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NOTICE AND AGENDA  
HISTORIC SITES AND FACILITIES BOARD  
Idaho Springs City Hall  
1711 Miner Street  
Monday, February 24, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SITES AND FACILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Public Comments  
Agenda Approval  
Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2025 Sites and Facilities Meeting  
Conflict of Interest  
General Updates  
New Business

❖ Work Plan Review, Discussion, and Action

Adjournment

### IN-PERSON AND REMOTE MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Public is able to view and hear this meeting remotely at the following address on the City's website:  
<https://idahospringsco.portal.civicclerk.com/>

The Public is able to participate in person and remotely by utilizing the link below:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86062099875>.

For in-person Unscheduled Public Comment, please sign-in at the entrance to the Council Chambers, each individual that is providing public comment is limited to three (3) minutes.



**HISTORIC SITES AND FACILITIES BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 13, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 9:01 am

**ROLL CALL**

Members present were Reba Bechtel, Phyllis Adams, Margaret Smith and Lue Howard. Michael Davenport made it to the meeting at 9:05 am. Also present were Community Development Planner Dylan Graves, City Administrator Andrew Marsh, Assistant City Administrator Guy Patterson and Deputy City Clerk Wonder.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Howard moved to approve the minutes from September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Member Bechtel seconded. Second followed by an all in favor voice vote. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments in person or virtually.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There was no conflict of interest.

**GENERAL UPDATE**

Mr. Graves stated that he did not have much to mention at this meeting. City Administrator Mr. Marsh stated that the contract for the powder house was granted to Spectrum contracting and they would be beginning that work in the spring. Chair Adams asked for an introduction to the new visitor. Mr. Marsh introduced Assistant City Administrator Guy Patterson to the board. Mr. Patterson stated that this town is great and the staff has been great.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Sites and facilities Work Plan**

Chair Adams stated that the work plan should be renamed as the Preservation Plan. Ms. Adams stated that each member took part of this plan at the last meeting. Ms. Adams stated that it's going to be important to get the formatting down and the same as it currently is, there is a lot of information that was provided for this plan. Some of it may not be appropriate for the preservation plan. Ms. Adams stated that she is not really sure how to work through all of this information. Member Smith agreed that there was a lot of redundancy with the 2019 information, and she also was wondering where they would start.

1. Steve Canyon- Stevenson Button Canyon. Ms. Adams mentioned that the monument is made out of Indiana Limestone but was donated by Milton Caniff who was the person who created the cartoon. Member Lue Howard was the taker of this page for this preservation plan. Member Bechtel stated that this section covers what they were asking for.

