

2016 Annual Report
Greeley Historic Preservation Commission

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Members of City Council and Citizens of Greeley:

The Greeley Historic Preservation Commission presents this Annual Report describing the work and accomplishments of the Commission in 2016. We hope to highlight the rich historical context of Greeley and the vibrancy of preservation efforts by its citizens.

The Commission reviewed 1 application for designation on the Greeley Historic Register and 11 applications for repairs or modifications to previously designated properties and properties within the two designated historic districts. The Commission and Staff also assisted property owners with incentives, primarily the tax credit program as well as the Downtown Development Authority façade grant program, to further preservation of our historic properties.

By detailing accomplishments of 2016, the Greeley Historic Preservation Commission aspires to increase community awareness of past success and future promise of historic preservation in Greeley.

Greeley Historic Preservation Commission



Our Mission

The mission of the Greeley Historic Preservation Commission is to identify, preserve and enhance Greeley's historic resources. Through research, educational programs and economic incentives, the Commission will build upon public enthusiasm for the protection of the unique character of the community's past and present for the future. (Adopted February 1996)

Greeley Historic Register

The Greeley Historic Register (Register) is comprised of 89 individually designated properties as of the last day of 2016 and includes residences, commercial buildings, parks, an irrigation ditch, an artesian well, signs, schools, churches, and a depot. These properties are designated through nomination to the Commission and approval is based on significance of architecture, geography, history or association with persons instrumental to the growth of the city.

The City of Greeley boasts two historic districts on the Register, the Monroe Avenue Historic District and the Downtown Greeley Historic District.

During 2016, the Commission designated the Currier Carriage House at 1221 9th Avenue on the Register for historical, architectural, and geographical significance.



Currier Carriage House, 1221 9th Avenue

Certificates of Approval

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed 12 requests for repairs or modifications of listed properties during 2016. Approved projects included signs, new construction, garage door windows, roof replacements, a fire escape and others. The requests reviewed included the

Masonic Temple rehabilitation, Camfield Court Building exterior rehabilitation, and the storefront at 820 8th Street.

Incentives

Total Number of 2016 Applications

Tax Credit Reviews: 2

Building Permit Fee Refund applications: 0

Historic Preservation Loans: 0

Commission Outreach and Projects

The Commission and Historic Greeley Inc, Greeley's Historic Preservation non-profit organization that is not affiliated with the City, worked together to continue to strengthen communication and the partnership for furthering historic preservation in Greeley. A joint meeting in August provided excellent discussion between the groups. Various members of Historic Greeley, Inc continued to attend Commission meetings, to allow open communication between the groups and further collaborative efforts.

Joan Clinefelter also published a guest column in the Greeley Tribune about Historic Preservation Month and historic preservation in Greeley. She highlighted the move of the Bessie Smith House, a collaborative effort between Family of Christ Presbyterian Church, Historic Greeley, Inc and the City of Greeley.

The Commissioners helped City Staff distribute Historic Preservation Month posters to Greeley businesses and residents.

Historic Preservation Staff gave historic preservation presentations to several groups, including at senior living facilities, a GRASP group at the Senior Center and a Greeley Rotary Group. Approximately 168 people attended those presentations total.

During 2016, the Commission spent approximately 365 hours on Commission meetings, projects, and events. Commission projects included the Neighborhood Survey project, development of a Resource Guide brochure, and the outreach table at Potato Day at Centennial Village Museum. Commissioner Anschutz and Staff worked on a survey of a small portion of the Arlington neighborhood, indentifying those significant neighborhood features and designated properties, including the No. 3 Ditch and the Camfield House at 814 19th Street to be presented in 2017.

Several Commisioners and City Staff went to the bi-annual National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Forum in Mobile, AL in July. Those Commissioners and City Staff who attended the Forum in Mobile, Alabama in July 2016 provided reports on sessions they attended to the Commission at an August meeting. Attendance at the conference was funded by a Certified Local Government Grant from History Colorado and the National Park Service.

