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Subject: Minturn Historic Resources Survey

## **CONSULTING SERVICES PROPOSAL**

Dear Madison,

This revised consulting services proposal is submitted in response to the Town of Minturn's recent Request for Proposals for a combination reconnaissance and intensive-level survey of historic resources in the community. The information contained herein is based upon my understanding of the project area, my reading of the RFP, and my three decades of experience in the field of historic property documentation.

I have visited Minturn on several occasions over the years but have not had the pleasure of doing work there. However, I have provided extensive historic preservation consulting services in nearby communities, including Avon, Wolcott, Glenwood Canyon, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Silt, Rifle and Aspen. A list of my regional projects is provided below and more extensive information, including numerous other survey projects, can be found on my website (see the address above).

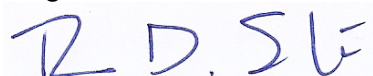
Because of the work I've done in the area, including historic resource surveys, landmark nominations, and Section 106 studies, I've become familiar with the history of Eagle County and have participated in writing that history through my projects. That work has allowed me to develop an understanding of the area's history as it relates to exploration and settlement, agriculture and mining, railroad and auto transportation, and skiing, recreation and tourism. I've collected various published and unpublished materials on the history of the county and its communities that remain on file in my office as a resource for every project I complete there. I've also spent numerous hours completing research in the Eagle County courthouse and the local history archive at the library in Eagle.

My past projects provide me with the experience necessary to take on new studies throughout Eagle County, including in places like Minturn. Experience completing dozens of survey projects over many years also provides me with a deep practical understanding of the process of recording and analyzing historic resources. Every project is completed with the goal of providing my clients with substantial information that they can use to manage and celebrate those resources into the future. This study will give Minturn the information it needs to prioritize future intensive-level survey, highlight properties that merit individual landmark designation, analyze whether a historic district might be viable, and focus future planning and grant writing that would benefit the town. It will also fulfill one of the action items highlighted by the 2022 Historic Preservation Plan that was developed for Minturn.

The scope of work and cost estimate below address the specific requirements of the RFP along with high-quality practices in the field of historic resource documentation and preservation consulting. I have also provided material related to my personal background and professional work. I believe that I would be a good option for this project because of my extensive experience with survey work throughout Colorado over the past three decades, combined with my focused experience in Eagle County.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed. I am looking forward to assisting the Town of Minturn with this project!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. D. Sladek".

Ron Sladek  
President

# Understanding and Approach

The following tasks, together making up the scope of services, will be completed during this project. These are based upon the Town's expectations as presented in the RFP, best practices in the field of historic resources documentation, and extensive experience completing reconnaissance and intensive-level surveys over many years.

The two primary goals of the project will be to complete a reconnaissance survey of Minturn's historic core, followed by an intensive-level survey of ten properties that merit closer attention. All of the work will be done by myself, Ron Sladek, with no tasks assigned to employees or sub-consultants.

Some of the questions raised in the RFP have been answered in the cover letter, and others are addressed below. All work will be guided by the most recent edition of the *Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Manual*. Throughout this proposal, the Town of Minturn will be referred to as the "Town," and Tatanka Historical Associates will be referred to as "Tatanka."

## **Start-Up Tasks**

**Task A: Initial consultation with the State Historical Fund (SHF)** – This required meeting will take place with staff from the SHF and Town of Minturn to discuss grant requirements and launch the project.

**Task B: File Search** - A file search focusing upon the project area will be ordered from History Colorado's Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (OAHP). In addition, Tatanka will review OAHP's online COMPASS database to review property records on file with that office that relate to the Town of Minturn.

**Task C: Preliminary Research** - Eagle County Assessor records and property records on file with the Town of Minturn will be collected and reviewed for the project area.

## **Phase I. Reconnaissance Survey**

This phase of the project will involve a town-wide reconnaissance of historic properties that are over 75 years old. These will be located through county assessor records, information provided by town staff and local residents, and other materials that emerge through the archival research.

**Task A: Field Survey** – Fieldwork will be completed on foot to identify and catalogue Minturn's numerous historic buildings that are over 75 years old. Primary buildings will be noted, along with secondary buildings and structures, landscaping features, and other historic characteristics that are found in the project area. Essential elements of their architecture, use, age and setting will be recorded. Each property will be photographed for the project report.