2. Jackson Monument- This page was also member Howard's part of this plan. Member Bechtel stated its pretty accurate to what they saw when they took their tour back in 2024. Chair Adams mentioned that it's important to state that the monument was re-dedicated in 2009 during the 150<sup>th</sup> Gold Rush Days. Chair Adams mentioned that they wanted a brief history of the property listed in the first paragraph. Member Smith asked Chair Phyllis if this history was going to be updated at each meeting. Chair Adams advised the board that the first paragraph (the history) would only change if there were changes to the history or updates. Vice Chair Davenport stated that the history is important to let the public know why its on this list. Chair Adams mentioned that she would like it added to the history that this monument was refurbished and rededicated in 2009 at the 150<sup>th</sup> Gold Rush Days.
3. Cemetery- This was also member Howard's page of this plan. Chair Adams stated that she wouldn't change anything about the cemetery. Ms. Adams did mention that there was a question as far as the first burial date. Member Howard stated that the burial date was in the walking tour that Chi Chi put on, and that she was going to go with what Chi Chi stated.
4. City Hall- Chair Adams asked Vice Chair Davenport if the first paragraph came from the old plan and MR. Davenport stated that it did. Chair Adams asked staff if the exterior was completed. City Administrator Marsh stated that the final walk through was done last week, and the exterior work was all completed in 2024. Chair Adams asked if the first two items are conditions or statements of fact. Vice Chair Davenport stated they are statements of fact, and that it's good to record things that have happened. Chair Adams stated that the first paragraph could be changed and that the other 5 bullets make sense. Chair Adams mentioned that there is damage to the curb listed for this item, and that would not be City Hall related but more streets. Chair Adams stated that the timing could be left out of the plan at this time, for example to state that "the budget includes funds" may not be appropriate. City Administrator Mr. Marsh stated there is a generic listing in the budget for sites and facilities projects. Community Development Planner Mr. Graves asked staff if there was any money in the budget this year for the internal renovations for city hall. MR. Marsh advised the group that there is. Chair Adams mentioned that it may be beneficial to create a spreadsheet and include it in the plan to list items that have not been assigned a work date and or that doesn't have any funds assigned to complete.
5. Carnegie Library- Chair Adams advised the group that this was her page of this plan. Member Bechtel stated that this page covered what they saw on their tour. Ms. Adams stated that they saw the hole that was not patched, and that the city should have a professional check the entire building. Member Smith asked if the interior damage has increased and was it continuing to cause damage. Chair Adams replied that she did not think so, and the city would be responsible for the interior, not the Historic Sites and Facilities board. City Administrator Marsh advised the board that once it's clear that there is no further interior damage occurring, that the City will be taking care of having the interior of the library that was damaged fixed. Member Smith asked what year the patch was done, and Mr. Graves advised that the patch occurred this past fall, so this is the first winter with that patch. Chair Adams mentioned that maybe there could be repointing brick along the gutter.
6. Veterans Memorial- Chair Adams stated that she noticed the melted patch on the turf, and the flags look nice but they are not a good permanent fix because they are already faded. City Administrator Mr. Marsh mentioned that there is an option for different glass and agrees that something needs to be done.
7. The Cannon- Ms. Adams mentioned that this is not the original canon, that it is a replica. It's the original barrel, but not the original carriage. Assistant City Administrator Guy Patterson mentioned that in some places, the cannons are pointed at specific areas and was that the case with this one? Ms. Adams advised Mr. Patterson that that was not the case with this cannon.
8. Central Hose House- Member Bechtel had this item of the plan. Chair Adams mentioned she would like some history added to this item in the plan and asked Mr. Marsh if there was money in this year's budget for this item. Mr. Marsh advised the board that it was. Member Bechtel stated that this current condition of the report was actually the history and the current condition was the work required. Like items were misplaced a bit.
9. Hose House #2- Member Bechtel advised the group that the placement on this report is the same as the one for the Central Hose House, the current condition is actually the history and the work required is listed in the current condition. Chair Adams asked staff if this location could be subdivided. Mr. Graves advised that the plot is currently too small to subdivide.
10. Bryan Hose House- The board had no comments about this one.

