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Nomination of the Hegner House for Denver Landmark Status

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Owner Statement

We must give full credit for our purchase of the Hegner House in June 1990 to the extraordinary efforts of Michael Paglia and Robert Delaney. They worked tirelessly to make it happen; in the knowledge that we would take seriously our duty to preserve this one-of-a-kind property for posterity. We also want to acknowledge the contributions of the late Frank Hegner, son of Casper Hegner, the architect and builder of Hegner house. Finally, we want to thank Rodd Wheaton for his research, encouragement and support that has made our effort to obtain the Denver Landmark designation possible.

One cannot help but be impressed by this house and property: it is perfectly sited and surrounded by a retaining wall that overlooks E. Dakota Avenue to the south and South University Boulevard to the east. The Hegner House is a prime example of the International Style based on the Bauhaus school of architecture. It was the first International Style residence built in Denver, pure in style, minimalist, with no exterior ornament including curves and superfluous detailing.

Casper Hegner, a well-known architect, designed this house in what he believed would be the new architecture of the future having graduated from Princeton in the 1930s. We are seeking Landmark Status to highlight Hegner's contribution to the mid-century modernist movement in Denver; as well as to the preservation of the International Style. The Hegner House is the only unaltered structure on our block since 1949 (when Hegner added the north wing addition). The frequent redevelopment of properties in our neighborhood has only strengthened our resolve to protect the Hegner House. In sum, we are seeking Landmark designation for the Hegner House so we can protect this structure for future generations.

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February 16, 2024

Denver Landmark
Preservation Commission
201 W. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Denver Landmark Preservation Commission:

I am a Denver resident of over 20 years. I live in a historic neighborhood and understand the value of these critical components of our built environment. I am writing this letter in support of designation of the Hegner House at 2323 E. Dakota Ave.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jay B. Homstad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jay B. Homstad
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