

## *Memorandum*

**TO:** Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Mike Bennett, City Manager  
Tamra Allen, Community Development Director  
**DATE:** February 7, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Historic Preservation Board Annual Report

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The attached annual report provides an overview for City Council of activities and highlights of program activities and accomplishments related to the Historic Preservation Board in 2024. The staff liaison to the Board, Planning Supervisor Jessice Johnsen supports this board and the City's broader historic preservation efforts and responsibilities.

*Attachment:*

Historic Preservation Board Annual Report 2024

*C: John Shaver, City Attorney  
Department Directors*



CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

## 2024 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 2024.

## BOARD MEMBERS

Sidney Wood (Chair)

Dave Fishell

Ron Parron

Shannon Power

Dustin Anzures

Vida Jaber

Kevin Tinsley

Councilman Scott Beilfuss

## 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.

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.

# 2024 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 2024, general operations and activities of staff and the Board included:

- One new member was appointed, Kevin Tinsley. Sidney Wood was voted the new Chair.
- 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 reviews as part of the required Environmental Review for all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities funded for the 2024 Program Year.
- Staff completed an annual report to History Colorado/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the environmental reviews conducted July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024 per the City and State's Programmatic Agreement that was renewed in 2020.
- Other projects as highlighted on the following pages.



## 2024 PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### **PLAZA URRUTIA FRONTON EVENT**

The History Colorado Board of Directors approved the Basque fronton for inclusion on the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. On May 18, 2024, an event was held to celebrate this designation

The Historical Preservation Board and City staff designed and installed a new plaque at Canyon View Park.



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### **PLAZA URRUTIA – GRANT FUNDING**

Staff began working with History Colorado to obtain a grant to repair the fronton and ensure that this landmark continues to be a unique and functioning handball court for the community. The city will receive notice of this grant in early 2024.

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## **PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES**

The Historic Preservation Board voted to change the By-Laws as there has been increased interest in the community to become involved. The proposed changes would allow no more than three members to live outside of the city limits of Grand Junction. Additionally, the Board proposed allowing alternate members to bring the total of members to seven board members and two alternates. The By-Law changes will be brought forth to City Council for consideration.

## **7TH STREET STEERING COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT**

The Historic Preservation Board became involved in the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Steering Committee to provide feedback on how this will affect the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Historical District, and the Board's concerns with possible changes.

Sidney Wood represented the Historic Preservation Board and attended the meetings. The Board's main concern is traffic, speed, and preserving the existing trees/tree canopy and overall look of the district. The Board will continue to stay involved in this project until completion.

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION WATER PLANT**

The Historic Preservation Board provided a letter of support to History Colorado to consider a grant for much needed renovations at the City of Grand Junctions historic water treatment plant.

## **CMU ADU DESIGN COMPETITION**

The Historic Preservation Board was involved in the ADU design competition. Board member Shannon Power volunteered to be a design reviewer and participated in choosing the winning ADU design. The Board was asked to become involved to provide the guidance and perspective of adding additional dwelling units to residences that are part of the historic downtown area.