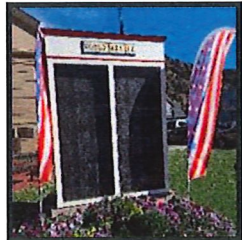
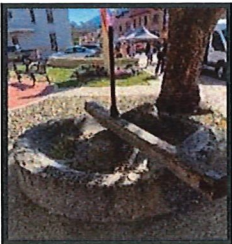
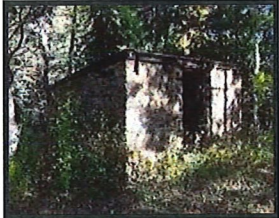
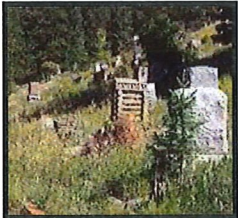
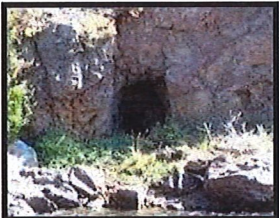
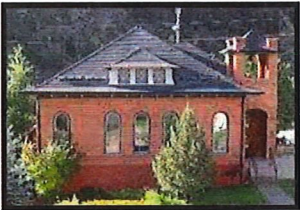
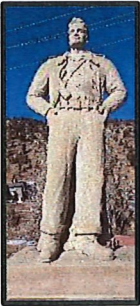
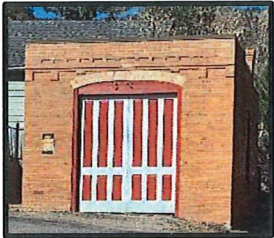
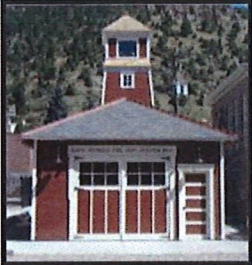
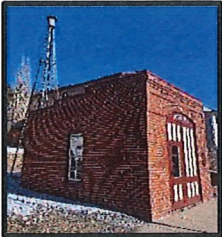
11. Powder House- Community Development Planner Mr. Graves stated that this item is currently under renovation and asked the board how they would like to handle the preservation of this. The restoration is beginning in 2025. City Administrator Andrew Marsh stated that this will be starting in the spring and should only take a couple of months to complete. Chair Adams mentioned that they could always do an addendum, and she asked staff to confirm that the park is not part of this restoration bid. City Administrator advised the board that the park is not part of this restoration bid.
12. Water Wheel- This item was one of Member Smith's parts. Ms. Smith stated that she did not include the history as it did not change. Mr. Graves mentioned that they could add previous history and timing of the repairs. Chair Adams would like a picture of the wheel without the pumpkin. Chair Adams mentioned that there were obvious repairs that need to be done and she is not sure of what those repairs would be. Ms. Adams mentioned that the city should reach out to Mr. Wallace as he has done renovation on the water wheel prior and that this needs some sort of maintenance schedule.
13. Blue Ribbon Tunnel- The history has not changed, need to put up a sign, all matching signs and it should stand out as a historic site.
14. Coach and Engine- Ms. Smith covered this item in the plan. Ms. Smith stated that in this report she has added the most recent information and was up to date as of December 2024. When the site was toured in October, the work that had been done at that point was amazing, and the attention to detail was notable. Ms. Smith stated that they advised her on that tour that they have ordered a custom canvas cover. Ms. Smith also stated that the canvas cover and coach will stay in Georgetown until Idaho Springs gets the train shelter. Ms. Smith mentioned that she was not sure how much this board would be involved with the permanent shelter. City Administrator Mr. Marsh stated that the train shelter was a huge cost. Mr. Graves stated that the shelter plans that came to council had a metal shelter. Ms. Smith stated that the key to all of this is the maintenance and to make sure the structure is sound. Vice Chair Davenport mentioned that the City of Arvada had a shelter built for their streetcar and that may be an area of information to research. Ms. Smith mentioned that there seems to be floundering on getting this done and asked the room if this was priority or not. Mr. Graves stated that after the plans went to council, there was not a decision made. Chair Adams stated that the group should decide on what takes priority as a group.

Chair Adams mentioned that this would all be easier to navigate with a spreadsheet and that the key to this preservation plan is maintenance. Maintenance is mandatory and needs to be included in this preservation plan. Vice Chair Davenport stated that the next step should be the creation of a maintenance list for each site, an annual maintenance checklist. Chair Adams stated she was interested in getting this plan organized and volunteered to take on the organization.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. Next meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 am.

# Idaho Springs Historic Sites and Facilities Preservation Plan 2025-2028



Prepared by the Idaho Springs Historic Sites and Facilities Board

One of the responsibilities of the Historic Sites and Facilities Board is to prepare, present and update a strategic plan for preservation of the fifteen city-owned historic properties.

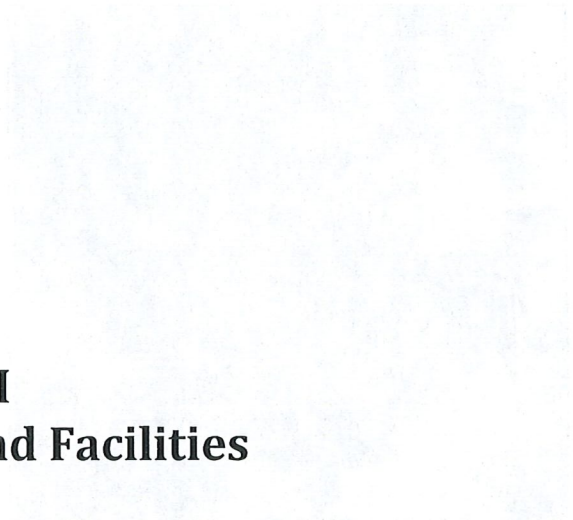
Since 2008, a number of the properties have been restored and many of the extensive projects are complete. This document is the Board's proposed project plan for 2025-2028.

