

AGENDA

TOWN OF LYONS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 5:30

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I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

III. Land Acknowledgement

"We must acknowledge with respect (as non-Native people) that the land on which we stand, live, and learn, is the traditional territory of the Ute, Cheyenne and Arapaho Peoples. We also recognize the 48 contemporary tribal nations that are historically tied to the lands that make up the state of Colorado."

IV. Approval Of Agenda

V. Approval Of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Documents:

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VI. Reports

VI.1. Citizens Report/Audience Business

(Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person)

VI.2. Trustee Report

VI.3. Staff Report

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VII. Regular Agenda

VII.1. Walking Tour

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VII.2. Library Porch Talk

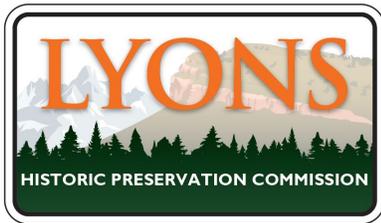
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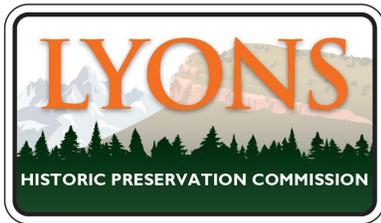
VIII. Commissioner Comments

IX. Adjourn



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2 **1) Call to Order**
3 The Town of Lyons Historic Preservation Commission was called to order on Wednesday,
4 September 8, 2021, at 5:40.
- 5 **2) Roll Call**
6 Commissioners: Lauren Click, Brianna Hoyt, Rachael Nelson
7 Staff: Reyana Jones
8 Trustee Liaison: Absent
9 Guests: None
- 10 **3) Land Acknowledgement**
- 11 **4) Approval of Agenda**
12 Commissioner Click made a motion to approve the Agenda, and it passed unanimously.
- 13 **5) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**
14 Commissioner Click had an edit – The Denver Arts and Venues in consultation with local tribal
15 council developed the land acknowledgement. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve
16 the May meeting minutes as amended, and it passed unanimously.
- 17 **6) Reports**
- 18 **a) Audience Business (*Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes***
19 ***per person*)**
20 There was no audience business
- 21 **b) Trustee Report**
22 Trustee Rogin was absent.
- 23 **c) Staff Report**
24 Staff provided some information related to the Moss Rock Development project, which
25 will include demolition of the Burlington Hotel; planning consultant Rosi Dennett wrote
26 a letter of explanation to the commissioners describing the reasoning for the demolition
27 and efforts to mitigate the loss of a historic building. Staff also confirmed 2022 budget
28 numbers with commissioners.
- 29 **7) Regular Agenda**
- 30 **a) Walking Tour**
31 Commissioner Click asked to include the text written for the Ute Trail marker History
32 Colorado Grant, and Commissioner Hoyt suggested tying the text to LaVern Johnson/Meadow
33 Park given that that will be the location of the marker. Commissioners set a goal to launch the
34 walking tour during the weekend of the Spooktacular. Staff volunteered to do the physical
35 version formatting, and Commissioners will find historic newspaper clippings for that.
36 Commissioners set a new deadline for content ready for editing end of September, then
37 everything edited/finalized by October 15. Staff will send commissioners a draft for comment the
38 next week.
- 39 **b) Comprehensive Plan**



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40 Commissioners went through their notes on the Comprehensive Plan Questionnaire from the
41 PCDC and added several more comments; Staff will forward the questionnaire to Clarion, the
42 consulting group for the comp plan.

43 **c) Library Anti-Racism Programming**

44 Commissioners brainstormed ideas for a “porch conversation,” and Commissioner Hoyt liked
45 the idea of talking about systemic racism in the field of historic preservation and the legacy of
46 the KKK in Lyons. Commissioner Hoyt also supported adding a history of the Ute and Arapaho
47 tribes and the reality that this history is largely overlooked. Commissioner Click suggested
48 making it a walking tour. Commissioners and Staff will brainstorm conversation guiding
49 questions to engage people, and Staff will prepare an outline. Staff will create a shared folder of
50 resources in the shared HPC drive. Commissioner Click added that Lyons was a sundown town,
51 and noted that it’s important to end on a hopeful note about change (e.g. Church’s efforts).
52 Commissioner Nelson noted that it’s important to emphasize that the historical record often
53 glosses over topics like racism. Staff will ask the Library if the LAHC can ask for donations for
54 the Ute Trail Marker.

55 **d) Outreach**

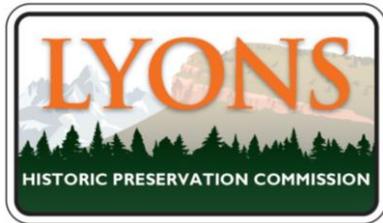
56 Commissioner Click recommended that the Town pursue a designation of a public building to
57 test the designation process and provide an example, then the HPC should host a workshop on
58 designation. Other commissioners also liked this idea of doing an example followed by a
59 workshop.

