district. None of the older buildings in the commercial district are spectacular in themselves, but as a group they are quite wonderful. The church has been part of the composition for more than eight decades (and its predecessor building for three decades prior to that); removing it would reduce the appeal of the 32nd & Lowell area, and make it feel less "special" than it is. The building must be protected.

Thank you.

Mark Barnhouse
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Author of *Northwest Denver* (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2012)

From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
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From: Marie Benedix [mailto:marie.benedix@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 7:52 AM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: Please save Beth Eden

Hi Savannah,
could you please ensure this gets included in today's hearing? Thank you! Marie

Dear Councilmen and -women,

Beth Eden has been a community landmark and gathering place for decades, and is very important for the neighborhood character that makes our area unique.

Certain key landmarks tell the story of where we've come from, as a community. Beth Eden tells me of the ambitions our founders had for a better life in the Highlands, and it connects with my story of why I am here today. Tall and located on a high site, it looks out over all of the Highland Square embedded business district. When shoppers see it, it reminds them of where they are and the unique character that they appreciate in choosing their shopping destination.

When I see it, I know I'm home.

Please consider the value Beth Eden brings, both to current residents and shoppers, as well as to a future development on the site. Preserving the church will help set the tone for a development and help integrate it into the fabric of the neighborhood.

Thank you for listening to constituents.

Please preserve Beth Eden,

Marie Benedix

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From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
To: [Bartleson, Debra - City Council](#)
Subject: FW: I support historic designation of Beth Eden Church
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From: Mark Bliesener [<mailto:mark@bandguru.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 4:56 PM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: I support historic designation of Beth Eden Church

Ms. Jameson:

I am a long time (30 years) resident of the Highland Square neighborhood.
Beth Eden Church is a significant landmark in our community and cornerstone of my neighborhood. It is also the only Tudor Revival church in Denver. I trust that you agree that our history is important, will act to recognize the significance of Beth Eden Church by approving historic designation. Thanks very much.

All the best,
Marl Bliesener
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Denver CO 80211
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From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
To: [Bartleson, Debra - City Council](#)
Subject: FW: I support historic designation for Beth Eden Church - support
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From: Dennis Cox [mailto:dox37@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 7:54 AM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: I support historic designation for Beth Eden Church

Beth Eden Church has been a significant landmark in this community for over 80 years. It stands as a reminder of the missionary purposes of our earliest settlers, and was designed by William Norman Bowman one of Denver's most prominent architects. It is the only Tudor Revival church in Denver. The application contains much additional information about its significance and its designation was unanimously recommended by the Landmark Preservation Commission because it meets all 3 of the designation criteria. I trust that you agree that our history is important and that you will act to recognize the significance of Beth Eden Church by approving historic designation.

Dennis Cox

From: [Ray / Pat Defa](#)
To: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#); [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: Support of the Beth Eden Landmark Designation
Date: Monday, May 19, 2014 2:12:23 PM

May 19, 2014

Denver City Council,

I am in support of the Landmarking of the Beth Eden Church as it has a unique building character that adds value to our City and our neighborhoods. The church structure provides a sense of place and of history.

This church not only has historic significance, but is a well-loved landmark in the West Highland community because of its strategic location, its height, sighting and visibility from virtually everywhere on the commercial district known as Highland Square.

The Landmark Preservation Commission agrees that this unique building is worthy of preservation. They unanimously supported the application for historic designation, stating that Beth Eden meets all 3 criteria for designation (history, architecture, and geography).

Historic designation of Beth Eden should have no adverse effect on the landowner because: A previous development plan that included the church building had no negative effects on the viability of the development; With imaginative design, adaptive reuse of historic structures can add value to development; There will be no design-review over modifications to the interior, which we expect will be significant. This landowner has been quoted in the press as not caring one way or the other whether the church building remains as part of the development.

Thank you for your time, and please support this Historic Designation of the Beth Eden Church at 3241 Lowell Blvd.