None of the properties are such that one-time restoration or repair will suffice over the long term. Routine inspection and maintenance will always be required. Once all the properties have been restored and projects are completed, barring extraordinary circumstances, major expenses will be unnecessary.

This plan was prepared by the Historic Sites and Facilities Board and is presented for approval. It is a living document that will require updates in future years so that the plan will remain relevant.

Historic Sites and Facilities Board

Phyllis Adams, Chair  
Michael Davenport, Vice Chair  
Reba Bechtel  
Lue Howard  
Margaret Smith



## Part I Historic Sites and Facilities

The following table lists the historic sites and facilities that are included in the National Register of Historic Places. The table includes the name of the site, the date it was listed, and the reference number assigned to it. The table is organized into two columns: Name and Reference Number. The names of the sites are listed in the first column, and the reference numbers are listed in the second column. The table is sorted alphabetically by the name of the site.

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## Charlie Tayler Waterwheel



The waterwheel is located on the south side of I-70 just east of Mile Marker 240 and west of the waterfall. Originally a working wheel providing power to Charlie Tayler's mining site on Ute Creek, the impressive waterwheel was relocated to its current site in the 1960s. After standing immobile for a number of years, the Waterwheel was refurbished and put back into operation by a group of volunteers in 1988. At the same time a park area was created. In conjunction with nearby construction in 2016, CDOT expanded the park area with aesthetic upgrades. The area is now known as Waterwheel Park. The waterwheel has long been an Idaho Springs landmark and tourist attraction along I-70. This iconic symbol of our mining heritage is as important to Idaho Springs as our Victorian architecture.

**Current Condition:** The waterwheel appears to be in fair condition. Closer inspection may prove otherwise.

**Work Needed:** Conduct a complete inspection in cooperation with a person knowledgeable in such constructions to determine the extent of repairs needed, if any. This should occur every two to three years. At a minimum, staining and application of a waterproofing material is needed annually. Install informational signage in Waterwheel Park.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## Jackson Monument



The monument is located at 320 Highway 103. The monument was constructed and dedicated in 1909 at its present location to commemorate the 50th anniversary of George Jackson's gold discovery; the first significant gold discovery in the territory and the one that started the Colorado Gold Rush in earnest. The site was on the spot of Jackson's discovery, which was by then in the foreground of the Jackson Mill. It is said the large granite rock forming the top of the monument was selected for its similarity to the first nugget found by George Jackson. In anticipation of the 2009 celebration of the 150th Gold Rush Anniversary, the monument was refurbished with funding through the Colorado Scenic Byways Grant program. A re-dedication ceremony was held on September 19, 2009.

**Current Condition:** The monument remains in good condition. Surrounding weeds have not been cut and low branches of a nearby tree impede access around the monument.

**Work Needed:** Cut and remove weeds annually. Remove lower tree limbs blocking access. Install directional signage along the highway.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## Hose House #2



Also known as the Sixth Avenue Hose House, it sits on the northeast corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Colorado Blvd. Built in 1893 of local brick, this hose house contained Idaho Springs' second hose cart. It was built to replace a small frame structure at 6th Avenue and Colorado Blvd., in order to better protect the growing number of homes on the west end as the city grew. When the fire department was reorganized and the independent hose companies consolidated, the hose house was no longer needed as an integral part of the Idaho Springs fire protection system. To address the effects of time, the small brick building's exterior was restored in 2024. In addition, there is a siren tower located approximately six feet behind the building. It was once part of a city-wide system to alert firefighters when a fire was reported. It is the only remaining tower in town.

**Current Condition:** The building's exterior is in very good condition. The interior, however, still has issues to be resolved. Plaster skim coated on the walls has failed to dry due to moisture continuing to seep through the porous nature of the local brick. Current air circulation measures do not appear to be of any real help. At the double doors, there is a trip hazard due to uneven flooring and there is a significant gap at the bottom of the doors.

