

To: Mayor Kudron and the Grand Lake Board of Trustees

From: John Crone, Town Manager

Re: Historic Designation for Community House

Date: February 27, 2023

## **Background**

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society has long served as a very important part of our Town. It's volunteers have worked tirelessly to preserve and promote the historic buildings and sites in Town in order to tell the story of Grand Lake's History.

One of the tools that the GLAHS uses to tell the story of Grand Lake is through its historic walking tours. The GLAHS has identified several buildings and locations that have served a crucial role in the development of the Town. They have presented plaques to these locations that explain some of the history of the buildings and how they tie into the larger fabric of the Town.

The GLAHS has recently decided to recognize the Community House for the vital historical role that it has taken in helping our community to become what it currently is. The Community House was originally built in 1921 after the residents of Grand Lake raised money to build it and volunteered the work needed for its construction. Since its construction, the Community House has served its role as a center where the Townspeople can come together to work, play and celebrate what it means to be a Grand Laker.

The Community House is on the Colorado State Register of Historical Places and now it's story will be told to all of our locals and guests. The Town greatly appreciates the efforts of the Grand Lake Area Historical Society and gratefully accepts the new designation that the GLAHS has bestowed on the Community House.