

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LYONS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Wed., October 23, 2024 at 5:30pm**

Location: Lyons Community Library: Effie Banta OR

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88956566050?pwd=bUx0L3cwWERTazNMc2tQKzFidEErZz09>

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1. Roll Call
 - a. Member Present: Lori Kran, Grace Simonsen, Sarah Lorang, Jen Wingard, Sara Neustadt, Gil Sparks
 - b. Guest(s): Paula Williams (BOT), Kristen Bruckner (Staff), Mia Glover, Lindsey Flewelling
 - c. Absent: N/A
2. Approve Agenda and Minutes from Past Meeting (September):
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g_rnmnv7mcGGdcnAJFsmOG-ysSjDmYlo/edit
 - a. Motion to Approve: Gil
 - b. 2nd: Sara
3. Land Acknowledgement

In recognition of the social justice values that the town of Lyons upholds and models to our community, we acknowledge that we are located on the traditional land of the

*Hinono'eino ("inuna-eyna")/Arapaho
Tsitsistas ("tsi-tsi-stahs")/Cheyenne
Nuuchi-u ("new-chew") Ute*

Further, we recognize the 48 contemporary tribal nations that are historically tied to the lands that make up the state of Colorado.

We call upon the Ancestors and Living Elders who retain the sacred insights of this earth and how to care for it.

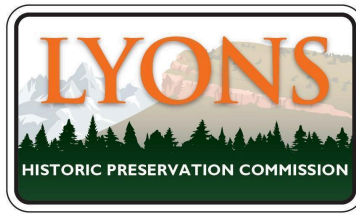
We respect the red sandstone foothills of the Front Range and the mighty river leading to the majestic western mountains.

We respect the native plants and strive to help them thrive.

We respect the animals who co-exist with us.

May we understand our history in our efforts to heal the traumas of the past and present and to activate steps to manifest reparations now and into the future.

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4. Audience Business

- a. Lindsey: Conducting Annual Evaluation (every 4 years); Group discussed Pinyon's draft context study - overall group opinion was that it lacked depth, diversity, and community input

5. Staff Report

- a. HPC was awarded a grant from the Lyons Community Foundation for a community commemorative event for the Ute Trail Marker (\$2000)

6. Old Business

a. Use of "Good Old Days" Language

- Lori and Sarah attended 10/7 BOT meeting to ask for a review of Town language around the event name; requested on-going sensitivity regarding language and how we reference the past

b. Historic Designation Program

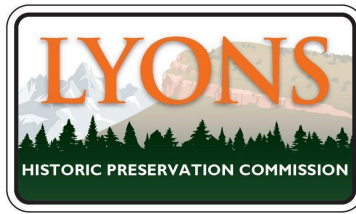
- Designation Program and Process PPT: Click [HERE](#)
- Sarah initiated order for 2 plaques from Signature Streetscapes; invoice sent to Kristen
 - [Plaque Image](#)
 - [Bronze Plaque Quote](#): \$265 + Shipping (Ea)

c. CLG Historic Context Survey Grant ([Folder](#))

- Grant Management Document with Deadlines: [Link](#)
- HPC to Provide Feedback on Pinyon's draft Historic Context Report: [Link to Draft Report](#) (9.2024)
- (Kristen) Discuss feedback at meeting
 - For Reference:
 - [Link to Pinyon's Proposal](#) (4.2023)
 - [Link to Grant Award Letter](#) (6.2023)

d. Protecting Lyons' Historic Main Street

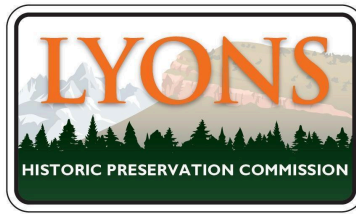
- Continue discussion re: vehicles to protect historic structures on Main Street (regardless of designation) - more detail can be found [HERE](#).
- Sarah to explore if there are available grants for preservation of Main Street with History Colorado
 - [Webinar](#) re: how Main Streets and CLGs work well together (May 2024) - HPC Homework for Training Credits? Link to additional training options [HERE](#). The EVC Chair serves on the Main St board.
 - Lyons is a member of [Main Street America](#)



- [Link to capstone project](#) developed by a University of Colorado Masters in Urban Planning student for some ideas on how to incentivize development rather than punish building owners
 - Possible facade grants: [Rural Economic Development Initiative](#)
 - Sarah presented a request that the HPC be a referral source for any building permit applications within the defined Historic Downtown Area to the BOT on 10/7. BOT would like examples of how this has historically been written into a Municipal Code - Sarah to check with History Colorado.
 - (Jen) Update on PCDC progress on Design Guidelines
 - (Sarah) Share Design Guidelines from History Colorado
 - [Central City Design Guidelines](#)
 - [Lake City Design Guidelines](#)
 - [Steamboat Springs Design Guidelines](#)
 - [Carbondale Design Guidelines](#)
 - [Denver Design Guidelines](#)
 - [Fort Collins Design Guidelines](#)
 - Lindsey shared examples from Colorado Springs, Salida, and Carbondale re: municipal codes with historic zoning overlays, or other protection measures for 'character defining historical features'. Lindsey mentioned identifying a boundary with contributing and non-contributing structures. Sarah to share and draft suggestions for the Town of Lyons and share with BOT.
- e. Land Acknowledgement - Lack of Actionable Goals
- Develop/Identify Actionable Goals for Q4 and 2025 (\$1000 Porch Talk Budget)
 - Sarah/Lori met with Chelsea/Mia in Sept re: a consultation with tribal representatives on how to better honor their heritage.
 - Exploring Park Buy Out (\$4400 p/Day in 2023 for LaVern - would be more in 2025), Artisan Market Space, and Additional Opportunities to Share Knowledge
 - (Kristen) Discuss ideas that the HPC might have for a commemorative event in 2025
 - Mia and Chelsea are interested in applying for a joint grant with the Town (Jan 15th Deadline; Draft is due December 9th)

