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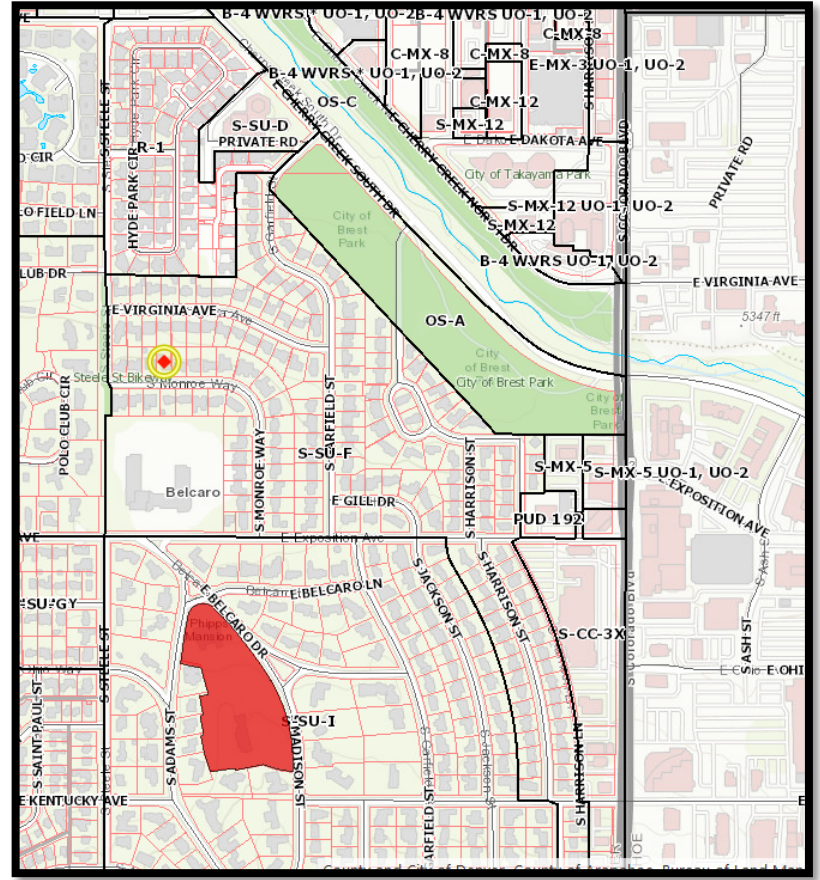
# 618 S Monroe Way – The Muchow Residence

