



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025, at 4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair DePetro called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

Commissioner Gabriel Llanas (Arrived at 4:06pm)

3. Approval of the agenda

Chair DePetro asked if there were any corrections or modifications to the agenda.

Betsy Kellums (Planner III – Historic Preservation) indicated there were not any additions or corrections.

Commissioner Podell moved to approve the agenda as published.

Commissioner Clough seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Llanas was absent for this vote)

4. Approval of March 17, 2025, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair DePetro asked if there were any corrections or modifications to the minutes.

Seeing none, Chair DePetro asked the commission for a motion.

Commissioner Azari moved to approve the minutes as published.

Commissioner Jaehn seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Llanas was absent for this vote)

Approval of April 7, 2025, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair DePetro asked if there were any corrections or modifications to the minutes.

Seeing none, Chair DePetro asked the commission for a motion.

Commissioner Azari moved to approve the minutes as published.

Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Llanas was absent for this vote)

5. Report from Historic Greeley Inc.

Julia Richard welcomed everyone to June, noting it's the first month after the previous milestone and a preparatory period for the next year.

Ms. Richard thanked the host for organizing the Historic Preservation Awards meeting at Warnoco, expressing appreciation for honoring outstanding contributions to historic preservation.

Ms. Richard reminded everyone that June through August is when they scout for old historic homes that could benefit from their weekend preservation project in October. Ms. Richardson encouraged commissioners to suggest potential properties or share owner contacts with Historic Greeley Inc.

Ms. Richard also mentioned an upcoming Insight Presentation covering various Greeley city initiatives. They look forward to discussing how historic preservation aligns with future downtown development, including opportunities to protect and repurpose currently unprotected historic structures.

6. City of Greeley Insight Presentation, Winna MacLaren, Communication and Engagement Department Director

Winna MacLaren (Communication and Engagement Department Director) began her presentation by introducing herself and the item as published. She gave a presentation summarizing various city projects and initiatives, including the Downtown Civic Campus and revitalization, Lincoln Park Common, 16th Street Enhancement project, Homeless and Housing Solutions, Greeley Tourism Goals & Strategies, Catalyst/Cascadia project, MERGE project, the Greeley Airport Expansion, Terry Ranch Aquifer, the Poudre River Restoration Initiative, and Arroyos Del Sol Natural Area.

Questions and discussion ensued, and Ms. MacLaren agreed to return to the Commission with updates in the future.

Chair DePetro said she would like quarterly updates on these projects from Ms. MacLaren or her department. Ms. MacLaren agreed to update the commission quarterly.

Mrs. Kellums requested the plans for the Lincoln Park update come before this commission, before it is finalized, since the park is designated on the Greeley Historic Register. Ms. MacLaren agreed to do that as well.

7. Triennial Review Discussion

Mrs. Kellums (Planner III) provided an overview of the commissioners' responsibilities and outlined the upcoming steps in the review process. She then requested feedback or approval on the packet that includes a memo, a four-page questionnaire about the Commission's activities and priorities, and a combined work plan for 2022–2027. Mrs. Kellums then asked the Commission to review the documents and indicate any changes or vote to approve them for submission to the City Council. The Certified Local Government annual reports will also be provided for additional context.

Vice Chair Jaehn expressed support for the document, viewing it as a valuable starting point for the commission's work and suggested approving it as is.

Chair DePetro asked for a motion to approve the questionnaire and work plan for the Triennial Review to be submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Azari made the motion.

Commissioner Jaehn seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

8. Commission Member Report

Commissioner Azari expressed appreciation to the City of Greeley for hosting the recent Boards and Commissions reception and publicly recognized Mrs. Kellums for her impressive presentation on the Historic Preservation Commission's activities and accomplishments. Kudos were also given for her ongoing dedication and hard work.

Commissioner Azari also gave a brief report on the successful History Fest held during the first week of May, commending the City of Greeley and its history team, including Chris and colleagues, for organizing the event. The festival attracts hundreds of fourth-grade students and offers an impressive, interactive experience. Commissioner Azari shared the honor of sharing stories about historic structures and was especially moved by students expressing interest in pursuing historic preservation. He noted the event continues to make a lasting impact.

Commissioner Llanas said over 2,000 students attended History Fest. He also shared that Centennial Village is now open for the season.

9. Staff Report

Mrs. Kellums shared that the city has selected a consultant for the Spanish Colony Survey project: Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, the same firm that conducted the historic Section 106 work for the 16th Street project.

Mrs. Kellums also reported on the Historic Preservation Month event at Warnoco, which was great success, with about 58 attendees, the largest turnout for a Historic Preservation Month event in some time. The venue has even offered to host again next year. David, who also attended last year's event at Syntax, inquired about bringing back trivia, suggesting it might be a fun addition to consider for next year's gathering.

10. Adjournment

With no other business, Chair DePetro adjourned the meeting at 5:12 pm.

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Christen DePetro

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Christen DePetro – Chair

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Betsy Kellums

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Betsy Kellums – Secretary