



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Rev. Jean Darling
Peoples Church of Chicago
941 W. Lawrence Ave.
Chicago, IL 60640-8319

Re: Suggestion for Chicago Landmark designation for the Peoples Church of Chicago (Preston Bradley Center), 941 W. Lawrence Ave.

Dear Rev. Darling:

Thank you for your suggestion that the Peoples Church of Chicago be designated as a Chicago Landmark. Based on available information, Historic Preservation Division staff believes that the building appears to meet at least the minimum two Chicago Landmark criteria for designation.

However, it is not the intention of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to recommend the building's Chicago Landmark designation to the Commission on Chicago Landmarks (CCL) at this time. It is our understanding, based on discussions with you, that there is no intention on the part of the Peoples Church of Chicago to sell the building and therefore no imminent threat to the building. Should this situation change, and if the Peoples Church of Chicago decided to sell the building, the Chicago Landmark designation of the building could be undertaken at that time upon the request of the church. Also, the building's orange rating on the Chicago Historic Resources Survey would provide, under the City of Chicago's Demolition-Delay Ordinance, sufficient time for DPD to recommend the building's designation to the CCL should a demolition permit for all or part of the building be applied for by a future owner.

Thank you again for your interest in the Chicago Landmark designation program. Please contact Terry Tatum of my staff at 312-744-9147 or terry.tatum@cityofchicago.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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