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PLAN WILL EXPAND LOGAN SQUARE BOULEVARDS LANDMARK DISTRICT

The Logan Square Landmarks District will be expanded to include the former Episcopal Church of the Advent and adjacent parish house through a plan approved today by City Council.

The Gothic Revival-style church and the Tudor Revival-style parish house at 2900 W. Logan Blvd. were built in 1927 and 1906, respectively. The church features neighborhood-scale ecclesiastical architecture with arched doors and windows, buttresses, towers, stained glass windows, and ornamental tracery. The parish house, which is characterized by wood and plaster gables and rusticated masonry, was originally used as the church prior to the larger building's construction.

Both structures were designed by the prominent Chicago architect Elmer C. Jensen, who was a founding member of the congregation and a partner in the firm of Jenney, Mundie, and Jensen. The firm was responsible for designing nearly 30 skyscrapers in Chicago between 1885 and 1939.

The expansion was recommended by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks in November 2017. The district was originally designated in 2004.

The structures are being rehabilitated as market-rate apartments by JAB Real Estate, which acquired them in 2016. The designation would protect their exterior elevations and rooflines from significant alteration.

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PARK EXPANSION PROJECT APPROVED ON NORTHWEST SIDE

Julia de Burgos Park in Logan Square will be expanded onto an adjacent alley through a financing plan approved today by City Council.

The \$105,000 project at 1805 N. Albany Ave. will be funded through Open Space Impact Fees, which are assessed to new residential projects to help finance park-related improvements in each of Chicago's 77 community areas.

The funds will reimburse the Department of Planning and Development and the Chicago Park District for costs involving utility relocation, environmental clean-up and the installation of grass and fencing. The 460-square-foot alley formerly served a residential lot the city acquired at 1808 N. Whipple St.

Named for the Puerto Rican poet and opened in 2008, Julia de Burgos Park serves as one of 12 access points to the Chicago Park District's elevated 606 Park & Trail system.

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