



# Denver Landmark Preservation

December 2021 City Council Update

# Agenda



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Major Initiatives



Designation and Design  
Review

# Historic Preservation in Denver

“It is the sense of the council that the economic, cultural and aesthetic standing of this city cannot be maintained or enhanced by disregarding the historical, architectural and geographic heritage of the city and by ignoring the destruction or defacement of such cultural assets.”







“Protect, enhance, and perpetuate the use of structures and districts”





“Foster civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past”





“Stabilize or improve the aesthetics and economic vitality and values of structures and districts”





“Education, stimulation, and welfare of the people of the city”





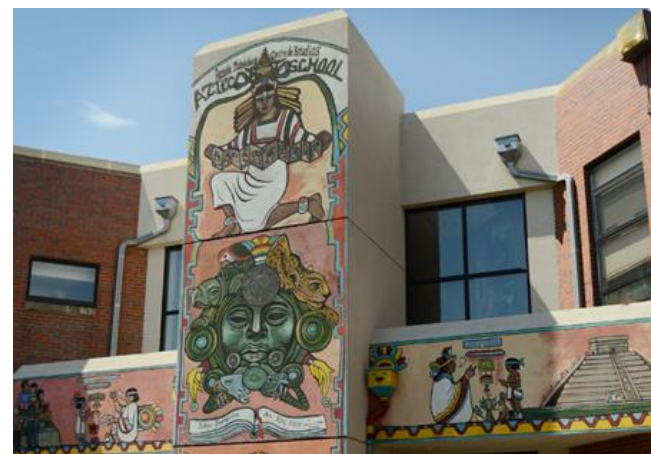
## Landmark staff

- 10 professional preservationists, 1 operations assistant, 1 inspector
- In addition to our day-to-day work, team members:
  - Lead Commission Assistance and Mentorship Program trainings nationwide
  - Chair the board of the Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation
  - Review State Historical Fund grant applications
  - Present original research at national and state conferences





# Major Initiatives



## Latino / Chicano Historic Context

- Partnership with Councilmembers Amanda Sandoval and Jamie Torres, I Am Denver, OSEI, Mead & Hunt, Dr. Nicki Gonzales, community advisors and connectors
- Broad overview on the citywide settlement and development patterns of Latino and Chicano communities in Denver up to the 1990s
- Extensive community engagement - interviews, Storyvine, community meeting, online survey
- Funded by CPD, Councilmembers Sandoval and Torres, History Colorado's State Historical Fund, and the Peter Grant Preservation Services Fund for Colorado of the National Trust for Historic Preservation





## Customized Design Guidelines for La Alma Lincoln Park Historic Cultural District

- Landmark Preservation Commission adopted customized design guidelines that reflect the history and culture of the La Alma Lincoln Park neighborhood
- Based on input by community stakeholder group



# Citywide Landmark Design Guidelines Update Project

- To be addressed in 4 phases
- Phases and updates based on community input – community meetings, surveys
- Each phase to be adopted by Landmark Preservation Commission

