

# 2145 South Adams "Ormleigh"

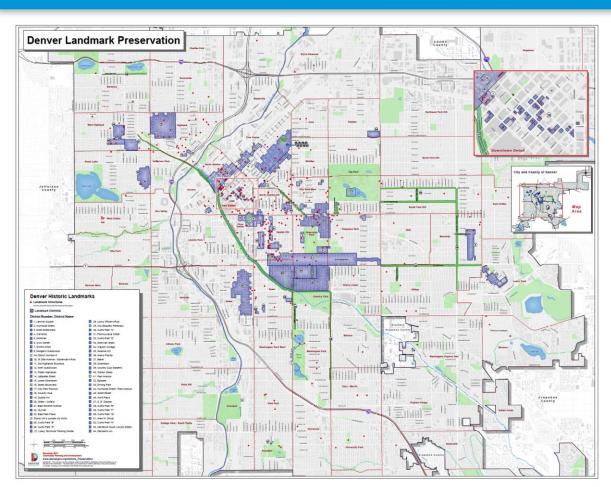
Landmark Designation Application

City Council Public Hearing March 19, 2018





#### **Denver Landmarks and Districts**



# DenverGov.org 311

#### • 1967 Ordinance

- Designate, preserve, and protect
- Foster civic pride
- Stabilize and improve aesthetic and economic vitality
- Promote good urban design

#### Landmarked Properties

- 336 Individual Landmarks
- 53 Historic Districts
  - 6,800
- 160,000 structures citywide
- Landmark approx. 4%



# **Landmark Designation**





- Who can submit applications?
  - Owner(s) of the property
  - Manager of CommunityPlanning and Development
  - Member(s) of City Council
  - Three people who are
    - Residents
    - Property owners
    - Have a place of business in Denver



### **Historic Design Review**

# Design Guidelines for Denver Landmark Structures & Districts



Hax Avenue A. Frank S. Snell Subdivision Historic District. Historic photo on left 1911; current photo on right 2014.



#### **DESIGN AND DEMOLITION REVIEW:**

- Properties designated "as is"
  - No required improvements
- Preserve historic character of the building or district
- Design review ONLY required for exterior changes tied to building or zoning permits
  - No review of work on interiors
  - No review of exterior paint colors
  - No review of general maintenance
  - Building is not frozen in time
  - Objective design review process
- Demolitions highly discouraged



### **Historic Design Review**

#### Design Guidelines

- Provide objective review parameters
- Address wide range of topics
  - Fences and retaining walls
  - Zone Lot Amendments
  - Solar panels and sustainability
  - Roofing
  - Additions to buildings
  - New infill construction
  - Secondary structures
- Character defining features for historic districts or structures





common, although grouped windows can be found. Decorative lintels (wood or stone) common; most have stone sills. Single, double, grouped and tripartite windows have a less vertical and "square" like appearance due to the group arrangement. Historically windows were recessed in the wall front flish.



#### **Historic Design Review**



- ~ 80% of Landmark design reviews are administrative approvals
- Must meet the Design Guidelines
- Landmark staff receives ~1600 applications annually

#### Quick Reviews, typically approved in 1 business day

- · Reroofing with same material
- Replacing existing rear or side fences
- · Replacing existing AC units
- Replacing existing rear decks

#### Smaller projects, typically approved in 10-15 business days

- New fences
- Garages
- Solar panels
- · Small rear additions
- Alterations at side or rear

#### <u>Landmark Preservation Commission</u>, four-week filing deadline

- Projects that do not meet Design Guidelines
- Infill construction
- Large additions
- Historic window replacements



### **Landmark Designation in Denver**

#### BENEFITS TO PROPERTY OWNER

- Property values on average higher in historic districts than surrounding neighborhoods
  - Property Value Stability
- Eligible for various grants
  - Including State Historical Fund
- Colorado Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Tax Credits
  - 20% of needed interior and exterior repairs









# **Landmark Designation Process**

	Process	Date
1.	Applicant/Owner Submitted application	1/17/2018
2.	Landmark Preservation Commission Public Hearing	2/20/2018
3.	LUTI Committee of City Council	2/27/2018
4.	Mayor/Council	3/6/2018
5.	City Council First Reading	3/12/2018
6.	City Council Public Hearing	3/19/2018
7.	Effective Date	3/23/2018*





