RESOLUTION - EXHIBIT I
SAINT CECILIA'S CATHEDRAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION
LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED BY THE LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OMAHA:

WHEREAS, Reverend Paul F. Peter is the representative of Saint Cecilia's Cathedral; and,

WHEREAS, this representative on February 26, 1979, requested that Saint Cecilia's Cathedral be designated as a Landmark under the City of Omaha's Landmarks Heritage Preservation Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Cecilia's Cathedral was designed in 1901 by eminent American architect, Thomas Rogers Kimball; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Cecilia's Cathedral is an early example of the Spanish Renaissance Revival Style of architecture which was prevalent in Mexico and South America but largely unexplored in the United States in the early part of the twentieth century; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Cecilia's Cathedral is significant as being a dramatic departure from the common architectural styles selected for Roman Catholic churches in the early 1900's; and,

WHEREAS, the original 1901 design of the Cathedral by Thomas R. Kimball was carefully followed throughout the 54-year period of construction which commenced in 1905; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Cecilia's Cathedral ranks as one of the ten largest cathedrals in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Cecilia's Cathedral is a dominant feature of Omaha's cityscape, serving as the most prominent building in the City's east-central section.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OMAHA:

THAT, Saint Cecilia's Cathedral, 701 North 40th Street, be designated a Landmark of the City of Omaha.
Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

INSPECTION DATE
3-7-79

REQUEST
X Landmark Designation  CATEGORY
_ Landmark Heritage  District
_ District Designation  X Building
_ Certificate of Approval  Structure
_ to Perform Work  Site
_ Object

APPLICANT
St. Cecilia's Cathedral Corporation

LOCATION OF PROPOSED DESIGNATION OR WORK
701 North 40th Street

PRESENT USE
Church & Rectory

CONFORMANCE WITH MASTER PLAN
Conforms to the Housing Market Analysis, West Central Study Area-January 1976, where it is shown to be an "outstanding historic building."

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER
Existing: Single family residences, multi-family conversions and medium-rise apartments proximate to a turn-of-the-century neighborhood containing prominent Omaha Landmarks

Probable future effect on neighborhood if designation is granted or work is approved.
Designation will promote the restoration and rehabilitation of surrounding residential properties.
The structure will also form the northern cornerstone of the proposed 38th Street District.

PRESERVATION ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION
Approval

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION
Approval

ADDITIONAL DATA
Listed in the National Register of Historic Places
APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK OR LANDMARK HERITAGE DISTRICT DESIGNATION

NAME OF STRUCTURE
Historic
St. Cecilia's Cathedral and Rectory
and/or Common

LOCATION
Street and Number
701 North 40th Street

CLASSIFICATION
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OWNER OF PROPERTY
Name
St. Cecilia's Cathedral Corporation

Street and Number
701 North 40th Street

City, State and Zip Code
Omaha, Nebraska 68131

Representative
Rev. Paul F. Peter, Pastor
Sec./Treas.

Street and Number
701 North 40th Street

City, State and Zip Code
Omaha, Nebraska 68131

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
All of Lot 14 and the North 147 feet of Lot 15, Block 3, Park Place, Douglas County, Nebraska

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
Title
Nebraska State Historical Society, Douglas Co. #D009, 14-2

Date
March, 1978

(over)
DESCRIPTION
Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Specific Dates
Architect
Builder

2-26-29
Date

Signature of Owner/Representative
Rev. Paul F. Peter, Pastor - Sec. Treas.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Saint Cecilia's Cathedral

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
701 North 40th Street

CITY, TOWN
Omaha

STATE
Nebraska

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
公共

PRIVATE

PUBLIC

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES RESTRICTED

YES UNRESTRICTED

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Archdiocese of Omaha, c/o The Most Rev. Daniel Sheehan, Archbishop

STREET & NUMBER
6605 Farnam Street

CITY, TOWN
Omaha

STATE
Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
Douglas County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER
17th and Farnam Streets

CITY, TOWN
Omaha

STATE
Nebraska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic Preservation in Nebraska

DATE
1971

FEDERAL

STATE

COUNTY

LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Nebraska State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN
Lincoln

STATE
Nebraska
Further interior richness is provided by stained glass in the clerestory windows depicting the church's great liturgical hymns, and stained glass in the ambulatory windows portraying the patrons and founders of religious orders in the Archdiocese of Omaha. The ceiling's ambulatory is encrusted with blue and gold tesserae representing the sky and stars. Mosaics on the ceiling of the Nash Chapel contain arabesque designs, and Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel's windows are filled with stained glass reassembled from 16th-century Spanish churches.