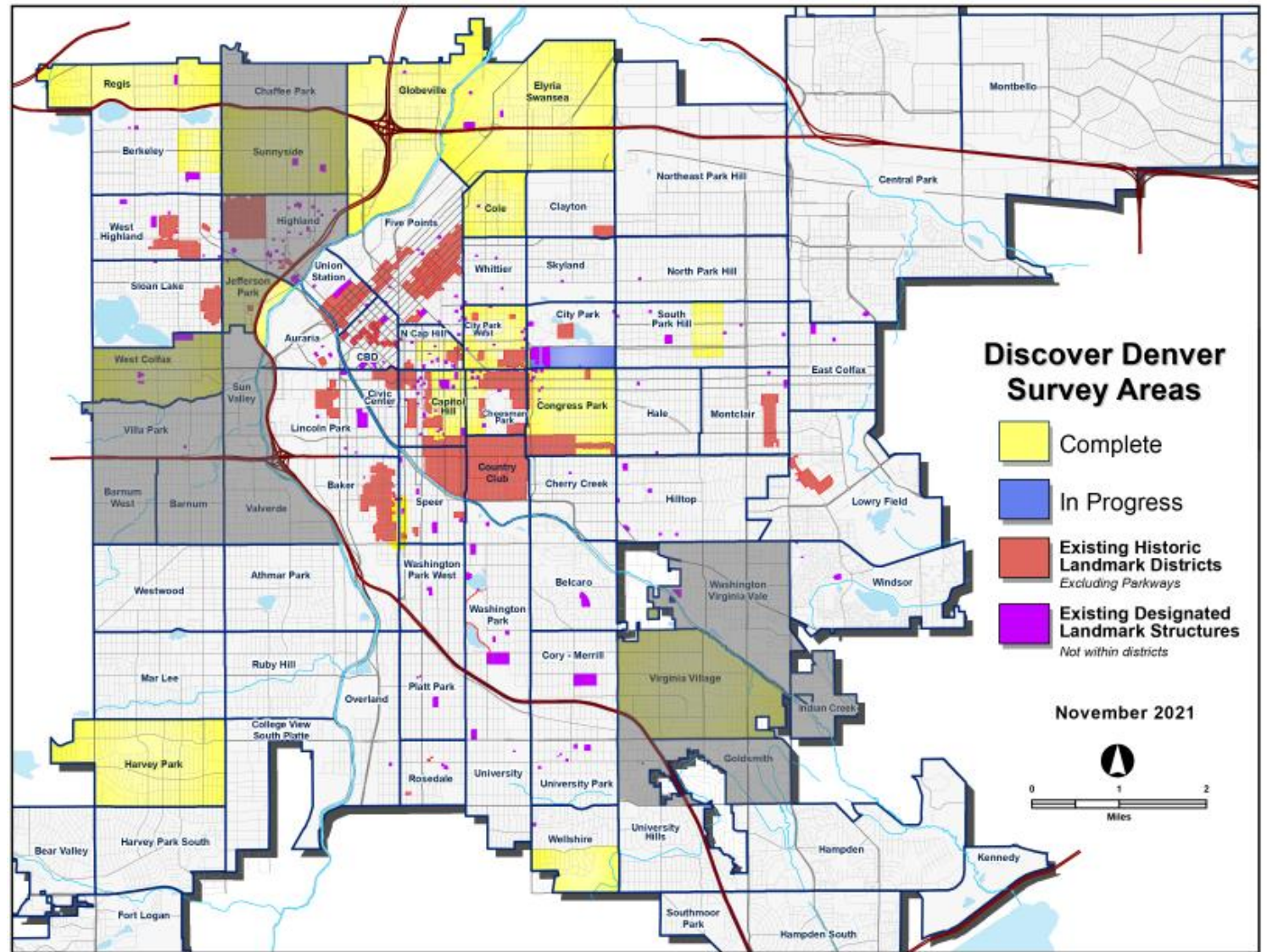


# Discover Denver Survey

Partnership between:



with significant funding from:



## Neighborhood Planning Initiative

- Staff embedded in plan team or serve as subject-matter experts
- Historic contexts developed for each area
- Informs plan recommendations







## Adaptive Reuse

- Preservation is about reusing existing buildings, whether they're designated or not
- Adaptive Reuse Administrator will assist small businesses with permitting based on the 2020 Adaptive Reuse Strategy Report. He/she will:
  - Develop the adaptive reuse program starting along the East Colfax corridor
  - Work toward simplifying the reuse of existing buildings



# Designations and Design Review





## Designations

- 57 Historic Districts
  - Including 2 Historic Cultural Districts (Five Points and La Alma Lincoln Park)
- 352 Individual Landmarks