# **Landmark Designation Process**

Landmark Preservation Commission Notifications			
1.	Owner notification letter	January 25, 2018	
2.	Registered Neighborhood Organization and Courtesy notifications:  Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation  University Park Community Council  Historic Denver  Colorado Preservation, Inc  National Trust for Historic Preservation  State of Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	January 25, 2018	
3.	City Council, Planning Board, and Building Inspection notifications	January 25, 2018	
4.	Posted signage for the LPC Hearing	February 5, 2018	
5.	Legal notice in Daily Journal	February 6, 2018	
6.	City Council and Building Director notifications	February 22, 2018	
7.	Courtesy owner notification letter	February 26, 2018	



#### **2145 South Adams Street**



- General Location
  - University Park Neighborhood
  - On Adams, between Evans and Warren
- Council District
  - #6, Paul Kashmann
- Zoning
  - U-SU-C
- Blueprint Denver
  - Area of Stability
- Owner
  - Rita Hill



### Chapter 30, DRMC - Property Required to:

- 1. Maintain Historic and Physical Integrity
- 2. Meet One Designation Criterion in Two or More of the Following Categories
  - History
  - Architecture
  - Geography
- 3. Relate to a Historic Context or Theme



#### Maintain its Historic and Physical Integrity

"The ability of a structure...to convey its historic and architectural significance....recognized as belonging to its particular time and place and Denver's history."



#### Minimal alterations

- Carriage house door
- Rear patio added
- Pommels removed on roofline

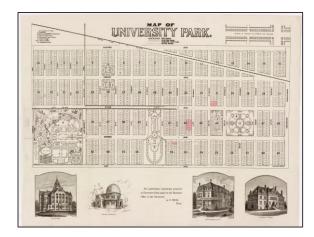
#### Retains integrity

- Location
- Design
- Workmanship
- Materials
- Setting
- Feeling
- Association



- 1. History 30 years old, and shall:
- C. Have direct and substantial association with a person or group of persons who had influence on society









- William Seward Iliff
  - Prominent Denver business
    - Ventures throughout Colorado
  - Benefactor of DU and Iliff
     School of Theology
    - Financial backing
    - Leadership roles
  - Developer and booster for South Denver
    - Platted University Addition
    - Built and resided in area



- 2. Architecture design quality and integrity, and:
- A. Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type



- Denver Square
  - 1899 construction reflects early transition from Victorian design
  - Substantial square massing
    - Offset
    - Denver brick
  - Hipped roof
    - Broad eaves
    - Center dormer
  - Wider windows, with stone lintels and sills
  - Full-width porch
  - Classical details
    - Dentil moldings
    - Porch columns
    - Quoins



- 3. Geography:
- B. Promote understanding and appreciation of the urban environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity
  - Rarity
    - One of oldest in area
    - Unaltered
      - Minimal changes
      - Carriage house and lot size
      - Others modified overtime

- Distinctive Characteristics
  - Pastoral setting
  - Reflects residential enclave
  - Differentiates from smaller lots, later development, and recent infill development in University Park

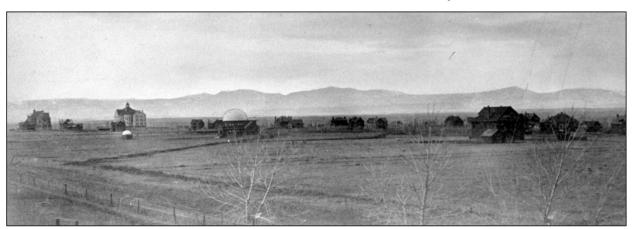


Photo ca. 1900



# Chapter 30, DRMC - Property Required to:

- Relate to a Historic context or theme
  - Development and growth of South Denver
    - Specifically Iliff's University Addition
  - William Seward Iliff's role in development of DU and Iliff School of Theology



#### **Review Criteria**

- 1. Maintain its Historic and Physical Integrity ✓
- 2. Meet One Designation Criterion in Two or More of the Following Categories:
  - History
    - 1c. Have direct and substantial association with a person or group of persons who had influence on society ✓
  - Architecture
    - 2a. Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type ✓
  - Geography
    - 3b. Promote understanding and appreciation of the urban environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity ✓
- 3. Relate to a Historic Context or Theme ✓

LPC Vote: 6-0

To recommend landmark designation based on History Criterion 1c, and Architecture Criterion 2a, and Geography Criterion 3b.