



CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

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The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was established to enhance the community's local historic resources and promote the public health, safety, prosperity and welfare through the protection and preservation of the City's architectural, historic and cultural heritage. This report provides an overview of activities and highlights of program activities that the Board and staff to the Board have accomplished during 2019.

BOARD MEMBERS

Mikhail Blosser

Greg Gnesios

Priscilla Mangnall

Jody Motz

Ron Parron (Chair)

Troy Reynolds

Brandon Stam

PRIMARY DUTIES

The Board's primary duties are to:

- 1) Establish a City Register listing designated structures, sites and districts; and
- 2) Provide educational opportunities to increase public appreciation of Grand Junction's unique heritage.

The Board also reviews proposed alterations to designated sites as necessary. It is comprised of five to seven members appointed by City Council, and includes one member from the Downtown Development Authority Board or staff.

Community Development staff organizes and helps manage Board activities including the Historic Preservation Board's monthly meetings. In addition, staff addresses historic preservation interests in the community, helps address and provide information to the general public and reviews development projects, as necessary.

2019 PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Historic Preservation Board meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month to conduct regular business or for special meetings as needed to review development proposals. The discussion below summarizes general projects, activities and accomplishments of the Board as well as highlights some of the larger projects in which the Board has been involved.

BOARD AND STAFF GENERAL ACTIVITIES

During 2019, general operations and activities of staff and the Board included:

- 2 new members were appointed and a chair selected for 2019
- Staff regularly responded to inquiries by the public via phone, email or counter visits regarding Historic Preservation.
- On behalf of the Board and with comment from the Board as needed, staff responded to requests for comment on federal- or state-related capital projects or other projects requiring Section 106 or other environmental review (e.g. communications facilities) for potential impact on historic resources.
- Staff completed historic preservation review as part of the required Environmental Review for all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities funded for the 2019 Program Year as well as ongoing activities from previous program years.
- Staff completed an annual report to History Colorado/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the environmental reviews conducted July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 per the City and State's Programmatic Agreement established in 2015.
- Members of the Board helped promote and provided docent support for several Museum of Western Colorado events as well as provided presentations at Mesa County Historical Society events.
- The Board helped promote and toured the exhibit created by the Colorado Mesa University Fall 2019 Public History course regarding the history of the Atomic Legacy Cabin.
- Staff and members of the Board participated in the annual event to update the City Parks and Recreation Cultural Plan.
- Other projects as highlighted on the following pages.

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GIS STORY MAP

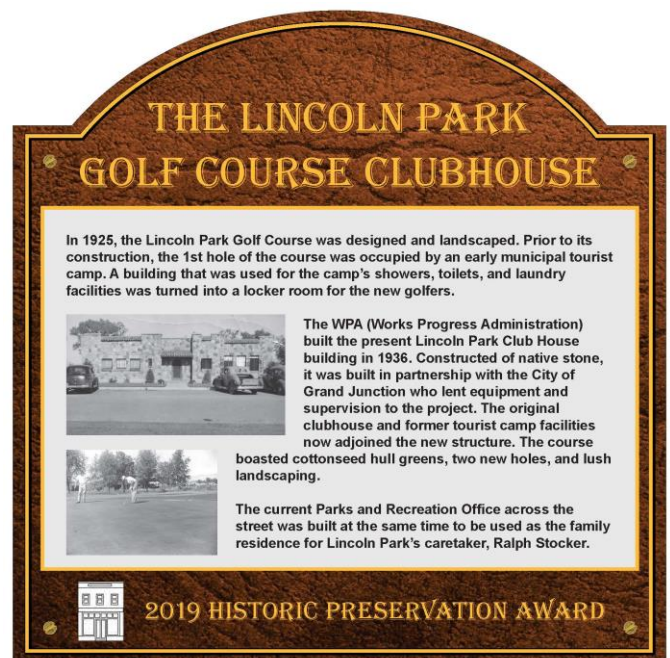
Staff and the Board worked with students from the Fall 2019 CMU Public History Class and the City GIS Division to develop text and identify images that will be built into a GIS Story Map regarding local history and historic figures and sites.

Work will continue into 2020 to finalize the map and publish on line for public consumption.



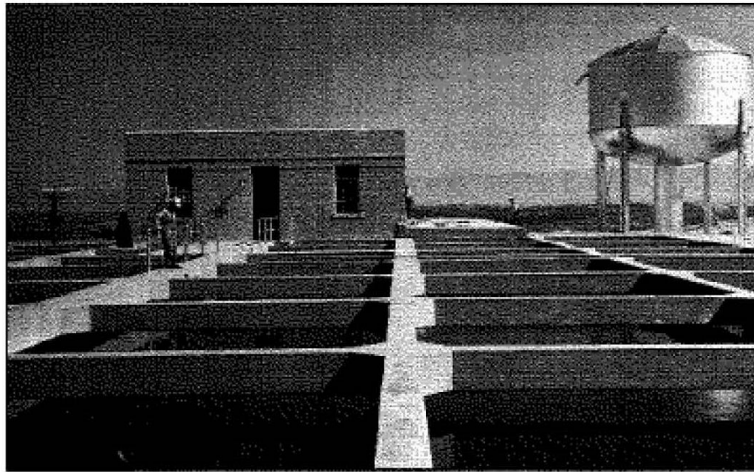
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

The Board presented the annual Historic Preservation Award to the City General Services Department/Golf for the on-going stewardship and recent restoration work on the Lincoln Park Golf Course Clubhouse. The award to the right is on display inside the clubhouse building.



2019 PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HISTORIC WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND TOWER



1939 water treatment plant (south façade) taken in 1946.

A team of City Staff members were successful in applying for a State Historical Fund grant to complete a Historic Structure Assessment of the historic Water Treatment Plant and Tower located on Orchard Mesa. The study was completed in November 2019 and outlines next steps for preservation of the facilities, for which a grant for the first phase will be applied for in 2020.

HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS

Staff and the Board worked with members of the East Rood Avenue and Main Street area of downtown and the City Utilities Department for designation of an historic district within the neighborhood known as the Original Mile (1882) Keith's Addition (1890) Historic District with over 100 homes and the Water Treatment Plant and Tower referenced above. Upon recommendation by the Historic Preservation Board, City Council approved historic designation of the properties in early 2019.



Staff and the Board has also worked with the Mantey Heights neighborhood about possible formation of a Historic District for the original adobe homes in the area.

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GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS CODE AMENDMENT

Property owners within the Lincoln Park Historic District have expressed the desire to create design guidelines and standards for their newly formed District. The Board and Staff have been assisting the District in this effort.

In addition, the Board began working with property owners in the North Seventh Street Historic Residential District to clarify the guidelines and standards pertaining to demolition of non-historic accessory structures. Proposed guidelines and standards for Lincoln Park as well as an amendment to the regulations for North Seventh Street are anticipated to be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council in 2020.



COLORADO MOST ENDANGERED PLACES LIST

The Board nominated the Teller Institute (Regional Center) to Colorado's Most Endangered Places List. While it did not make the final list for 2020, reviewers stated it was a very strong application and encouraged continued work on it for a 2021 nomination.



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2020 CITY CALENDAR

The Board gathered historic information and images to be included as insets on pages for each month of the City's 2020 calendar.