Events

The Historic Preservation Commission hosted 18 events in 2016 with a total attendance of 875 people.

The Historic Preservation Commission and Staff continued the History Brown Bag series held at the Greeley History Museum on the 4th Thursday of each month from January through October 2016. 607 people attended the History Brown Bag Series over the course of 2016. Speakers and topics at the Brown Bag series included:



(Left) Scott Chartier, Museum Curator presents about food preservation techniques at the February 25th Brown Bag. (Right) Peggy Ford Waldo, Museum Development Curator, presents about Greeley's Development History in March.

2016 History Brown Bag Series

January 28th - Windows of Time: No. 3 Ditch GTV8 Documentary

February 18th - The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald, by David Trussell

February 25th - Historic Food Preservation Techniques, by Scott Chartier

March 24th - Location, Location, Location: Greeley's Development Dilemma, by Peggy Ford Waldo

April 28th - The Holocaust: Ten Things You Never Knew You Wanted to Know, by Joan Clinefelter



UNC History Professor Joan Clinefelter spoke to a large crowd about the Holocaust.

May 26th - Greeley's Underground Tunnels, by Bill Veach

June 23rd - The Great Western Cattle Trail, by Ken Kleinsorge



Ken Kleinsorge regales the audience with stories and information about the Great Western Cattle Trail in June. He dressed the part!

July 28th - Young Chatauqua performance

August 25th - Rattlesnake Kate Presentation, by Tannis Bator

September 22nd - The Great Western Railway, by Ken Jessen

October 27th - Plaster Disaster Recovery, by Ron and Linde Thompson



(Left) Young Chatauquans Cole Herrick as Alexander Hamilton and Martin Lahman as Benjamin Franklin with Young Chatauqua Coordinator Thelma Edgerton. (Right) Tannis Bator does a Chatauqua presentation of Rattlesnake Kate.

Historic Preservation Month

May is National and Colorado Historic Preservation Month and Greeley celebrated! The Commission hosted a reception at Centennial Village Museum in May 2016. In addition to enjoying the historic atmosphere and comfortably cool weather, the Commission presented Historic Preservation Month Awards for excellence in historic preservation and contributions to preservation in Greeley, as well as posters to Greeley Historic Register property owners.

2016 Historic Preservation Month Award winners included:

Pete and Shirley Moreno – for the preservation and rehabilitation of the property at 322 13th Street.



Commissioner Sandra Scott presented Pete and Shirley Moreno their award for preserving the building at 322 13th Street. Photo by Susan Seager.

Family of Christ Presbyterian Church – for saving and moving the Carrel House at 1115 11th Street. Bessie Smith, Greeley's first female architect, designed the Carrel House.



Commissioner Tannis Bator presented Family of Christ Presbyterian Church with an award for saving and moving the Bessie Smith-designed Carrel House. Photo by Susan Seager.

Walking Tours

The Commission sponsored 6 walking tours during the year in several Greeley neighborhoods and presented historical and architectural highlights of these neighborhoods to 246 people. Featured areas and topics included:

April 18th – the Billie Martinez Area, hosted by Betsy Kellums and Deb DeBoutez

June 6th – Cranford, hosted by Betsy Kellums

June 20th – 8th Avenue and Motor Row Neighborhoods, hosted by Betsy Kellums

August 1st – Sunrise Neighborhood, hosted by Betsy Kellums

August 29th – tour of Plumb Farm, hosted by Scott Chartier

September 19th – Weld County Court House, hosted by Karen Salaz



Many thanks to walking tour attendee and volunteer photographer Susan Seager!

Historic Preservation Resources about Greeley

Several resources about Greeley history and historic preservation are available to the public, including a guidebook, *GREELEY, COLORADO: History and Architecture of its Downtown Buildings*, and four editions of *Windows of Time*, a Historic Preservation documentary. They are available for check out or for purchase of \$10 from the Historic Preservation Office and are regularly offered for sale at events like Potato Day when the Commission staffs tables to educate the public about historic preservation.