60 **8) Commissioner Comments**

61 Commissioner Click updated the HPC on the Ute Trail Marker by Orland Joe; the LAHC
62 dedicated \$3,000 for this project to put a hold on the work and is asking the Town for funds in
63 their 2022 budget request. They have also submitted a grant request with History Colorado to
64 finance an educational interpretive sign to accompany the marker written by a cultural expert
65 recommended by the Ute tribe.

66 **9) ADJOURN — 7:10**

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Staff Report

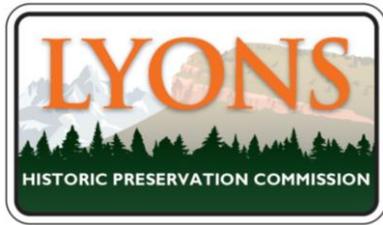
STAFF

Reyana Jones, Historic Preservationist/Planner

INFORMATION

Here is some important information or reminders to help the HPC maintain the momentum you have gained over the last year. I (Yani) am going to miss working with you all – You are a very creative and well-rounded group!

- There has been some interest in Landmark designation, particularly for residences. Consider re-familiarizing yourselves with the Historic Preservation Ordinance processes and evaluation criteria for designations (the ordinance has not yet been published to the online version of the Municipal Code, so you will have to access it online here as a PDF: <https://www.townoflyons.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/398>)
 - Also consider reviewing the section on alterations to Landmark properties after there are some designated Landmark properties on the local register of historic places.
- The Colorado Certified Local Government Grant application opened a week or so ago. These are non-matching grants up to \$25k specifically for CLGs. Lyons should apply for a grant!
 - Months ago, the HPC discussed the idea of cultural resources survey, and we talked about how it would make sense to do a “reconnaissance” level survey on a large area, then follow that up with “intensive” level surveys on particular properties identified through the reconnaissance survey as needing additional research.
 - It would be really useful to the Town’s historic preservation program if Lyons had these surveys done because Lyons has never had a systematic cultural resources inventory done in town; the handful of existing individual property surveys we have are decades old. This project would need to be done in phases.
 - Surveys are eligible projects for CLG Grant funds.
 - Another thing that the HPC might be interested in pursuing for CLG grant funding is a historic context – We have talked at length about the dearth of historic resources on Native American history in Lyons; a CLG grant could fund a historic context on this topic to create a credible resource on Native American history in the Lyons area.
 - Important dates for CLG Grants:
 - Draft applications due to History Colorado for feedback: 12/10/2021
 - Applications actually due: 1/14/2021
 - Award Notifications: 3/1/2022
 - Projects Completed by: 6/30/2023



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- More information can be found here: <https://www.historycolorado.org/certified-local-government-grants>
- The HPC had brainstormed the idea of holding a repeating workshop to go over the designation process and discuss the benefits and obligations of designation – This is a great idea!
- Remember that May is Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month! Try to get a Proclamation on the Board of Trustees agenda for their last meeting in April. You will most likely also have some sort of budget for this. We invited a speaker last year, which was awesome! Consider what other speakers you might invite, or what other types of programming you could plan to get people excited for and informed about history, historic preservation, building techniques, architecture, and archaeology.
- The Comprehensive Plan is underway – 1 or 2 representatives from the HPC should be attending a 30-minute stakeholder interview with Clarion Associates to represent the HPC either earlier today (10/13) or tomorrow (10/14). *If representatives of the HPC have not signed up for a time slot yet, please contact Philip Strom (pstrom@townoflyons.com) to arrange for an interview time ASAP.*
- We have discussed developing/proposing local incentives for historic preservation. Work with Staff and the Board of Trustees to workshop and adopt some of these. This could be things like: waiving building permit fees for Landmark property owners (for work that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, of course); revolving loan fund rehab work done by Landmark property owners; design assistance fund (grants) to help people hire people qualified to do historic architectural design (for things like if architectural elements need to be recreated or new construction created in a way that is compatible but differentiated and with minimal impact on existing historic material/character)
- It would be helpful to recruit one or two additional commissioners – You have struggled, at least in the summer, to have a quorum consistently; adding a couple of commissioners (you can have up to 7) would make it easier to maintain a quorum if people sometimes have a conflict with the meeting. Remember that you should be aiming for half or more of the members to be from in town/the planning area.



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Walking Tour

STAFF

Reyana Jones, Historic Preservationist/Planner

INFORMATION

During the last HPC meeting, commissions gave themselves until the end of September to conclude any final revisions/writing that needed to be done on walking tour entries. Then, they divided up the various walking tour entries and assigned editors; editing is due October 15. The goal was to have the walking tour finalized in time for the Spooktacular (Oct. 30).