The width and length of the cathedral are 138 feet and 255 feet respectively. The architect specified limestone blocks covering a steel frame as the construction means to render the building a fireproof state. Both the interior and exterior are in excellent condition.

The nominated property is a four-acre lot bounded by streets on the north, west and south. The rear of the apse deliniates the nominated lot's far east extent. In this lot's southeastern corner is a contemporary one-story diocesan building of brick construction. Due to the reciprocal nature between the cathedral and site, the full four acres are necessary for inclusion.
Kimball's design was followed carefully throughout the 54-year period of construction, even after his death in 1934. Although his plans included four chapels, funds permitted construction of only two... The cathedral's prolonged construction period was largely due to Bishop Scannell's dictum that the building would proceed only as funds were available (Omaha City Architecture, p. 146).

Saint Cecilia's parish was founded in 1888 and an elegant building was erected shortly afterwards. By 1894, however, the congregation had grown too large for the church. The new building commenced by the parish in the early 1900's became the third Roman Catholic cathedral in Omaha and the laying of the cornerstone, attended by most bishops and archbishops of the Middle West, was a joyous occasion in the Catholic community's history. The True Voice, an Omaha Catholic publication, anxiously followed the cathedral's construction progress until 1916 when enough work was completed to hold services. In addition, this publication urged its readers to purchase houses or lots in the cathedral's vicinity.

Saint Cecilia's was consecrated in 1959 upon the completion of domed cupolas atop the twin towers. The vast majority of work, however, took place prior to 1916 when the first services were held. The cathedral ranks among Omaha's truly monumental edifices. The hillcrest upon which Saint Cecilia's was erected is elevated 1200 feet above sea level. Omaha is a series of hills rising from the Missouri River Basin. The elevated site was selectively chosen, allowing the cathedral to serve as the most prominent building in the city's east central section.


The True Voice. Omaha, March 17, 1905.


Case No. HI-79-7, APPLICANT Board of Education, School District of Omaha requests LANDMARK DESIGNATION for 3902 Davenport Street (George A. Joslyn Residence). Area to be designated is shaded.

Scale: 1"=100'

Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission
ORDINANCE NO 2873

AN ORDINANCE to designate St. Cecilia's Cathedral, located at 701 North 40th Street as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OMAHA

Section 1 That St. Cecilia's Cathedral is located at 701 North 40th Street, which is legally described as follows:

All of Lot 19 and the North 179 feet of Lot 15, Block 2, Park Place, Douglas County, Nebraska

Section 2 That for the reasons recited in Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and made a part hereof as if fully set forth hereon, the architectural characteristics of St. Cecilia's Cathedral are hereby deemed significant and worthy of preservation

Section 3 That St. Cecilia's Cathedral is hereby designated pursuant to Section 4 16 080 of the Omaha Municipal Code, and hereby subject to all of the provisions of the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha

Section 4 That this Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect: fifteen (15) days from and after the date of its passage

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER

APPROVED

PASSED ______________ 12/21/1979

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OMAHA

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF OMAHA

CITY ATTORNEY

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original document now on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Buster Brown, City Clerk, City of Omaha
ORDINANCE NO 25731

AN ORDINANCE to designate St. Cecilia's Cathedral, located at 701 North 40th Street as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha

PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

1st Reading MAY 8 1979

Hearing 5-15-79

MAY 15 1979

Hearing

Passed

MAY 22 1979

Final Reading

Passed

Mary Guillett

CITY CLERK
AN ORDINANCE to designate St. Cecilia's Cathedral located at 701 North 40th Street as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha.

MARY GALLEGAN CORNETT
5-11-79
City Clerk