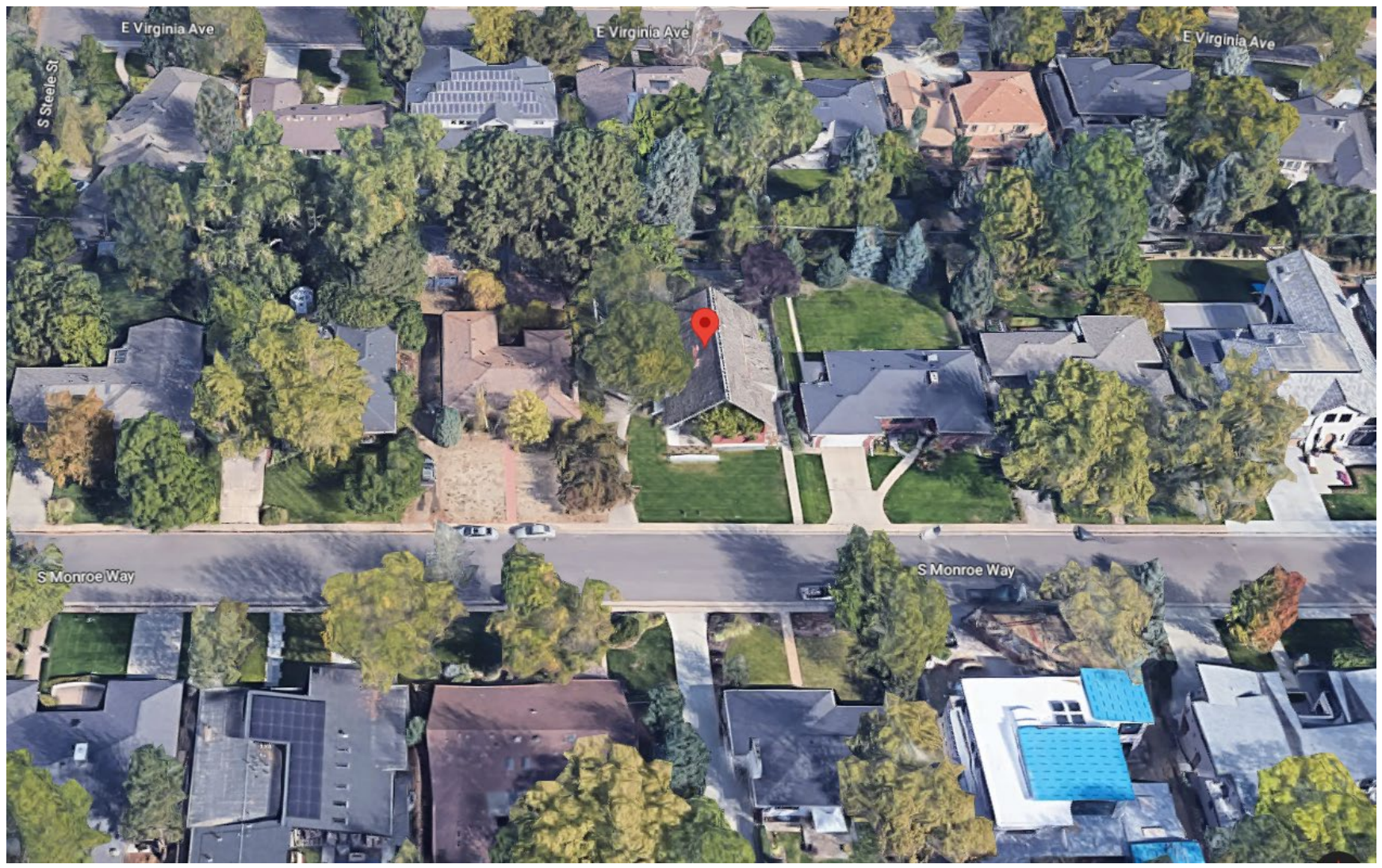
Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
March 7, 2023



### Vital Data:

- Neighborhood: Belcaro
- Council District: #10, Chris Hinds
- Zoning: S-SU-F
- Proposed boundary: The west 18 feet of Lot 32 and the east 57 feet of Lot 31, Block 3, Stokes Place Addition







# Landmark Designation Eligibility

**The structure or district must meet the following criteria \*:**

- 1. Maintains its integrity
- 2. More than 30 years old, or is of exceptional importance
- 3. Meets at least three of ten criteria
- 4. The LPC considers the historic context

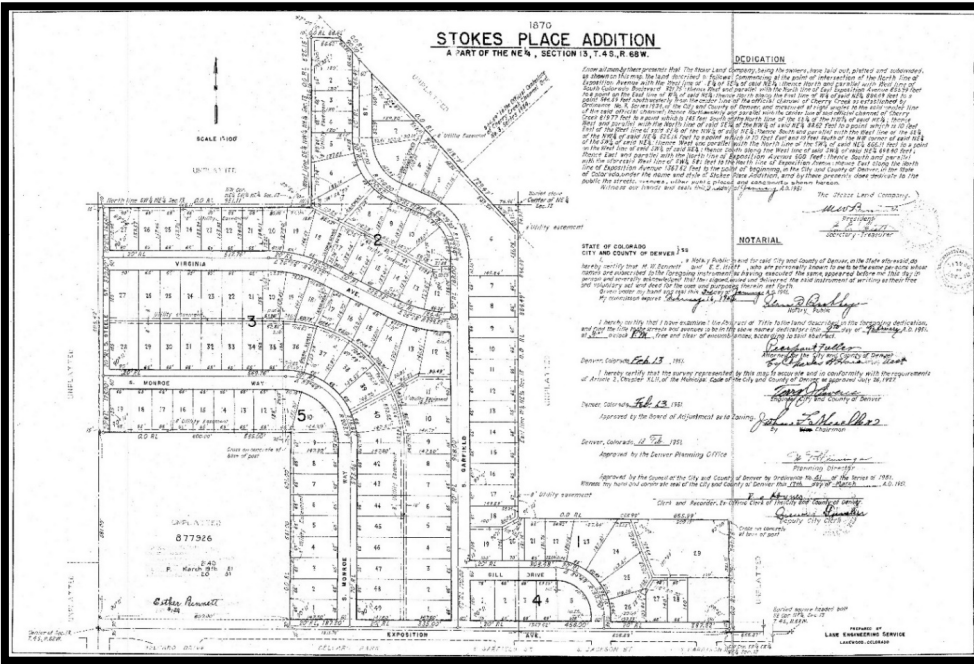
\*Per Landmark Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 30, DRMC)