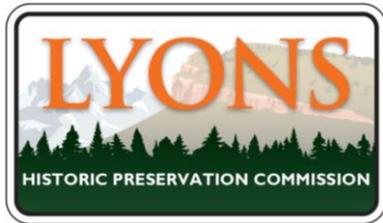
Staff has provided a “newspaper” template in the project folder that could be used for the printed version.

Commissioner Hoyt has experience with Clio from her work on the Museum’s walking tour and should be able to assist with the digital version of the walking tour.

Kathleen Spring, editor of the *Lyons Recorder*, sent staff an email recently, which they forwarded to Chair Nelson; Ms. Spring noted that she recently saw materials for another history tour (in Italy) that featured historic photos of the different places featured.

COMMISSION ACTION

- Identify whether the proposed timeline is still realistic
- Decide whether assign a commissioner to do the formatting for the printed version or just to pursue the digital version through Clio
 - Remember to include a QR code (or something like that) to link to the citations
- Consider adding historic photos to the walking tour materials for some or all of the places featured (would most likely require a visit to the Museum to gather photos)
- Brainstorm how to raise awareness of the walking tour (event, e-blast, post at library/other places, etc.)



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Library Porch Talk

STAFF

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INFORMATION

The HPC is scheduled to host a “Porch Talk” for the Lyons Regional Library’s programming on anti-racism on October 20 at 3:30 PM.

The commission decided to use a walking tour sort of format to do place-based discussions related to the topics of institutional/implicit bias in the field of historic preservation, the legacy of the KKK in Colorado and Lyons, and Native American history and bias in the historical record.

The entire Porch Talk should last approximately 1 hour to align well with the elementary school’s discussion of the book *Stamped* by Ibram X. Kendi.

Provided to help the HPC is an outline for that discussion with a few suggested discussion questions. You do not need to follow this outline strictly or use all (or any) of the suggested discussion questions. There are many other approaches or topics you could choose to explore about each of the 3 focus areas for this porch talk if they are more meaningful or interesting to you personally.

Below each discussion question suggestion are some things that might be talked about in response to each question/prompt in case people are hesitant to talk.

Remember that there are resources available for the HPC to look through to become more comfortable with this subject matter here: https://townoflyonsco-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/rjones_townoflyons_com/Ek7Z4bE8PyFBI9TTQwl-298B3FXLaRAYDSFSvbDFN8fH_g?e=gcmdDm

COMMISSION ACTION

- Walk through the outline and determine:
 - What changes you would like to make
 - Who will lead each section and discussion questions
 - Brainstorm any additional or alternative discussion questions you might like to ask during each section
- Identify what next steps need to occur in order for the commission to feel prepared to host this Porch Talk

ATTACHMENTS

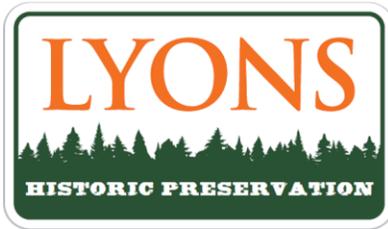
- I. Porch Talk Outline Draft



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LIBRARY PORCH TALK OUTLINE DRAFT

- I. Introduction
 - a. Introduce yourselves. If a small group, could invite others to introduce themselves.
 - b. Explain the walking tour/discussion format.
 - c. Identify the 3 focus areas
 - i. Implicit and institutional bias in the field of historic preservation
 - ii. Legacy of the KKK in Colorado and Lyons
 - iii. Native American history and bias in the historical record
- II. Implicit and Institutional Bias in the Field of Historic Preservation
 - a. Starting at the library, walk out to the Depot Building
 - i. Briefly talk about what the National Register of Historic Places is, and how properties are designated if they have significance and physical integrity.
 1. Share that only .4% of the over 96,000 designated properties on the National Register are recognized for their association with ethnic history of any kind.
 2. There is a bias in what is designated toward outstanding examples of architecture, like the depot building or our other sandstone buildings.
 - a. Compared to that .4% recognized for association with ethnic history of any kind, about 75% of all national register designations are recognized for significance in the area of architecture.
 - b. Note that this doesn't mean that those designated under architecture do not deserve to be recognized. Note that bias in the field of historic preservation toward architectural excellence means that sites that are associated with important people of color are often overlooked because of the impact that systemic racism has had on people of color's wealth and ability to own property. The same could be said of other marginalized groups like the LGBT community.
 - b. Discussion question ideas:
 - i. If there aren't a lot of designated historic properties associated with people of color, what impact do you think that has?
 1. Could talk about access to public funds for preservation
 2. Could talk about people in communities not knowing the history and contributions of minority groups in their communities.



