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LANDMARK STATUS PROPOSED FOR LITTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL EVENT SPACE

South Lawndale's historic Apollo's 2000 special events venue would be designated as an official Chicago Landmark under a recommendation introduced to City Council today by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks.

Opened as the Marshall Square Theatre in 1917 at 2875 W. Cermak Road, the two-story, Beaux Arts building originally contained 1,800 seats for vaudeville shows and silent movies, as well as six retail storefronts and second-story office space. In 1989, Javier and Linda Galindos purchased the building and repurposed the auditorium for banquets and live performances.

In recognition of the building's heritage and architecture, the designation would protect all exterior elevations and rooflines of the building, as well as the interior lobby and auditorium. Interior alterations from the 1990s would be excluded from protection under the ordinance.

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ADDITIONAL TIF SUPPORT PROPOSED FOR NEAR NORTH SIDE PARK

Planned improvements to Park 598 on the Near North Side would be supported with an additional \$1.25 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) assistance proposed to City Council today by Mayor Brandon Johnson.

Already approved for \$3.15 million in TIF, the additional funding would reimburse the Chicago Park District for anticipated expenses involving an entry plaza, playground, walking paths, fitness equipment, an open lawn and landscaping. Construction could start later this year.

Located at 1514 N. Larabee St., the property was acquired by the Park District from the Chicago Housing Authority in 2019.



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The City's TIF program uses new property tax growth within designated districts to support public and private investment projects within their boundaries.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP PROPOSED FOR SITE OF LOGAN SQUARE PLAZA

Environmental prep work for a planned public plaza in Logan Square would be financed through \$24,000 in Open Space Impact Fees (OSIF), under a proposal introduced to City Council today by Mayor Brandon Johnson.

The funding would pay remediation costs for the 7,000-square-foot site at 2420 N. Sacramento Ave., which is owned by the City and primarily used for parking. Once complete, planning and programming work for passive recreation and related uses would move forward with community representatives.

The OSIF program leverages fees paid by residential construction projects to help offset the impact of new residents on the community area's open spaces.

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