Ray Defa

West Highland/Northwest Denver Resident for 35+ years

WHNA Preservation Design Review Committee member

From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
To: [Bartleson, Debra - City Council](#)
Subject: FW: I support historic designation of Beth Eden Church
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From: steph80211@gmail.com [<mailto:steph80211@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Stephanie Goldammer
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 12:22 PM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: I support historic designation of Beth Eden Church

Beth Eden Church is a significant landmark in this community, and is a reminder of the missionary purposes of the earliest settlers in this area. It is a tribute to their dedication that, during the Depression, they hired one of Denver's most prominent architects (William Norman Bowman) to design the church and donated over 1200 hours of labor. It is the only Tudor Revival church in Denver. The application contains much more information about the Church's significance; it was unanimously recommended by the Landmark Preservation Commission for designation because it meets all 3 of the criteria for designation. I trust that you agree that our history is important, and that you will act to recognize the significance of Beth Eden Church by approving historic designation.

Thank you,
Stephanie

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From: Kim Johnson [<mailto:kim@themadeshop.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 4:25 PM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: Save Beth Eden

Hi Savannah,

We are unable to attend the hearing on Monday regarding Beth Eden, but wanted to send an email to show our support in preserving Beth Eden as a historic landmark for the community. For us it isn't about the zoning or development, but the significance of the building in the neighborhood. We live on Moncrieff, just down the street front the building and pass it multiple times a day - it is part of our historic neighborhood and it is buildings like these that keeps the special character in the area. My husband actually went to church in this building in the 80s as a child and has fond memories of what both the building and area around it hold. Please do not let Beth Eden be torn down!

Thank you for hearing our side and letting us show our support. Save Beth Eden and the character it adds to the West Highlands neighborhood.

Best,
Kim & Marke Johnson
3428 W. Moncrieff Place Denver, CO 80211

From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
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From: mickey maroon [<mailto:mikimaroon@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 6:48 AM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: I support historic designation for Beth Eden church

I have been a resident of the West Highlands neighborhood for 15 years living at the historically designated Fairview Lofts. I know that every building can't be preserved but Beth Eden is a neighborhood landmark and historically significant. It is the only Tudor Revival church in Denver and it was designed by the esteemed Denver architect William Norman Bowman. It has been the gathering place for many community activities and important family milestones as well as the site of the founding of Denver's Little League. Please preserve Beth Eden church for future generations. Than you, Mickey Maroon aka Mary S Maroon

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
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From: Monika McDonald [mailto:oes_fan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 10:29 AM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: I support Historic Designation for Beth Eden Church

Hi Savannah,

I am writing to express my support for historic designation for the Beth Eden Church. As you know, this is the only Tudor Revival church in Denver and was designed by one of the most prominent architects of his time, William Norman Bowman. A Beth Eden Church has stood at this site since 1892 and this church itself was over 80 years ago. The history of the church alone is impressive with the congregation donating 1200 hours of labor. Additionally, the historic designation application passed by unanimous vote on all three criteria with the Landmark Preservation Commission. I believe the application speaks for itself in support of historic designation.

To lose this Depression era structure would be beyond tragic. While I am most likely unable to attend the May 19th hearing, I still wanted my voice heard. Please pass along this email of support to the council so they know yet another citizen in the neighborhood supports the historic designation of this worthy and significant landmark in West Highlands.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Monika McDonald
3434 Julian St.
Denver, CO 80211

From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
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From: Dan Province [<mailto:danprov@mac.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2014 9:18 PM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Cc: marie.benedix@gmail.com
Subject: Save Beth Eden

To whom it may concern,

I work in the West Highlands neighborhood, near the Beth Eden church. I feel it is a vital landmark that helps give the neighborhood a special character. My late parents were married at Highlands Methodist church down the street back in the 1950s.

These buildings help connect us all to the history of families and lifelong friends. It would be a shame to lose this charming structure that could still be a center of activity both spiritual and social. Please save Beth Eden!

Sincerely,
Dan Province

From: [Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development](#)
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From: John Van Sciver [<mailto:john.vansciver@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 11:59 AM
To: Jameson, Savannah - Community Planning and Development
Subject: Support for the historic designation of Beth Eden Church

Dear Savannah,

As a past member of CHUN historic preservation committee, and the Denver Old House Society, I strongly support the application for historic designation of Beth Eden Church. The Church was designed by one of Denver's most prominent architects, and it is the only Tudor Revival church in Denver; two key criteria for Landmarking in the city. I speak as an individual Denver resident, involved with historic preservation for the past 20 years.

Thank You,

John W. Van Sciver
Member CHUN, CPN, SCPNA, and CPFAN