**Work Needed:** Design and install additional informational signage on the property. Address the trip hazard and gap at the double doors to ensure safe access and prevent rodents from entering the building. Mow or otherwise control grass and other plant growth on the property. Determine the future use of the building as well as the rear of the property.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## Bryan Hose House



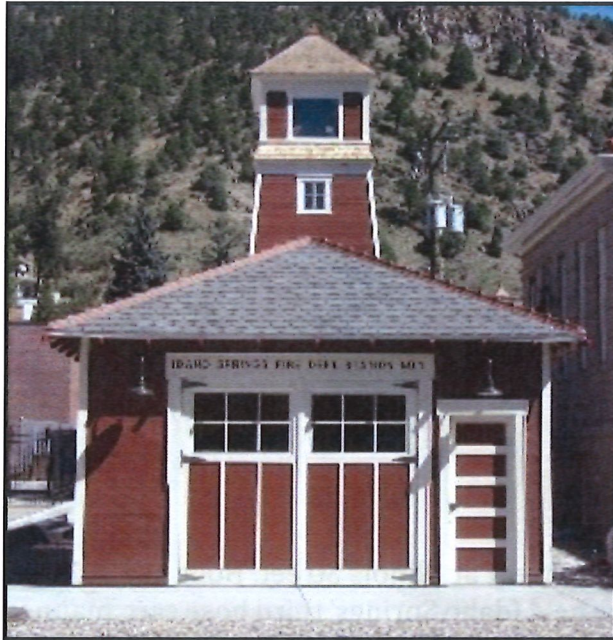
This hose house sits on the north side of Virginia Street at Illinois Street. Built in 1903 as a duplicate of Hose House No. 2, Bryan Hose House held Idaho Springs' third hose cart, manned by independent Hose Company No. 2. Nestled in a residential area, the Bryan was the third hose house built to protect the growing community. Like Hose House No. 2, the Bryan was no longer an integral part of the Idaho Springs fire protection system after the fire department was reorganized and the hose companies consolidated. Time and neglect, along with minor encroachment and earth settling, resulted in the failure of the rear wall. In 2004, the City obtained emergency funds from the State Historical Fund for stabilization of that wall. Property line issues have also been resolved. In 2012 the rear wall was reconstructed, parapet walls were repaired, all the masonry was repointed and a new roof was installed. Windows were rehabilitated and new doors were built and installed in 2023.

**Current Condition:** The building is in very good condition.

**Work Needed:** Control grass and other plant growth on the property. Design and install additional informational signage.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## Central Hose House



This largest of the three hose houses is located at 1340 Miner Street. The original Central Hose House was built in 1878 and served not only as the home for the city's first hook and ladder cart, but as a meeting place for the firemen from all the city's independent hose companies as well as other social functions. When the fire department was reorganized and the independent hose companies consolidated, the hose house remained the center for the city's firefighting efforts. The original building was replaced in 1925 with the current structure. When the fire department relocated to a new location in the 1960s, the hose house no longer served any direct firefighting purpose and was used as the city's maintenance building. Eventually, the building's use was given to the fire department for storage. Time and neglect took a severe toll on the building. In 2007 the Historical Society obtained an architectural assessment grant from the State Historical Fund and a restoration grant from the same source in 2008. Exterior and structural restoration was completed in 2010 and the building was re-dedicated on June 12, 2010. The building now operates as a self-guided firefighting history museum replete with historic firefighting equipment and important artifacts related to early firefighting history in Idaho Springs.

**Current Condition:** Paint is peeling in many places, particularly along the eaves and the tower. The sign above the double doors has faded. Some of the shingles have curled and lifted, especially on the tower.

**Work Needed:** Scrape, sand and repaint areas in need. Repaint the sign. Replace shingles that have failed. Consider the possible need for additional informational signage.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget. Local fundraising efforts.

## Engine No. 60, Tender and Coach No. 70



The train sits on the south side of City Hall at 1711 Miner Street. When the Colorado & Southern Railroad ceased operations to Idaho Springs, the Engine and Coach were deeded to the County and left standing on a short length of track next to the property at 1800 Miner Street. The rolling stock was eventually given to the city. The engine, tender and coach were moved to their present location behind City Hall in 1987 and a ramp and walkway were constructed to allow viewing of the equipment. The coach was recently moved to the Georgetown Loop facility in Silver Plume for complete restoration. The project is expected to be completed in 2025.

