Landmark Ordinance
Task Force Meeting 2

April 10, 2018
Overview of

CHAPTER 30,
DENVER REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE
- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
  - National Park Service
    - State Historic Preservation Office
    - Certified Local Governments
- Mount Vernon - 1858
- Charleston – 1931
- Savannah – 1966
- Chicago - 1968
- Boston – 1975
- Denver Urban Renewal
  - 1967
  - Targeted 27 blocks of downtown for demolition
Established in 1967

“It is hereby declared as a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of structures and districts of historical, architectural or geographic significance...is a public necessity, and is required in the interest of prosperity, civic pride and general welfare of the people.”

“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 ignoring the destruction or defacement of such cultural assets.”
• Lower Downtown Design Review Board

• Part of designation of historic district

• Board for Lower Downtown
  – Important to have board that reflected downtown area
• Demolition review added
  – 2006
  – Loss of significant buildings
    • Batchelder Building
      – Speer and Washington

• Provided protection for Individual Landmarks
  – 2006
  – Demolition protection extended beyond one year
  – Central Bank Building
• Three primary articles
  – General
    • Definitions
    • Designation criteria
    • Designation process
    • Design Review
    • Demolition and CNHS review
  – Landmark Preservation Commission
  – Lower Downtown Design Review Board
• Ordinance provides for Rules and Regulations
  – Designations process
    • Applications to be established
    • Allows flexibility in content

  – Design review for Zoning and Building permits
    • Shall adopt Secretary of the Interiors Standard
      – Ten standards developed NPS
    • Shall adopt Design Guidelines
      – Allows flexibility in content
      – Provides clearer guidance
Overview of

RULES AND REGULATIONS
Rules and Regulations

- Formal ruling making process
  - Public notice and comments
    - Community meetings
    - Office hours
- LPC Business item
  - Comments from public
- Adoption by LPC

- Demolition review
  - Outlines research steps
  - Notifications

- Applications
  - Design Review and designation

- RNO comment
  - Formal comment on three project types

- Public comment policy
  - Written and verbal
District Specific Guidelines

- Lower Downtown
- Five Points
- County Club
- Civic Center
- Union Station
- Emily Griffith
- Citywide Design Guidelines
  - 2014 guidelines
  - 2016 update
  - Character Defining Features
    - Character of individual districts
- LPC or staff review
  - Size of addition
  - Front Façade
  - 40% demolition