Windows of Time

J.M.B. Petrikin and the Greeley Masonic Lodge, City of Greeley – GTV8, © 2005

P.O.W. Camp 202, City of Greeley – GTV8, © 2005

The History of Greeley's No. 3 Ditch, City of Greeley – GTV8, © 2006

From the Volga to the Platte: Germans from Russia, City of Greeley – GTV8, © 2008

Brochures

2017 Historic Preservation Event Calendar brochure

“Historic Properties: Additions, Remodeling and Maintenance Tips” brochure

Online – www.greeleygov.com/historicpreservation

“Historic Preservation 101” online PowerPoint presentation

<http://greeleygov.com/docs/default-source/community-development/education/historic-preservation-101.pdf?sfvrsn=3>

“List of Inventoried Properties” online list with historical and architectural information about inventoried properties

<http://greeleygov.com/services/historic-preservation/inventoried-properties>

2016 Accomplishments and Activities

8th Avenue/Motor Row Historic Resource Survey

The City worked with Cultural Resource Historians (CRH) to conduct and complete a historic resource survey along the 8th Avenue corridor between 10th and 16th Streets. The State Historical Fund at History Colorado and the City of Greeley funded the 8th Avenue historic resource survey project. The Commission hosted two public meetings to discuss the survey, including one in January and one in August. The survey information was sent to property owners in the corridor and the City invited all owners to the public meetings. Roughly ten owners attended the August public meeting.

Historic Preservation Commission Training

Colorado Preservation, Inc Saving Places Conference, Denver, CO, February 3-5, 2016 – attended on various days by Debra Glynn, Mark Markley, Derek Boulton, Sandra Scott

Realtor Workshop about Selling Historic Homes in Fort Collins – attended by Debra Glynn

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, Mobile, AL, July 27-31, 2016 – attended by Mark Markley and Joan Clinefelter; City of Greeley Planning Manager Mike Garrott and Planner Marian Duran also attended the Forum. A Certified Local Government Grant from the National Park Service and History Colorado funded the trip to the Forum in Mobile.

Interns/Volunteers

The City of Greeley Historic Preservation Office appreciates and utilizes volunteers and interns from area universities and is open to high school interns. In support of continuing efforts to connect the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and the City of Greeley, the City Historic Preservation Staff recruits UNC students to serve as interns, which has also served to strengthen ties with the UNC History Department. In the past, interns have assisted with historic resource surveys, property documentation, historic preservation event planning, walking tour planning, a window resource guide project, an online mapping project, attending meetings and other tasks. They provide a valuable service to the City in performing tasks, creating high quality products while getting a variety of preservation-related experiences. With an estimated 324 hours in 2016 at \$10 per hour, estimated value of their work for the City for 2016 would be \$3,240.

2016 Interns/Volunteers

Samantha Conder, University of Northern Colorado – GIS and Historic Preservation scanning project, assist with documentation of properties, assist with educational outreach through teaching students at History Fest, attendance at meetings, etc.



Katie Fromm, from SD6 Career Explore Intern – Assist with research and preparation of summer walking tours, writing articles about historic preservation for Greeley Unexpected blog, attendance at meeting, assist with educational outreach and promotion of events, etc.



2017 Goals

The Commission will continue the Neighborhood Survey Project.

The Commission will continue public outreach, including promoting and attending historic preservation events, including walking tours and the History Brown Bag series; hosting a table at events potentially including the Farmers' Market, and Potato Day; selling guidebooks; distributing Historic Preservation Month posters; collaborating with Historic Greeley, Inc, the City of Greeley Museums, and the Downtown Development Authority, and other outreach and education efforts.

The Commission will compile information for a resource guide, including categories and contact information for contractors, information about property maintenance, and information about designation and incentives.