



**TO:** Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Jeanne Robb, Chair and Judy Montero, Co-Chair

**FROM:** Savannah Jameson, Community Planning & Development

**DATE:** October 4, 2011

**RE:** Proposed Designation of a Landmark for Preservation:  
1515 East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, The Waldman

## **I. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

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Lots 14 to 20, inclusive, together with a strip of land adjoining on the East of said Lots, which strip lies between and adjoins the rear or the East lot lines of said Lots 14 to 20, inclusive, and the West boundary line of Cheesman Park, Block 16, "INSLEE'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF DENVER" (AMENDED MAP), City and County of Denver, State of Colorado

## **II. HISTORY OF THE APPLICATION**

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- The full Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) reviewed the application on August 16, 2011 and found it to be complete and the building eligible for designation.
- LPC held the public hearing on September 20, 2011. LPC voted unanimously to forward the application to City Council with a recommendation of approval.

## **III. LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION FINDINGS**

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### **Significance**

1515 E 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue meets the criteria for designation, meeting criterion 2B Architecture and criterion 3A geography.

### **Architectural Significance**

***To have architectural importance, the structure or district shall have design quality and integrity, and shall:***

***b) Be a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder;***

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1515 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue is the design of the firm Fisher and Fisher, whose designs represent some of the most prominent and acclaimed work in Denver. For 57 years the firm was a prominent influence in Denver's architecture. The historic photograph and original architectural drawings indicate the building has retained its integrity. The Mediterranean Revival style is an exemplary example of Fisher and Fisher's work during the early twentieth century. This is one of the few apartment buildings that the firm designed and it is reflective of the popularity of apartment buildings in the urban development of this area during the 1920s. The Waldman, in its distinctive and rich detail, is indicative of the high style residential designs Fisher and Fisher designed for Denver's prominent homes.

### **Geographic Significance**

***To have geographic importance, the structure or district shall:***

- a) Have a prominent location or be an established, familiar, and orienting visual feature of the contemporary city***

1515 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, The Waldman, is prominently located on the corner of Humboldt Street and East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The large building occupies 7 lots along Cheesman Park and is a familiar and orienting visual feature of both the park and the neighborhood.

### **LPC Recommendation:**

On September 20, 2011 LPC voted to approve the 1515 East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue application and recommend to City Council approval of the designation citing as findings of fact the staff memo dated September 20, 2011 and public testimony.

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