

**CITY OF FRUITA
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Historic Preservation Board

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How long have you been a resident of Fruita? Since September 2001.

Occupation/Employer: I retired in 2016 from the Colorado National Monument Association.

Volunteer and/or work experience:

Co-author of two photographic histories of Fruita: *Images of America: Fruita* (2011) and *Legendary Locals of Fruita* (2016), both published by Arcadia Publishing.

Co-author of text for *Fruita History Coloring and Activity Book*, 2013, FHPB. (Artwork was contributed by a variety of local artists.)

Volunteer writer for *Fruita Times*, 2007-14. I wrote articles on local events and activities and Fruita history.

Freelance writer for various local publications including *Grand Valley Magazine*, 2015-2016; *Grand Junction Free Press*, 2014-2015; *Fruita Insider* (published by the Nickel/Sentinel Special Publications), 2015-2019; and *Our Backyard*, 2017-2019.

Wrote text for *Fruita Fall Festival Guide*, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Facebook page, Historical Photos of Fruita and Western Colorado, started in January 2017. The purpose is to get stories out there to a wide audience and the page now has over 20,000 followers. There is no advertising on the page, just lots of historical photos and stories, and plenty of discussion.

Over the years, my husband and I have presented slide program, talks, and walks about Fruita history to a variety of groups including Mesa County Historical Society, Colorado National Monument Association, Territorial Daughters, Kiwanis Club, P.E.O., senior groups, and local schools.

My husband and I received the 2018 Historian of the Year award from the Museums of Western Colorado in March 2018 for our work on Fruita history.

Fruita Chamber of Commerce Business Builders group and Chamber Board of Directors, 2012-2016.

1. Are you presently serving on a board or commission? If so, which one(s)?

Fruita Livability Commission (2019-2021) My term expired December 2021.

Fruita Tourism Advisory Council (2012-2022) My term expires June 2022.

Fruita Historic Preservation Board (2010-2021) My term expired June 2021. (I am still involved with the FHPB, but because of the "one person-one board" policy, I waited until I was starting to roll off the other boards before re-applying for this one.)

2. Why do you want to be a member of this board or commission? I love Fruita! I am interested in history in general and Fruita history in particular.

3. List any abilities, skills, or interests which are applicable to the board or commission for which you are applying. Writing, grant writing, and a passion for our area. I am very involved in the community. I love the people of Fruita, past and present, and I love collecting their stories.

4. Are you committed to attending meetings? Yes.

5. Are you committed to serving an entire term? Yes.

6. Please specify any activities which might create serious conflict of interest if you should be appointed to a particular board or commission. None.

7. List any licenses, certificates or other specialized training applicable to the board or commission for which you are applying. B.A. degree in English.

8. Additional information or references you believe may be helpful in considering your application.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Denise Hight

Signature Date: March 24, 2022.