All of the reconnaissance and intensive-level work will be completed from the public right-of-way. Consequently, the project will not require seeking permission from the property owners to have their buildings surveyed because no private property will be entered. However, it is good practice for the Town to notify the community of the project and its purpose. Tatanka will assist with educating the public about the project.

**Task B: Archival Research** – This task will involve reviewing materials already on file in my office, along with locating materials from History Colorado, the Town of Minturn, the Eagle County Historical Society and Eagle Valley Library District. Knowledgeable persons in the town, including preservation advocates and those who have lived there for many years, will be consulted to shed light on the community's historic resources and to help identify its more notable ones.

**Task C: Reconnaissance Survey Report** - This report will present the results of the reconnaissance survey. It will address in detail the quality and quantity of architectural resources found in the town, along with relevant historic contexts, an annotated bibliography of sources, and the proposed methodology for Phase II intensive-level work. Contextual material will explore themes is Minturn's history in relation to its development and architecture. The survey results will also be summarized in table form.

**Task D: Presentation of Findings** - The study's findings will be presented to Minturn's Historic Preservation Commission for review and guidance moving into Phase II of the project. This is expected to take the form of the written report along with an in-person presentation to the HPC accompanied by PowerPoint slides. A presentation to Town Council could also take place. Following the receipt of comments from the Town, revisions will be made to the written report and it will be resubmitted as a final draft.

## **Phase II. Intensive-Level Survey**

This phase of the project will involve in-depth documentation of ten of Minturn's more notable historic buildings that are over 75 years old. It is expected that this will include a variety of property uses and architectural styles. This will require new documentation, or perhaps resurvey, of these properties.

**Task A: Field Survey** - Additional fieldwork will be completed to document the ten properties and related outbuildings and site features for intensive-level survey. This will include photography and the collection of architectural notes. In some cases, this might require access to the properties with the assistance of the Town, although no interiors will be visited. Usually this work can take place from the adjacent right-of-way.

**Task B: Archival Research** – As with the reconnaissance phase, a file search will take place using Colorado OAHP materials, including that office's COMPASS database. This will determine if any of the intensive-level properties have already been recorded and to collect that information. Archival research, including title searches along with published and unpublished materials and online sources, will be completed to produce in-depth background material on the properties and the people associated with them.

**Task C: Site Forms and Intensive-Level Survey Report** – Each property will be recorded using an OAHP Form #1403, accompanied by maps, site sketches and photographs. Once these are completed, a detailed survey report will be prepared to present the results of the intensive-level study. This will include sections addressing project background, methodology, environmental setting, field documentation, historic context, survey conclusions, and a bibliography. The survey results will also be summarized in table form for easy access to the information.

**Task D: Presentation of Findings** - The intensive-level results will be presented to the Town of Minturn and its Historic Preservation Commission for review. This is expected to take the form of the written report and site forms, which will be revised considering any comments. In-person presentations will also be made to the HPC and Town Council.

## Additional Scope Items

**Project Meetings** - Throughout the course of the project, meetings will take place at various times that are to be determined. These will include virtual and in-person meetings with the community, stakeholders, town staff, the HPC and Town Council. A schedule of meetings will be developed early in the project and revised as needed.

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## Schedule and Timeline

Project Task	Projected Timing
Start-Up Activities	September 2024
Reconnaissance Survey Fieldwork	September-November 2024
Reconnaissance Survey Research and Writing	December 2024-March 2025
Reconnaissance Survey Presentation of Findings	Around 1 April 2025
Intensive Survey Fieldwork	April-May 2025

Intensive Survey Research and Writing of Site Forms	June-September 2025
Intensive Survey Project Report	October-November 2025
Intensive Survey Presentation of Findings Project Completion	1 December 2025

## **Qualifications & Experience**

Tatanka Historical Associates Inc. was founded in 1992 to operate as a full-service consulting firm specializing in historic documentation, interpretation, and planning analysis throughout Colorado and the western United States. Based in Fort Collins, the company's clients over the past three decades have included numerous government agencies on the municipal, county, state and national levels. In addition, the firm has completed projects at hundreds of sites for non-profit organizations, architectural firms, engineering practices, archaeological firms, landscape architects, school districts, airports, ski resorts, developers, and other public and private sector resource owners.

