



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday July 21, 2025, at 4:00pm

1. Call to Order

Chair DePetro called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

2. Roll Call – Present:

Commissioner Marshall Clough

Chair Kristen DePetro

Vice Chair Sean Jaehn

Commissioner Gabriel Llanas

Commissioner Melissa Martinez

Commissioner Dan Podell

Absent:

Commissioner Doran Azari

3. Approval of the agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

Motion by Commissioner Podell:

To approve the agenda as published.

Second: Commissioner Clough.

Vote: Motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Azari was absent)

4. Report from Historic Greeley Inc.

Julia Richard highlighted the recent celebration at the historic Macy Allnutt Building, now home to the Creative Arts District. She praised the project as a major win—both for preserving a century-old structure and for its sustainable approach, reusing the existing frame and shell rather than relying on new materials. The building holds deep community

significance, and its continued use is seen as a major benefit to residents. Mrs. Richard's also thanked the Commission for placing it on the historic register.

Additionally, Mrs. Richard's shared that applications are now open for the upcoming Weekend Preservation Project. The initiative supports homeowners of historic properties who need assistance with maintenance or repairs. The project will primarily focus on the front of the building facing the streetscape, with potential work wrapping around the sides as needed. The goal is to select a project that can be completed by a volunteer crew over the course of a single weekend. Projects often include preservation work and sometimes landscaping. Flyers were distributed, and applications are due by September 1.

5. Presentation: Greeley Urban Forest Strategic Plan, Sam Heywood

Sam Heywood began his presentation by introducing himself and the plan as published. Mr. Heywood asked the commission questions regarding this plan.

1. What finding(s) stands out to you?

Conversation ensued between Mr. Heywood and the Commission covering topics such as the tree inventory, canopy data, the budget process for City-managed trees, and the overall goal for this plan. All agreed that the City needs to retain and maintain as many trees as possible.

Mr. Heywood emphasized that public outreach and engagement are key components of the plan, with a strong focus on educating the community about the importance of trees—why, where, and what to plant, as well as how to properly care for them.

2. How does your organization interact with trees in Greeley?

Mrs. Kellums said the only situation where this commission would get involved is if a property within the historic district wanted to remove a tree, plant a new one, or make similar changes. Landscape review is part of their oversight. A tree could theoretically be designated though.

Conversation ensued between Mr. Heywood and the Commission regarding a State program for Historic Trees and where they are in Colorado.

3. What do you like or dislike about trees?

Mr. Heywood shared it is usually the mess the trees leave, the cost of water, and challenges maintaining trees. The Commission agreed.

6. Commission Member Reports

No Commissioner reports.

7. Staff Report

Betsy Kellums shared that there will be a walking tour tonight at 6:00 PM, starting at City Hall — a great opportunity to explore some unique and interesting architecture. This

Thursday, the History Hour presentation will feature the talented Young Chautauquans. For those who haven't seen them perform, it's highly recommended — they do an incredible job. The event is free, open to the public, and no reservations are required.

There will be no meeting on August 4th, as there are no agenda items scheduled. However, there is a possibility that a special meeting may be scheduled—either next Monday or on August 11th, depending on need.

The final walking tour of the season will take place on Monday, August 11th at 5:30 PM, beginning at the Campus Commons on the UNC campus. Jed Cummins from UNC will lead the tour, which will focus on West Campus and its historic buildings.

8. Adjournment

Chair DePetro adjourned the meeting at 4:46pm.

Signed by:

Christen DePetro

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Christen DePetro – Chair

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Betsy Kellums

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Betsy Kellums – Secretary