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3. Could talk about how certain groups could feel excluded from their communities and from the “American” story.
- ii. What can we do to help fix this?
 1. Could talk about funding being used to specifically try to identify and preserve sites important to minority communities.
 - a. The NPS and others in the preservation field have recognized this disparity and are creating programs to do just this, such as the History of Equal Rights Grants program.
 - b. In Colorado, a former Japanese internment camp in Prowers County, Amache, is proposed to become a National Park. If the proposal is approved, it would ensure that this important site is preserved through funding as a National Park and the history it represents is remembered and more widely known.
 2. Could talk about redoing existing designations – Some sites recognized for architecture may be important to marginalized communities.
 - a. For example, the Boulder County Courthouse national register designation was amended in 2018 to recognize the importance of this location to LGBTQ history – Boulder County Clerk and Recorder Clela Rorex was one of the first American government officials to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple in 1975.
 3. Could talk about local designations
 - a. Local governments have more control over their own local registers of historic places and can ensure that history that is important to their communities is recognized.
- III. Legacy of the KKK
 - a. Walk through the downtown area – Point out the McAllister Saloon and note that there were once many saloons in Lyons.
 - i. Talk about how the KKK had a resurgence around the time of WWI, largely in response to immigration from southern and eastern Europe to the US.
 - ii. Discuss the tactics the KKK used to gain legitimacy in the 1920s in Colorado and the US (e.g. representing law/order and morality rather than focusing entirely on white supremacy; good press focused on good deeds; using political systems to gain power). Draw the connection between the prevalence of saloons and the perception of degrading morality, and how that might have been used to appeal to people to support the KKK – and their political candidates, such as Colorado Governor Clarence Morley.
 - b. Keep walking to the church and stop.



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- i. Talk about how Lyons didn't escape this social and political movement. Discuss how census records from 1940 (these are the latest census records with images publicly available) show only white people living in Lyons. Share that the first KKK funeral in Colorado was held in Lyons with more than 50 KKK members attending, for the funeral of a former Lyons mayor, R.W. Epley, according to a Longmont newspaper article.
 1. You should probably note that the Lyons Community Church now provides valuable social and community services to Lyons residents, such as running the food pantry, and they also hosted a Porch Talk as part of the Library's anti-racist programming earlier this month.
 - c. Discussion question ideas
 - i. How do you think this history of KKK legitimacy in Colorado has impacted people of color living here?
 1. Could talk about systemic racism and its impacts on people's abilities to attain wealth, the continued impact of redlining on communities (geographic segregation and environmental discrimination).
 2. Could talk about distrust of government caused by the political nature of the KKK in Colorado.
 3. Could talk about the psychological impact of seeing markers associated with this legacy, e.g. place names, statues, portraits, etc.
 - a. You might note that efforts are slowly being done to de-legitimize these associations – e.g. Stapleton Park (named after former Denver mayor Benjamin Stapleton, a KKK affiliated mayor) was renamed Central Park in 2020.
 - ii. What can we do as individuals and as groups to combat the legacy of white supremacy and systemic racism in our community?
 1. Could talk about various ways one can be actively anti-racist and an ally.
 2. Could talk about centering the needs of marginalized people in conversation and decisions (also importance of voting and public participation).
 3. Could talk about the importance of emphasizing the histories of marginalized groups in how we present our local histories to highlight the contributions they have made in the community, the systems of injustice they have faced, including deliberate and organized discrimination from white supremacist groups, and underscoring that these systems of injustice still impact people today and are not just a page in the history book.
- IV. Native American History and Bias in the Historical Record



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- a. Proceed to walk to Meadow Park/LaVern Johnson Park
 - i. You might segue here by saying that local history books note that the KKK sometimes met in what was then Meadow Park.
 - ii. You could start by inviting people to reflect on what they generally think of when they think about Lyons history. (most likely answers about homesteading, quarrying, etc., but people may bring up indigenous history because they know that the focus area will be that)
 1. Could discuss the existing published local history books and their subject matter and the lack of information on pre-European history.
 - a. This is not a criticism of these books! They are still valuable. Emphasize that there is a gap in how we think about local history.
 - iii. Use information from Lauren's grant application to give some background information on the history of indigenous groups in the Lyons area.
 - b. Discussion question ideas
 - i. How could we make Native American history "main stream" in how we learn about local history? Or alternatively, how would you want to learn about Native American history in the Lyons area?
 1. Could talk about formal education in school - 4th grade curriculum, for example, specifically includes Colorado history.
 2. Could talk about getting a historic context written and distributed
 3. Could talk about inviting speakers, like from the Ute Nation
 4. Could talk about creating interpretive signs
 - a. This would be a good opportunity to talk about the Ute Trail marker and interpretive sign and would be a positive way to end the talk (and ask for donations!)