



Historical Preservation in Grand County

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History

On March 16th, 1996 the Grand County Historic Preservation Board was established by Resolution 1996-3-7.

The purpose of this resolution was to promote public health, safety, and welfare through:

- (a) The protection and preservation of the historic and cultural heritage of Grand County by providing for the designation of historic buildings, landmarks, sites and districts in accordance with this resolution
- (b) The enhancement of property values, and the stabilization of historic neighborhoods, farms, ranches, sites of historical events, etc.; and
- (c) The increase of economic and financial benefits as a result of the attraction of tourists and visitors to Grand County; and
- (d) The provision of educational opportunities to increase public appreciation of Grand County's unique heritage.

The 1996 original board consisted of 5 members who

Reviewed applications for historical designation; and

Make recommendations and advise the Grand County Board of County Commissioners on which properties to designate by resolution.

The board also:

Advised and assisted owners of historic properties on the physical and financial aspects of preservation.

Developed and assisted in public education programs.

Conducted surveys of historic sites for the purpose of defining those of those of historic significance.

Advising GC BOCC on matters related to preserving the historic character of the County.

Pursue financial assistance for preservation related programs

October 27th, 2008, Grand County Historical Association presented a letter to reinstate the Grand County Historical Preservation Board with the increase of board members from 5 to 7. On October 28th, 2008, Resolution 2008-10-45 was adopted updating the original Resolution 1996-3-7.

June 23rd, 2010 the resolution was updated again, with Resolution 2010-6-15 to allow electronic voting, creating a secretary and treasurer position, publishing agendas, and the ability to review to make recommendations to the Planning Commission and BOCC of any application or proposal for altering, moving, or demolishing any designated historic property.

March 18th, 2014, a letter was submitted to the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation requesting to rescind Grand County's Certified Local Government status by the Grand County BOCC. No reason was given.

A response to this office was received September 9th, 2014 from the Certified Local Government Coordinator accepting the decertification of Grand County as a Certified Local Government, but inviting to reapply if the community was willing to recommit to historic preservation and willing to meet the requirements of the program.

What is a Certified Local Government

The National Historic Preservation Act established a nationwide program of financial and technical assistance to preserve historic properties and other places of importance in the historical and cultural life of the nation. A local government can participate directly in this program when the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) certifies that the local government has established its own historic preservation commission and a program meeting Federal and state standards.

Benefits of Becoming a Certified Local Government

Properties with historic designation are eligible for State Historical Fund and Certified Local Government grants.

Tax incentives, investment tax credits, and tax deductions for property owners.

Participation in statewide preservation programs and planning

To learn more about Certified Local Government

<https://www.historycolorado.org/certified-local-governments>

Responsibilities of Certified Local Government

Maintain a historic preservation commission

Survey local historic properties

Enforce state or local preservation laws

Provide for public participation

Other functions delegated or required by the state.

To reinstate CLG and allow for local historic designation through Grand County Historic Preservation Board

Grand County BOCC would need to:

Work with Champions and DOLA to update language in Resolution 2010-6-15 

Request Intergovernmental Agreements with the towns of Grand County to work most effectively

Appoint Board Members