Strong academic qualifications, extensive field experience, and three decades of completing projects throughout Colorado and the western United States allow the firm to provide its clients with expertise in the fields of Western American history, historic property documentation, architectural history, preservation planning and consulting, interpretive planning, and historic resource project management. Responding to the need for reliable and cost-effective historic preservation services, every project undertaken by Tatanka Historical Associates is driven by the goal of providing clients with professional quality documentation and analysis presented in any format, at any location, and on any topic required. The firm has successfully undertaken the management of many complex documentation, interpretation and assessment projects.

In sum, Tatanka's experience has translated into a professional level of expertise in the following areas of consulting:

- Intensive and reconnaissance-level surveys and site/district analysis
- Landmark nominations for local designation, and to the State and National Registers of Historic Places
- Determinations of Landmark Eligibility
- Historic Contexts and Preservation Plan studies
- NHPA Section 106 / CWA Section 404 / EA, EIS & CatEx documentation and analysis for permitting clearances
- Strategic project consulting

- Grant writing – Colorado State Historical Fund and CLG grants
- Preparation of walking tour brochures and interpretive signage
- Assistance with Historic Structure Assessments and tax credit applications
- Liaison work between development teams and regulatory agencies
- Lectures, writing and tours focusing on historic themes, sites and preservation issues
- Research and on-camera work for video documentaries on historic sites and topics

## **Regional Projects**

Over the past three decades, Ron Sladek has completed the following preservation projects in the vicinity of Minturn. Numerous additional historic resources not listed below have been documented throughout Colorado and other states. A complete list as of 2020 is available on the website at [www.TatankaHistoricalAssociates.com](http://www.TatankaHistoricalAssociates.com).

- **ASHCROFT GHOST TOWN (ASHCROFT)**

Project: Historical research, field survey, and preparation of a planning report recommending justifiable and defensible boundaries for the townsite, which was occupied during the 1880s silver boom.

Client: Aspen Historical Society / White River National Forest

- **ASPEN GROVE CEMETERY (ASPEN)**

Project: Comprehensive historic preservation planning and documentation for this extensive pioneer cemetery on the flanks of Smuggler Mountain, in use from 1889 through the present time (project awarded \$35,800 in survey and planning grants).

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **CASTLE CREEK HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT (ASPEN)**

Project: Historic Structure Assessment assistance for the 1893 Castle Creek Power Plant that served the electrical needs of Aspen and its mines for over six decades (project awarded a \$155,000 restoration grant).

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development and Streets Departments

- **HOLDEN LIXIVIATION WORKS (ASPEN)**

Project: Grant writing, development of a historic preservation plan, field analysis, interpretive trail planning and signs preparation for this 1891 silver mill site adjacent to the city of Aspen.

Client: City of Aspen, Parks Department

- **MCMURCHY-ZUPANCIS RESIDENCE (ASPEN)**

Project: Preservation research and planning for this 1880s pioneer cabin and barn in downtown Aspen, one of only two remaining untouched properties from the city's mining era.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **BOAT TOW AND ASPEN SKI LIFT NO. 1 (ASPEN)**

Project: Participation (together with a woodwork expert) in field analysis and report preparation detailing the condition of the 1937 (boat tow) and 1946 (ski lift) remnants of Aspen's nascent ski industry.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **UTE CEMETERY (ASPEN)**

Project: National Register nomination, historic preservation planning, and project management. These included development of a master preservation plan, oversight of



interpretive trail design, walking-tour brochure production, and coordination of stonework restoration and woodwork analysis for Aspen's pioneer cemetery, in use from 1880 through 1930. Acted as the general contractor and coordinated the work of landscape architects, stonework restoration contractors, and a woodwork consultant. (project awarded over \$90,000 in grants).

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development and Parks Departments

Awards: Preservation Honor Award, City of Aspen, Historic Preservation Commission (2003)  
State Preservation Honor Award, Colorado Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects (2005)

National Preservation Honor Award, American Society of Landscape Architects (2005)

- **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (ASPEN)**

Project: Grant writing and Historic Structure Assessment assistance for this 1890 Richardsonian Romanesque church that has served the Aspen community from its late 1800s mining era through the present time (project awarded a \$10,000 assessment grant).

Client: Aspen Community Church

- **ASPEN-PITKIN COUNTY AIRPORT (ASPEN)**

Project: Section 106 analysis of an area of potential effect related to the realignment and expansion of the airport runways.

Client: Barnard Dunkelberg & Company / Federal Aviation Administration

- **MOUNTAIN PLAZA - BIDWELL BUILDING (ASPEN)**

Project: Research, field documentation, comparative architectural analysis, and preparation of a report detailing the history and significance of this 1965 Modernist building in downtown Aspen, designed by prominent local post-war architect Fritz Benedict.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **ASPEN INSTITUTE FOR HUMANISTIC STUDIES (ASPEN)**

Project: Field documentation and archival research for this famed 1950s institute, consisting of an extensive International Style campus designed by Bauhaus-trained architect and landscape architect Herbert Bayer together with Aspen architect, Fritz Benedict.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **SMUGGLER-MOLLIE GIBSON MINES, CHANGE ROOM-OFFICE BUILDING (ASPEN)**

Project: Archival research, field documentation and preparation of a report detailing the architecture, history and significance of this c1890 rustic building that served as the change room and office associated with the Smuggler and Mollie Gibson Mines.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **ASPEN GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL - RED BRICK SCHOOL (ASPEN)**

Project: City of Aspen landmark nomination for the 1941 Aspen Grade School and High School, a Mid-Century Modern building known today as the Red Brick School and Red Brick Center for the Arts.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **ASPEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (ASPEN)**

Project: City of Aspen landmark nomination for the 1960 Aspen Elementary School, an International Style building known today as the Yellow Brick School.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **PETERS-ANDERSON CABIN & ANDERSON STABLES (ASPEN)**

Project: City of Aspen landmark nomination for the 1949 Peters-Anderson Cabin, a Mid-Century Rustic Style log building that along with the surrounding property was used from 1955-1970 as Anderson Stables.



Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **ASPEN PEDESTRIAN MALL (ASPEN)**

Project: City of Aspen landmark nomination for the 1976 Aspen Pedestrian Mall, a Mid-Century Modern urban landscape that occupies four downtown blocks and was designed by Taliesin-trained architect Robin Molny.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASPEN BUILDING (ASPEN)**

Project: City of Aspen landmark nomination for the 1965-66 Mountain Rescue Aspen Building, a Pan-Abode Kit Style building that housed this organization from 1966 to 2014.

Client: City of Aspen, Community Development Department

- **PAUL SOLDNER HOME AND STUDIO (ASPEN)**

Project: National Register nomination for the 1957-1995 home and studio complex built by internationally renowned ceramic artist Paul Soldner. The property is being transformed into the Soldner Center, an education facility dedicated to the artistic legacy of Paul Soldner.

Client: The Soldner Center

- **UTE CEMETERY (ASPEN)**

Project: Fieldwork, archival research, and extensive writing to update the cemetery's Master Historic Preservation Plan, along with expansion of biographical information about the people buried there.

Client: City of Aspen, Parks Department

- **NOTTINGHAM POWER PLANT (AVON)**

Project: State Register nomination, State Historical Fund grant application, field documentation, and preservation planning for the preservation of this electrical power generation plant constructed in 1928 along the Eagle River (awarded a \$9,800 grant for assessment). Presented a public lecture and completed on-camera work on a video about the site.

Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department & Historic Preservation Commission

- **NOTTINGHAM BLACKSMITH SHOP (AVON)**

Project: Intensive-level documentation and analysis of this circa 1910 log blacksmith shop, located in the town of Avon.

Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department & Historic Preservation Commission

- **CLYDE NOTTINGHAM HOUSE & HURD COTTAGE (AVON)**

Project: Intensive-level documentation and analysis of this 1908 house, along with associated outbuildings located in the town of Avon.

Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department & Historic Preservation Commission

- **RED HOUSE & BARN (AVON)**

Project: Intensive-level documentation and analysis of this circa 1905 house and barn located in the core historic village of Avon.

Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department & Historic Preservation Commission

- **HAHNEWALD BARN (AVON)**

Project: Two phases of intensive-level documentation and preservation analysis of this large circa 1910 livestock barn located at the Avon Wastewater Treatment Plant

Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department / Eagle River Water & Sanitation District

- **CABIN ON NOTTINGHAM LAKE (AVON)**

Project: Intensive-level documentation and analysis of this circa 1890 log cabin located adjacent to Nottingham Lake in the town of Avon

Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department & Historic Preservation Commission

- **MACK FLECK DITCH (AVON)**  
 Project: Intensive-level documentation and analysis of this circa 1895 irrigation ditch that runs along the south side of Avon, south of Highway 6  
 Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department & Historic Preservation Commission
- **NOTTINGHAM & PUDEH DITCH (AVON)**  
 Project: Intensive-level documentation and analysis of this 1889 irrigation ditch that runs along the north side of Avon, north and south of Interstate 70  
 Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department & Historic Preservation Commission
- **TRAER CREEK HOMESTEAD (AVON)**  
 Project: Intensive-level documentation and analysis of this circa 1888 homestead site located north of the Eagle River across from Eagle-Vail  
 Client: Town of Avon, Planning Department & Historic Preservation Commission
- **TOWN OF CARBONDALE (CARBONDALE)**  
 Project: Intensive-level survey of 25 residential properties dating from the 1880s through the 1940s in this historic mining, ranching and farming center.  
 Client: Town of Carbondale, Planning Department
- **DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILROAD CORRIDOR (EAGLE COUNTY)**  
 Project: Intensive-level documentation and analysis of the D&RGRR corridor and its associated tracks and equipment as it runs through the Eagle River Valley  
 Client: Town of Avon, Historic Preservation Commission
- **FOUR MILE CREEK / EARNEST RANCH (GARFIELD COUNTY)**  
 Project: National Register nomination and State Historical Fund grant application for this 1919 alpine ranch and dairy farm located south of Glenwood Springs (project awarded a \$34,815 restoration grant)  
 Client: Four Mile Creek Bed & Breakfast
- **MISSOURI HEIGHTS SCHOOL (GARFIELD COUNTY)**  
 Project: National Register nomination, Historic Structure Assessment assistance, and State Historical Fund grant application for this intact 1917 alpine rural school property built by area ranchers (project awarded a \$103,757 restoration grant)  
 Client: Missouri Heights Community Association
- **MCCLURE RANCH (GARFIELD COUNTY)**  
 Project: Section 106 documentation and analysis of this 1887 homestead located just east of the Catherine Store, between Carbondale and Basalt  
 Client: Metcalf Archaeological Consultants / Landwest Consultants / Army Corps of Engineers
- **CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK (GLENWOOD SPRINGS)**  
 Project: National Register nomination and Historic Structure Assessment assistance for this prominent 1913 Classical Revival commercial building  
 Client: April Carver and Alice Sundeen, owners
- **CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS (GLENWOOD SPRINGS)**  
 Project: Intensive-level survey and documentation in 1998 of 40 historic residential, commercial, ecclesiastical and resort buildings and sites throughout the downtown district, including the Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Hot Springs and Vapor Caves  
 Client: Frontier Historical Society / City of Glenwood Springs, Planning Department
- **GLENWOOD SPRINGS HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT (GLENWOOD SPRINGS)**  
 Project: National Register nomination for this 1888 municipal hydroelectric power plant, the oldest still standing in Colorado  
 Client: Glenwood Springs Center for the Arts / City of Glenwood Springs

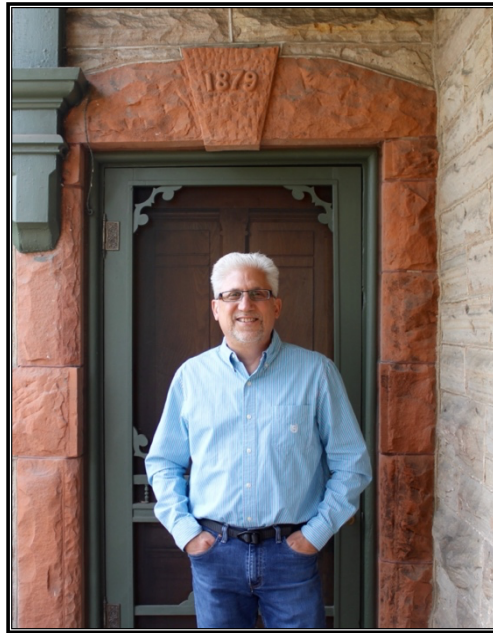
- **CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS (GLENWOOD SPRINGS)**  
 Project: Intensive-level survey and documentation in 2019-2020 of 34 historic commercial and residential properties in the downtown district, including the Hotel Denver and other prominent sites.  
 Client: City of Glenwood Springs, Planning Department
- **COBBLEHURST (NO NAME, GLENWOOD CANYON, GARFIELD COUNTY)**  
 Project: Colorado State Register nomination for this prominent 1909 Craftsman bungalow constructed of cobblestones from the adjacent Colorado River.  
 Client: Steven and Janette Buchanan, owners
- **GARFIELD COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT (RIFLE)**  
 Project: Section 106 field survey and analysis of an area of potential effect related to the realignment and expansion of the airport runways  
 Client: Barnard Dunkelberg & Company / Federal Aviation Administration
- **SKELLY-LIMBACH RANCH (SILT)**  
 Project: Field survey, archival documentation, and National Register eligibility analysis for this 1890 homestead and ranch located southwest of Silt, converted in recent decades into a wildlife rehabilitation center.  
 Client: Pauline S. Schneegas Wildlife Foundation
- **HOLLAND-JOUFLAS RANCH (WOLCOTT, EAGLE COUNTY)**  
 Project: Section 106 field survey, archival documentation, and analysis of this 1880s alpine homestead and cattle/sheep ranch that once occupied much of the valley at Wolcott.  
 Client: Metcalf Archaeological Consultants / Hermes Resort Properties  
 Colorado Department of Transportation / US Army Corps of Engineers

## **Recent Survey Projects and References**

- **CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS (GLENWOOD SPRINGS)**  
 Project: Intensive-level survey and documentation in 2019-2020 of 34 historic commercial and residential properties in the downtown district, including the Hotel Denver and other prominent sites.  
 Client: City of Glenwood Springs, Planning Department  
 Contact: Emery Ellingson, Town Planner (emery.ellingson@cogs.us)  
 Bill Kight, Director, Glenwood Springs Historical Society (history@rof.net)
- **COLLEGE AVENUE SURVEY (FORT COLLINS)**  
 Project: Intensive-level field documentation, archival research, and landmark eligibility determinations for 50 commercial properties in the College Avenue corridor through downtown Fort Collins. The street has been the city's primary commercial thoroughfare since the late 1800s.  
 Client: City of Fort Collins, Community Development and Neighborhood Services  
 Contact: Jim Bertolini, Preservation Planner (jbertolini@fcgov.com)
- **WELLINGTON DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (WELLINGTON)**  
 Project: Intensive-level survey of 25 early to mid-twentieth century commercial and residential buildings in the downtown commercial district of this agricultural market center.  
 Client: Main Street Program / Chamber of Commerce  
 Contact: Annie Lindgren (sunshineinkllc@gmail.com)  
 Caitlin Morris, Community Liaison (MorrisC@wellingtoncolorado.gov)

# **Project Personnel**

**Ron D. Sladek**  
**President, Tatanka Historical Associates Inc.**  
**Historian and Historic Preservation Consultant**



## **Education**

B.A., Political Science & Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder CO, 1983

M.A., American History (Western US, Social & Cultural), University of Colorado, Boulder CO, 1987

Postgraduate Work in Historic Preservation, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins CO, 1991-1992

## **Professional Experience**

Ron Sladek, founder and president of Tatanka Historical Associates Inc., completed his graduate studies at the University of Colorado in 1987, focusing upon American social and cultural history with an emphasis on the western United States. After obtaining his degree, Ron moved to Minneapolis-St. Paul and began employment with Twin City Testing, one of the nation's largest engineering consulting firms. Working as the company's Property Research Coordinator from 1988 to 1991, he conducted historical and public records research and analysis on more than 500 sites throughout the central United States. Ron's work with Twin City provided him with broad experience on a national level in the field of historical and public records research methodology.

In addition to his full-time employment, Ron worked as a freelance research historian, writer and adult education instructor. He was employed by residents of St. Paul's Summit Avenue National Register District to prepare histories of their homes and taught a monthly

seminar in Minneapolis on researching historic properties. Additionally, Ron developed and led a popular series of walking tours of the Summit Avenue National Register District that drew hundreds of people each month who were interested in the area's architecture and history.

After returning to Colorado in 1991, Ron was employed by Fraserdesign in Loveland as an Architectural Historian in the field of historic preservation consulting. In this position he worked on historic bridge surveys for the states of Iowa and Missouri, completing field analysis and writing Historic American Engineering Record documents and determinations of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. At the same time, he pursued post-graduate education in the field of historic preservation at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Tatanka Historical Associates was founded in 1992, the result of Ron's academic and practical experience, and his desire to create a high-quality firm that would focus upon historical research, writing, education, planning and other areas of preservation consulting. As the company's President and Principal Consultant, Ron's responsibilities include project management, conducting research and field survey work, writing project reports, assembling teams of experts, consulting with clients, and supervising the work of technical support personnel. His expertise in the fields of Colorado history, Western American history, architectural history, property documentation, research and analysis, and historic preservation is utilized in all stages of every project.

Ron now has three decades of experience in historical writing, archival research, field analysis, consultation and education. He has provided his clients with a variety of services involving several thousand properties located throughout fifteen states. Additionally, Ron works as a writer and educator in the areas of Western American cultural and social history, industrial and technical history, architectural history, and historic property research and analysis. He has completed numerous projects and developed an excellent reputation and broad degree of experience, which is applied to every new project undertaken by his consulting firm.

In addition to his work with Tatanka Historical Associates, Ron has been an active public speaker and volunteer. He completed research and on-camera work for eight documentary history programs for the Poudre School District and City of Fort Collins that are regularly screened in classrooms and on public television. Ron has devoted much time to local and statewide preservation boards, commissions and committees. He is a member of the Colorado Endangered Places Committee, which annually determines which historic properties deserve the state's attention.

From 2010 to 2016, Ron served on the Fort Collins Landmark Preservation Commission, five years as its chair. In this role, he facilitated regulatory hearings, participated in numerous design review meetings, spoke frequently at public events, and worked closely with the city's planning staff. Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper appointed Ron to three consecutive terms from 2014 to 2019 on the State Historic Preservation Review Board, which approves applications for the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Finally, since 2016 Ron has served as co-founder and president of Historic Larimer County, which provides preservation education and advocacy services throughout the county's many rural and urban communities.

## **Professional Affiliation**

- Colorado Preservation Inc.
- Colorado Historical Society
- Utah Historical Society
- Wyoming Historical Society
- Alliance for Historic Wyoming
- Historic Larimer County
- Various Local Historical Societies

## **Professional Public Service**

- Board of Directors, Friends of the Rialto Theater, Loveland, CO, 1991-1994
- Regional and Statewide Committees, Colorado Endangered Historic Places Program, Colorado Preservation Inc., 2003-2020
- Landmark Preservation Commission, Fort Collins, CO, 2010-2016 (Chair 2012-2016)
- City of Fort Collins, Urban Design Awards Committee, Fort Collins, CO, 2013-2019
- Board of Directors, Golden Hill Cemetery, Lakewood, CO, 2015-Present
- Colorado State Historic Preservation Review Board, 2014-2019 (Appointed by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper)
- Co-Founder and Board President, Historic Larimer County Inc., 2016-Present

## **Awards**

- Award for Excellence in Historic Research and Writing, Fort Collins Historical Society (2003)
- Preservation Honor Award, Aspen Historic Preservation Commission (2003)
- State & National Preservation Honor Awards, American Society of Landscape Architects (2005)
- Josephine H. Miles Colorado History Award, Colorado Historical Society (2007)
- Urban Design Award, Linden Street Interpretive Project, City of Fort Collins (2013)
- Honor Award for Outstanding Contributions to Historic Preservation, City of Fort Collins (2017)

# **Cost Proposal**

The costs detailed below provide a breakdown of the estimated hours and expense to complete each part of the project's scope of work. This information is based upon extensive past project experience, together with the project location and the corresponding fieldwork, research and writing that will be required to complete this effort. It should be noted that these numbers are estimates and that some tasks might require more time and others less than anticipated. There will be some movement of time and cost between tasks as the project proceeds. However, the project's total cost will not be exceeded unless the scope changes and without prior discussion with the client.

<b>Task A: Project Start-Up</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Task B: Phase I and II Field Documentation</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>
<b>Task C: Phase I and II Archival Research</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>
<b>Task D: Phase II Survey Forms</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Task E: Project Reporting and Completion</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>
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<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$26,600.00</b>