**Current Condition:** The engine and tender appear to be in good condition but it is understood there is asbestos around parts of the boiler. Having been repeatedly repainted over time, the surface is uneven. The coach is presently off site in the final phase of its restoration. There is no structure to protect any part of the train from the elements. The location is partially blocked by City Hall and not as visible as it might be.

**Work Needed:** Relocate the existing track to the northeast so the engine will face Miner Street and the train will be more visible. Secure funding for the construction of a protective structure to cover the entire train; contract for construction of the structure. Arrange for on-site removal of the asbestos in the engine, then arrange for the engine to be restored. Design and install extensive informational signage along the walkway that will be part of the protective structure.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget. Grants.

## Idaho Springs Carnegie Library



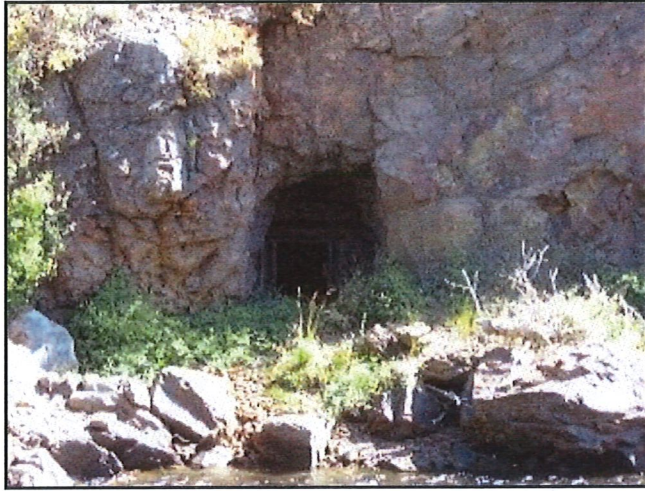
The library is on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Miner Street at 219 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Built in 1905 on locally donated land with funding from Andrew Carnegie, the library opened its doors in February 1906 and has continuously served the Idaho Springs community since that time. Originally, city offices occupied the lower level and the upper level served as a library. When the city offices relocated in 1986, the library expanded to the entire building. This grand structure at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Miner Street is one of the very few Carnegie Libraries in Colorado that remains a functioning public library. The exterior restoration and interior renovation of the library was completed in 2009-2013. The landscaping was completed in 2024. An agreement between the City and the Library District sets forth each party's responsibility for maintenance of the property.

**Current Condition:** The structure remains in generally good condition with the exception of one spot immediately below the gutter on the west side where vandalism caused damage to the gutter and slight dislodging of some of the brick. This allowed water to enter the building, damaging the interior wall by causing the painted wallpaper to bubble and peel. A chip in one of the sandstone courses on the west side has been inappropriately patched. Paint on much of the exterior wood elements has deteriorated as has the finish on the massive wooden front doors.

**Work Needed:** Repoint or replace the damaged brick below the gutter on the west side and correct the repair to the chip in the sandstone course. At the same time, obtain a professional review of the entire structure and make any other repairs that may be discovered. Once it has been determined that no further damage has occurred, repair the damaged surface of the interior wall. Consult a woodworking professional to determine the most effective way to refinish the front doors and protect them from the intense sun; implement the recommendation. Scrape and repaint all the wood elements in need.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget. Small grant for the doors.

## Blue Ribbon Tunnel



The tunnel is located on the south side of I-70, east of the Charlie Tayler Waterwheel and across Clear Creek from the Greenway Trail. The Blue Ribbon Tunnel provided access to the Blue Ribbon Springs, producing cold mineral water. The water was bottled and sold with claims of curative properties and for many years the tunnel was open to the public allowing local citizens and tourists to fill containers directly from the source. Due to public liability and health concerns, the tunnel entrance was fenced off, but access was not completely blocked. With the coming interstate planned to be built so near the tunnel site, in the mid-1950s access was completely and permanently blocked. Today, only a screened opening in the mountainside provides any clue of the tunnel's existence. That opening is visible from the walkway to Waterwheel Park.

**Current Condition:** The site cannot be safely visited but the gate that blocks the opening appears to be in good condition.

