



MEETING RECORD
Landmark Preservation Commission Public Hearing
for Designation of a Landmark Structure,
2016L-003, 1250 Welton Street (Emily Griffith Opportunity School)
Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Members Present:

Commissioners: G. Chapman, K. Corbett, A. Duckett-Emke, C. Jordy (Chair), R. Holdorf, H. Vasquez, D. Walter

Chair Jordy opened the public hearing at 1:06 pm.
Staff report by Kara Hahn, Senior City Planner

Applicant Presentation by David Suppes, Denver Public Schools; Annie Levinsky, Historic Denver, Inc; DeVita Bruce, Denver Public Schools; and, Jane Crisler, Humphries Poli Architects

Summary:

- Last students in these school buildings were June of 2015. They have moved to a couple of new locations.
- Overall, this pro-active approach balanced Denver Public Schools' needs and mission, while also preserving the Emily Griffith School and its most important structures.
- This designation provides certainty for redevelopment and will allow for a reasonable return on the asset.
- Historic Denver, Inc. has had a long history of working with DPS and is happy as a co-applicant to help preserve this structure.
- Most significant structures are being preserved, the Glenarm side of the block are one-story buildings that are less architecturally or historically significant.
- The history of the school and of Emily Griffith, one of the most significant women in Denver history, will be preserved
- Preservation is most successful when it is collaborative and this designation is a product of several years of work with multiple partners.
- Will preserve the school, while allowing potential buyers to understand the parameters.

Public Speakers:

	Speaker Name, Address, Affiliation	Summary
1	John Desmond, 511 16 th St #200	In favor, preserves the building, while offering flexibility for future development.
2	Sarah McCarthy , 374 S Clarkson	In favor, designation preserves the most significant portion of the school.
3	Gina Guy, 540 Franklin St	In opposition, would like to ensure DPS can obtain most money for the site and unsure if preservation of structure would allow for that.
4	John Huggins, 35 Eudora St	In favor, part of the DPS Sales Advisory Committee, and believes adaptive use of building would allow DPS to maximize use and profit.

Chair C. Jordy closed the public hearing at 1:46 pm

Motion by D. Walter: I move to recommend City Council approval for the landmark designation of a structure for application #2016L-003, the Emily Griffith Opportunity School, 1250 Welton St, including the proposed Design Standards and Guidelines, based on History Criterion 1a and c, Architecture Criterion 2a, and Geography Criterion 3a, citing as findings of fact for this recommendation the application form, including the addendums, public testimony, and the April 19, 2016 staff report.

Second by: K. Corbett

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed