

**Historic Main Street - HPC Public Comments for the BOT**  
**October 7, 2024**

Good evening, members of the Board of Trustees. My name is Sarah Lorang, and I am Chair of the Town's Historic Preservation Commission. Speaking on behalf of our Commission, we are asking for your support in designating the Historic Preservation Commission as a referral source for building permit applications within Lyons' Historic Downtown area. Specifically, we are seeking to review permits involving demolition, new construction, or exterior modifications.

The historic character of our Main Street and surrounding areas is not only a vital part of our community identity but also a driver of local tourism and economic vitality. Under current design guidelines and zoning regulations, most of Main Street's historically significant buildings face a real risk of demolition or alteration in ways that could permanently erase their historic features. Without safeguards, our unique architectural and cultural heritage is vulnerable to irreversible changes that would strip Lyons of its distinctive character.

Until more robust protections can be established, we propose this immediate step to ensure the Commission can provide input on projects within the Historic Downtown area. By allowing the HPC to review these permits, we can work proactively to advise on ways to maintain the historic integrity of our downtown, supporting thoughtful preservation while enabling progress. Naturally, should any member of the HPC ever have business before the town regarding the historical downtown area, they would of course be required to recuse themselves from the proceedings.

We look forward to collaborating with the Board, staff, and our community to achieve a balanced approach that honors Lyons' rich history and paves the way for a vibrant future. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Address	Current Use	Year Built	Age	[National] Lyons Historic District	Additional HPC Identified Properties
422 Main Street	Law Office	1900	124		
424 Main Street	Red Canyon Art	1900	124		
430 Main Street	Wildcat	1930	94		
432 Main Street	Lyons Properties	1930	94		
436 Main Street	Indian Bites Restaurant	1930	94		
440 Main Street	Brian McCann	1997	27		
450 Main Street	Main Stage Brewing	1890	134	Yes	
602 5th Avenue	Vintage Auto	1936	88		
455 Main Street	St. Vrain Market	1925	99		Yes
447 Main Street	Antique Shop	1976	48		
443 Main Street	Laura Levy	1976	48		
437 Main Street	Solace	1901	123		
431 Main Street	Barking Dog	1901	123		
429 Main Street	S2O	1901	123		
419 Main Street	Lovely by Nature Grooming	1903	121		Yes
415 Main Street	South Creek	1890	134	Yes	
405 Main Street	KL Realty, Marigold	1917	107		
401 Main Street	Solhawk	1917	107	Yes	
350 Main Street	Methodist Church	1935	89		Yes
344 Main Street	Indian Art	1903	121		
339 Main Street	Pinball	1936	88		

*The properties highlighted in orange are protected under the National Register of Historic Properties.*

*The HPC Identified Properties were properties of interest identified by past HPC members as properties of interest for a walking tour or future local designation.*

*Note: The minimum age for a property to be considered for historic designation is 50 years old; criteria that all but a few properties already meet.*