

Historic Berkeley Regis
Press Release announcing the sale of the
Howard Berkeley Park Chapel



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Historic Berkeley Regis, a grassroots historic preservation group founded in 2016, is pleased to announce the sale of the Howard Berkeley Park Chapel at Tennyson Street and West 46th Avenue to a new owner, GM Development of Denver. A covenant between SCI, the previous owner, and Historic Denver protects the Chapel building from demolition until it receives Landmark designation. Historic Berkeley Regis (HBR) believes that repurposing historic buildings helps preserve the fabric and character of our neighborhood, while providing for current needs and fostering sustainability. HBR will support GM Development's submission of a new Landmark application for the Chapel, ensuring that the building will remain.

To reach this successful outcome members of Historic Berkeley Regis applied for Landmark designation for the property and participated in months of facilitated negotiations with the previous owner and developer, who sought to demolish the historic building. As a result, an agreement among the parties paused the designation process and allowed HBR time to identify potential new purchasers who would preserve the Chapel.

The first tenant of the building, Redemption Church Denver, will make the Chapel their new home in the Berkeley neighborhood. The building has additional available space from 900-8,000 sq. ft. of divisible space. Please contact info@gmdevco.com for additional information.

The entire effort to save the Chapel was undertaken by volunteers and funded by donations. HBR wishes to thank our many supporters who attended meetings, signed petitions (more than 800 signatures), contributed to a GoFundMe campaign, and assisted in countless other ways. Organizations such as Historic Denver, Colorado Preservation, Inc., and Berkeley Neighborhood Association (BNA) supported the effort. District 1 Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval arranged for negotiations among the interested parties that led to the successful result.

About GM Development - GM Development is a North Denver based company with substantial experience in rehabilitation and repurposing of historic buildings. Historic Denver honored Principals Charles Moore and Ben Gearhart with a Community Preservation Award for their work on The Essex in North Capitol Hill in 2019.

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