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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

ARE MARTIN ACRES HOMES HISTORIC?

Following are excerpts from the December 28th Camera article concerning this topic. Don't be concerned with the possibility of people "surveying" your house over the next few months.

Surveyors will start combing through Martin Acres and other Boulder suburban neighborhoods that sprang up following World War II, compiling a "historic" resource survey.

Historic preservation experts say their work will help them figure out just how many of those homes Boulder has – and will help leaders decide whether and how they should be preserved.

An attempt to create historic districts in large portions of those neighborhoods — which would come with restrictions on what homeowners could do with their properties — is unlikely they say. (Note "is unlikely they say")

But Carrie Schomig, an architectural historian with TEC. Inc., the consulting firm conducting the survey, said the distinctive houses of the post World War Il boom deserve consideration as historical artifacts. "I think it's important to recognize that mid-century buildings are a significant representation of American history. They've really had a deep impact on our lives and neighborhoods. It's been over 50 years, and we're still designing similar neighborhoods."

George Williams, one of the developers who built Martin Acres in the mid-1950's, recalled "It was a time when the GI bill made housing available to so many people," he said. "The (Federal Housing Administration) had low-interest rates and, almost literally, truly, you could sell what you built, as long as it had quality.

Williams said the new housing had social implications too. Martin Acres was integrated, with different races living side-by-side – a big deal in the 1950's.

"The area was the first building area in the post war Boulder community and the first mass-building of homes." "And it was socially and economically integrated too."

James Hewat, one of Boulder's historic preservation planners, said the city's goal is to find out exactly what the post-war housing stock looks like, City planners long ago completed extensive surveys of all of the pre-war housing – those distinctive Victorians,

for example – but this is the first attempt to get a handle on the booming "burbs."

Tim Plass, who serves on the city's Landmarks Board, said he wants to make sure people in the neighborhood understand one thing: 'This survey doesn't mean that we're about to go out and landmark all of Martin Acres."

A neighborhood mandatory preservation approach probably doesn't make sense when there are so many examples of potentially historic homes still in place, he said. Historic preservation buffs are more likely to focus on saving a smaller swath of representative homes in post-war neighborhoods.

That's an approach that will likely find more support among homeowners, who wouldn't look kindly on restrictions, said Mark Stangl, president of the Martin Acres Neighborhood association.

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MANA Meetings are held at Church of the Nazerene, 300 S. Broadway, downstairs, at 7:00 PM, the first Monday of every month, except June, July & Dec.

February 2 – guest speaker, Brett Weideman, Environmental & Zoning Enforcement Supervisor March 2 – The annual elections of the Steering Committee, refreshments provided

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY THINK GREEN!