



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

## Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026, at 4:00pm

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Podell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. Roll Call – Present**

Vice Chair Doran Azari  
Commissioner Marshall Clough  
Commissioner Christen DePetro  
Commissioner Melissa Martinez  
Chair Dan Podell

**Absent:**

Commissioner Sean Jaehn  
Commissioner Brent McHattie

**3. Approval of the agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Azari

He moved to approve the agenda.

**Second:** Commissioner Clough

**Vote:** Motion passed 5-0

**Absent:** Commissioner Sean Jaehn and Commissioner Brent McHattie

**4. Approval of the January 5, 2026, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Clough had two corrections to make to the minutes. On page 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, include Betsy Kellums last name. On page 6, last paragraph, correct the spelling of Weld.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Clough

He moved to approve the minutes with the corrections.

**Second:** Commissioner Azari

**Vote:** Motion passed 5-0

**Absent:** Commissioner Sean Jaehn and Commissioner Brent McHattie

**5. Report from Historic Greeley Inc**

Julia Richards expressed appreciation to Gabe Llanas for his service on the Historic Commission and for staying longer than expected to help resolve quorum-related issues. She also thanked all members for their extra effort, dedication to the community, and commitment to historic preservation.

Mrs. Richards noted the successful Phase 1 opening of the Creative Arts District at the Macy Allnutt Building, highlighting the strong turnout and the launch of new programming. The project was recognized as an excellent example of adaptive reuse of a historic building.

Finally, she emphasized the importance of remaining informed about developments concerning the City of Greeley's other historic property, the First Baptist Church, as plans for the site continue to evolve.

**6. Resolution Commending Gabriel Llanas for Service on the Historic Preservation Commission**

This was moved to the March 2, 2026, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

**7. Small Business Land Use Center Presentation by Katelyn Puga, Planner III and Tina Close, Interim Civil Engineer IV**

Katelyn Puga (Planner III) began her presentation by introducing herself, Tina Close (Interim Civil Engineer IV) and the project as published.

Commissioner Azari asked whether his understanding was correct that the space is not intended to function as a recruitment office, but rather as a resource where individuals can obtain information and receive assistance in navigating the process. Mrs. Puga confirmed that the program is housed within Community Development. She clarified that it is not a new department, but rather a new program designed to better address the specific needs of the community.

Commissioner Azari asked if this program is relatively new. Mrs. Puga confirmed it is a new program and first presented to Council as a preliminary idea two years ago. The website went live in January 2026.

**8. Historic Preservation Month Planning**

Mrs. Kellums shared that Historic Preservation Month is approaching quickly. Since awards have been presented in past years, the Commission should decide whether to continue the program this year. If so, the application packet would need to be posted and distributed next month, with an early April deadline to allow time for review and selection before the May event. A date and location for the event must also be determined. An inquiry has been sent to the Creative District regarding use of the Creative Arts Center, and additional venue suggestions are welcome.

Commissioner Azari stated if the Creative District is available, it would likely welcome the opportunity to host the event and offer another tour of the building, given its direct connection to the Council's work and broader community planning efforts.

Commissioner Clough agreed with Commissioner Azari but suggested they come up with an alternative location in case that building is unavailable.

Commissioner Azari suggested the old Armory building. Mrs. Kellums and Commissioner Clough responded positively to the idea and will also inquire about that location's availability.

All Commissioners agreed to proceed with the Creative Arts District building first, then the Armory if it is not available.

**9. Commission Member Report**

Commissioner Azari mentioned he will attend the CPI conference next week, on the 11th, in Denver.

**10. Staff Report**

Mrs. Kellums stated the CPI Conference will be next Wednesday through Friday, the 11th to the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel Denver.

Mrs. Kellums also shared that The City will host an event at City Hall on Friday, February 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., featuring brief remarks, including an address by Commissioner Podell, followed by a flag-lowering ceremony, refreshments, and opportunities for attendees to share memories and ideas for honoring City Hall in the future. The event will function as an open house, with an additional open house scheduled for Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. for those unable to attend Friday. Mrs. Kellums explained that there is no set date for demolition, noting that the demolition permit has not yet been issued. On Saturday, March 7, a former Architectural Virtual Library staff member from CSU, now with Auburn, will travel to Colorado to voluntarily complete a 3D interior documentation of City Hall. While it is not a public event, the project will help memorialize the building and may allow for the creation of a virtual tour using multiple 3D images captured throughout the interior.

Mrs. Kellums stated History Fest will take place the week of May 11 at Centennial Village Museum from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and volunteers are welcome.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Podell adjourned the meeting at 4:37pm.

Signed by:

*Dan Podell*

**Dan Podell – Chair**

Signed by:

*Betsy Kellums*

**Betsy Kellums – Secretary**