## Landmark Designation Criteria

- A. **It has a direct association with a significant historic event or with the historical development of the city, state, or nation;**
- B. It has direct and substantial association with a recognized person or group of persons who had influence on society;
- C. **It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;**
- D. **It is a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder;**
- E. It contains elements of design, engineering, materials, craftsmanship, or artistic merit which represent a significant innovation or technical achievement;
- F. It represents an established and familiar feature of the neighborhood, community or contemporary city, due to its prominent location or physical characteristics;
- G. It promotes understanding and appreciation of the urban environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity;
- H. It represents an era of culture or heritage that allows an understanding of how the site was used by past generations;
- I. It is a physical attribute of a neighborhood, community, or the city that is a source of pride or cultural understanding;
- J. It is associated with social movements, institutions, or patterns of growth or change that contributed significantly to the culture of the neighborhood, community, city, state, or nation.

# A. Direct association with historical development of city

- Post war development boom
- Small homes, quick to build
- Suburban growth



ARCHITECTURAL RECORD HOUSES OF 1957 129

W. C. MUCHOW, ARCHITECT and owner. Location: Denver, Colorado. Warren Williams, Contractor. Keichum & Konkel, Structural Engineers. M. S. Wilson, Heating Engineer. Swanson-Pink & Associates, Electrical Engineers.

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**CODES INSPIRE FRESH DESIGN**

C. Embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;

Midcentury Modern design

- Geometric volumes
- Simple materials
- Indoor/outdoor space
- Wide overhanging eaves/exposed rafter tails
- Large expanse of glass





**D. Is a significant example of the work of a recognized architect**

William Muchow, AIA

Notable works:

- Federal Reserve Branch Bank (1968)
- BlueCross/Blue Shield Office Building (1975)
- Galleria of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (1978)

1968 – elected Fellow to AIA

1950-91 – won 35 AIA awards

618 S Monroe Way

- Architectural Record's Award of Excellence
- Denver Post Empire Magazine – Home of the Month



# Historic Context

**NO DOWN PAYMENT**  
...  
For Veterans in Many Areas!

**"This is for Us!"**

NATIONAL 3-BEDROOM "FACEMAKER"

The high pitched, cedar shake roof drops to within a few feet of the ground on the sides, shading the generous expanses of glass.

**Muchow's**  
**"modern Colonial"**

This is Bill and Priscilla Muchow and daughter Marcy. Kitchen-dinette is gathering place for guests as well as the family.

EMPIRE MAGAZINE

### Period of Significance

- 1954-1975

### Integrity

- Retains integrity –  
Garage Addition designed by architect; small addition on east elevation does not detract from integrity

### Public Comment

- 2 comments –  
In favor

# Landmark Designation Review Criteria

- Over 30 years of age
- Application meets at least three criteria
  - A. It has direct and substantial association with a recognized person or group of persons who had influence on society;
  - C. It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;
  - D. It is a significant example of the work of a recognized architect
- Retains Integrity
- LPC considers the historic context

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Based on the ordinance designation criteria and on the findings of the Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) that the application meets the criteria for designation of a structure, CPD staff recommends approval of the application.