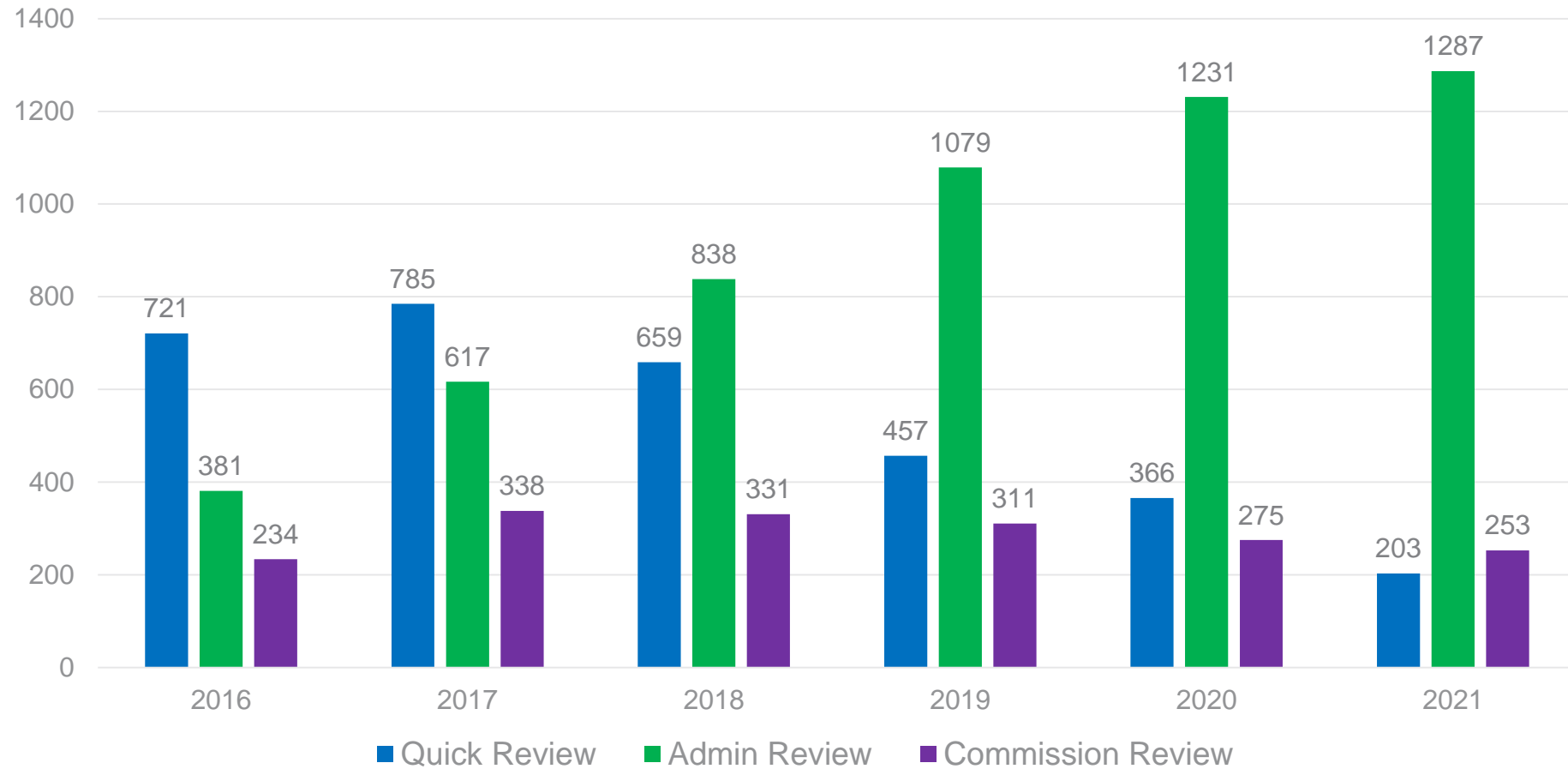
# Landmark Design Review

- Quick Reviews
- Administrative Reviews
- Commission Reviews

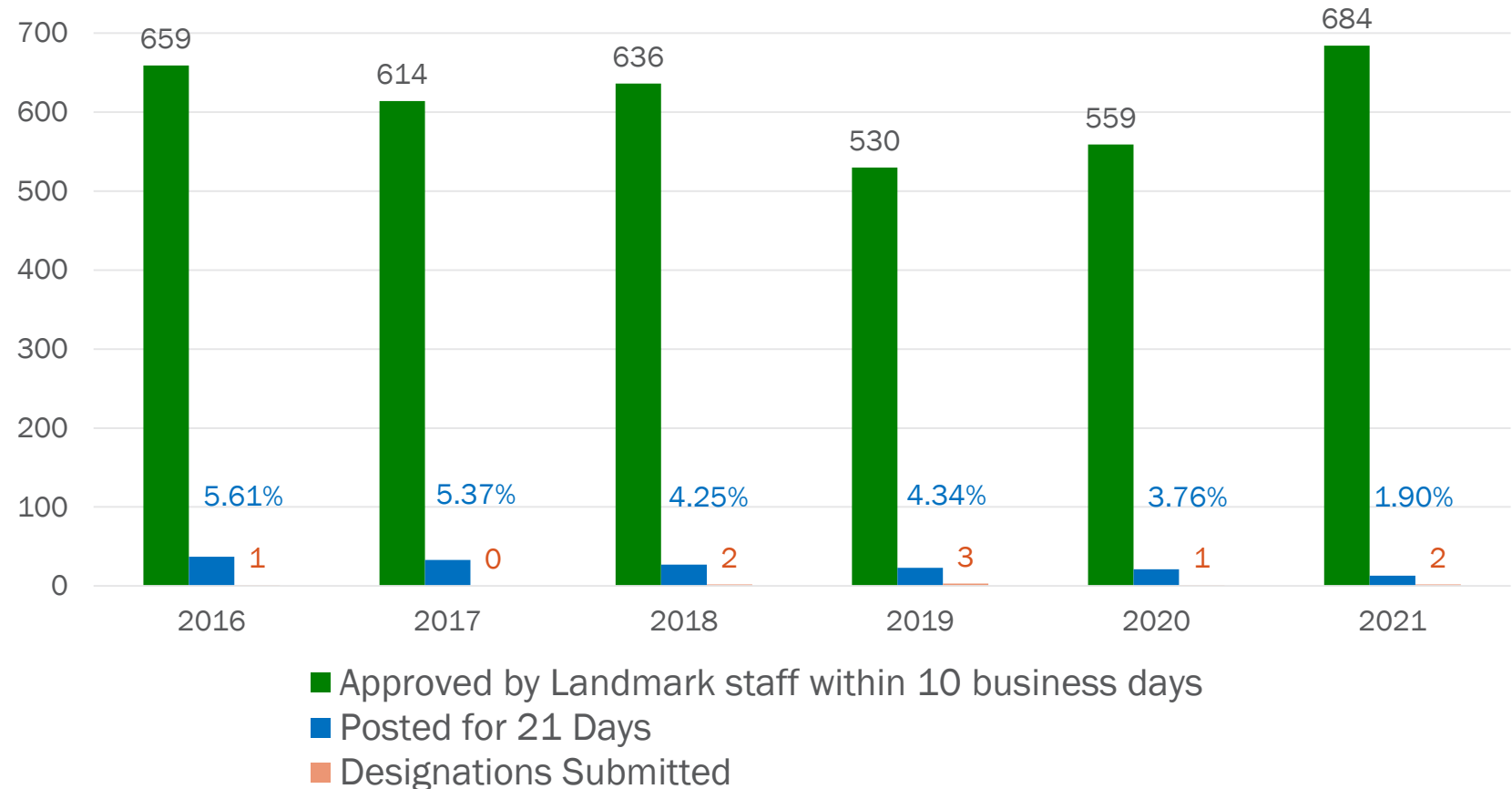




# Landmark Design Review – 2016 to 2021 (through Nov.)



# Demolition & CNHS/CDE Applications - 2016 to 2021 (through Nov.)\*



\*Statistics do not include withdrawn applications or demolitions in historic districts. CNHS = Certificate of Non-Historic Status. CDE = Certificate of Demolition Eligibility.



## Historic Preservation Tax Credits - 2017 to 2021 (through Nov.)

**53** tax credit applications certified by  
Landmark Preservation Commission

**\$761,041.19** in tax credits issued for  
rehabilitation of historic residential properties

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# Questions?