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## **Landmark Preservation Commission Approves Civic Center Design Guidelines**

**DENVER, CO — March 17, 2009** — The Landmark Preservation Commission unanimously approved today the Civic Center Design Guidelines as a supplement to the 2005 Civic Center Park Master Plan.

The guidelines embody a year-long process of research, analysis and public outreach. The principles, guidelines and standards outlined in the design guidelines reflect the Department of Parks and Recreation's goals and objectives, and ensure the vision of the *2005 Denver's Civic Center Park Master Plan* remains intact. The document provides a crucial tool in directing and evaluating future improvements in the Park.

As one of the premier civic and cultural centers in the Rocky Mountain region, Civic Center has defined Denver's urban landscape. The Park has thrived and has been the centerpiece of large events and gatherings for nearly 100 years.

Wanting to revitalize and activate the Park, Denver is about to embark upon a comprehensive transformation for the first time since the City Beautiful Movement and Mayor Speer's administration. With the support of voters and the 2007 Better Denver Bond, the Park's major contributing features – Greek Theater, Voorhies Memorial and the Broadway Terrace- will be rehabilitated.

These improvements in addition to the adaptive reuse of the McNichols Building will require collaborative partnerships with multiple city agencies, the Civic Center Conservancy, the development community and other stakeholders.

With the guidelines now adopted, Denver Parks and Recreation can move forward with rehabilitating these historic park structures, as well as considering future improvements and proposals as they fit within these design guidelines.

To view the full design guidelines, go to <http://tinyurl.com/cvnqgk>.

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