7. New Business

- a. (Victoria) The Board of Trustees would like our input on rezoning lots within Lyons Valley Park - discussion and recommendations. The town has acquired four properties within Lyons Valley Park. [Link to Memo](#)
- Group identified that development in Zone 1 would not disturb any 'natural' or 'native' landscape as the area had already been disturbed; the general thought was that this thinking could also be applied to Zone 2. The area on the hillside (near the Lyons L) was one area where the group felt that development would disturb the natural landscape. When discussing the HPC's purview, there was some debate if 'historical' or the 'native' landscape did fall under our



jurisdiction, but we ultimately decided that an official recommendation from the HPC could not be given as our mission and responsibilities do not explicitly address any elements of this rezoning.

- Motion to decline to provide input citing the HPC's mission: Gil Sparks
- 2nd: Jen Wingard
- Vote: Unanimous

b. Annual Election

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
 - Motion to Re-Elect Sarah Lorang as Chair for 2025, elect Grace Simonsen as Vice Chair for 2025, and discuss the Secretary role in the November meeting: Gil Sparks
 - 2nd: Sarah
 - Vote Unanimous (Sara N. was absent, but a quorum was reached)

c. Discuss December Meeting

- The HPC will cancel the December meeting.

8. Summary of Action Items

- a. Sarah to provide suggestions for zoning changes to downtown.
- b. Kristen, Lindsey, Sarah, Lori to provide feedback to Pinyon on Historic Context Survey

9. Review of Upcoming Meetings:

Wed., November 20, 2024 at 5:30pm (Effie Banta)

~~Wed., December 18, 2024 at 5:30pm - Canceled~~

Wed., January 15, 2025 at 5:30pm

Wed., February 19, 2025 at 5:30pm

Wed., March 19, 2025 at 5:30pm

Wed., April 16, 2025 at 5:30pm

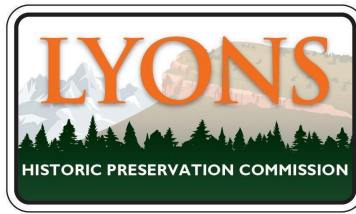
Wed., May 21, 2025 at 5:30pm

10. Requested Agenda Items:

11. Adjournment:

On-Going Projects

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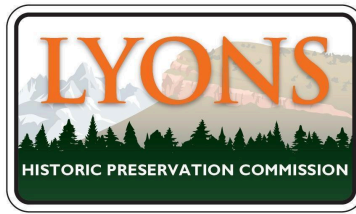


- Designation Program
- CLG Grant - Historic Context Survey
- Lyons Tours and Distribution Methods (Physical Handouts + Online)
- Establish a system to build out the Town's cultural resources around its pre-settlement history. Specifically learning more about the Ute, Arapaho, and Cheyenne tribes. The HPC will be mindful of integrating the lenses of race, ethnicity, race, and gender in the study of the history of the Town.
- GIS Mapping / General Town Survey
- Historic Preservation Commission Website
 - Updated HPC Site: [Outline](#), [TOL HPC Site](#)
 - Updated Walking Tour Descriptions:
 - [Current Walking Tour](#) (Redstone)
 - [Updated Walking Tour, Sept 2023](#) (Redstone + HPC + Targeted Properties for Research)
 - [Folder with Additional Walking Tour-Related Information](#)
- Collaboration Possibilities with the Lyons Chamber of Commerce
 - a. Kristin Frances is working with the library on Lit Fest (6/8)
 - b. (Lori) Met with Kristen to discuss possibility of getting multiple commissions to plan an event:
 - Garden Tour - Estes Park Grants
 - Plant Sale
 - Garage Sale
 - PorchFest
 - Kids Selling Things
 - Food Trucks
 - Used Book Sale (Library)

2024 Budget

- Request #1 Description: Certified Local Government (CLG) Subgrant: Historic Context Survey, Local Match Requirement (5.67% of Grant); Deadline for completion of Historic Context Survey is April 1, 2025.
 - Amount \$1500.00
- Request #2 Description: Funds to design and create bronze plaques for property owners who choose to designate their property as a Historic Property, recognized by the Town of Lyons and State of Colorado. The plaques would be displayed on the exterior of the property, identifying it as a Local Landmark. The City of Longmont issues a plaque like the one below. Rough cost estimates are \$125 p/plaque; the requested budget is for 5 properties to be designated in 2024.
 - Amount \$625.00

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- Request #3 Description: Funds to organize and host 2-3 porch talks in 2024. Topics would likely focus on historic properties (to support the HPC's work in rolling out our Historic Designation Program) and/or the History of Lyons (to support the HPC's work on the Historic Context Survey Grant).
 - Amount \$1000.00

2024 Goal Setting

- We must attend a SHPO-approved training at least once per year
- We will have our first CLG evaluation in 2024 (it's every 4 years)
- Depot Building Designation + Plaque
- Town Hall Designation
- Roll Out Designation Program to the Public
- GIS with Historical Markers
- Historic Landscaping - Native Plants, Sustainable
- Website Build Out
- Coordinate with Redstone for Indigenous Display

DRAFT 2025 Goal Setting

- Potential Future Project - Create some sort of signage for the Sandstone ramp to explain its prior use and history.
 - Potential Community Event - Trail Marker Ceremony with Dancers
 - Potential Community Event - Celebration of New/Updated Native American Artifacts Collection at the Redstone with tribe members/families.
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