**Work Needed:** Install informational signage along the walkway across from the tunnel. Consider lighting the sign.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## Idaho Springs Cemetery



The cemetery is located on the east side of Highway 103, approximately a half mile south of I-70 Exit 240. The present Idaho Springs Cemetery site is the third location since the city was settled. The first burial was at the location of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and High Street in 1860. In 1863, a small plot of land on Colorado Boulevard between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues became the town's official cemetery but filled up quickly. The city next purchased a piece of property in 1873 located about a half mile south of town on Chicago Creek. A high-water table caused problems so higher land was purchased and became the current cemetery property. This platted area includes over 600 grave spaces, at least 80 of which were originally designated as "Potters Field". The cemetery contains a variety of unique grave markers, many dating to the early days in Idaho Springs.

**Current Condition:** Thanks to the tireless work of volunteers, the cemetery is generally in good condition. Some stone walls need repair.

**Work Needed:** Repair stone walls. Continue regular road maintenance. Cut weeds, trim or remove bushes and dead trees as needed. Clean headstones when moss or lichen appears. Stain and paint shelter structures every two to three years. Complete and install new sign at the entrance. Consider changing some traffic patterns to avoid congestion. Repair or reset headstones when needed. Maintain metal fencing and consider replacing the aluminum sections with steel sections to match.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget. Local fundraising efforts.

## Steve Canyon Statue



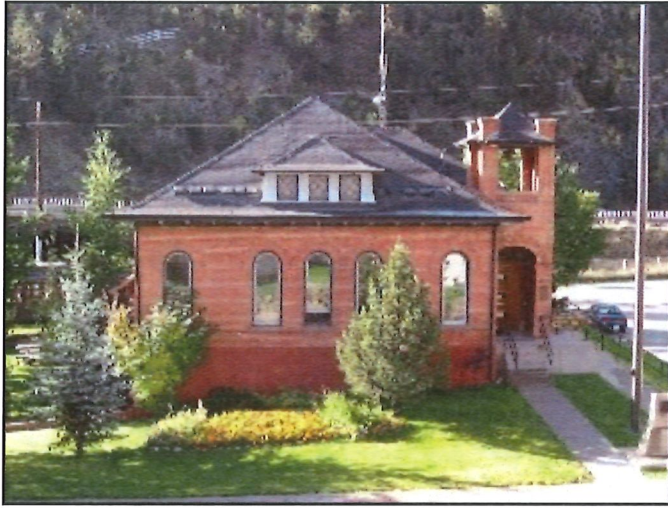
The statue stands in Courtney Ryley Cooper Park on the northeast corner of Colorado Boulevard and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The larger-than-life statue of the cartoon character Steve Canyon was dedicated on July 8, 1950, by Governor Ed Johnson. Colonel Stevenson Button Canyon was the creation of Milt Caniff who personally had the statue carved from Indiana limestone and donated it to Idaho Springs; he also arranged to have it flown to Colorado by military transport. It is one of few statues of cartoon characters outside of Disneyland. While having no connection to Idaho Springs' strong mining history, this iconic statue is nevertheless a unique landmark.

**Current Condition:** There is a small crack at the right elbow along with wear on the right thumb, left ear and jacket. The brass plaque on the front of the base is missing a screw and is loose. There appears to have been a second plaque, likely also brass, on the rear of the base but it is missing.

**Work Needed:** Replace screw to secure the front plaque. Design and install a replacement plaque on the rear. Clean the statue with D/2 Biological Solution or a comparable product, but do not power wash. Consider additional informational signage.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## City Hall



The former schoolhouse sits at 1711 Miner Street. In 1903, the Grass Valley School was constructed at 2413 Miner Street. To make way for construction of a new Safeway store, the building was moved to its present location at 1711 Miner Street in 1984, set on a new foundation and refurbished. A deck was added on the south and east sides of the upper level in 1987. It has housed the city's municipal offices since 1988. In recent years, some interior renovation has been completed and more is planned. The access ramp was redesigned and constructed in 2020. Restoration of the exterior brick and historic windows on the main level was completed in 2024. The building is a unique landmark serving as the cornerstone of the Historic Downtown District.

**Current Condition:** Due to recent restoration work, the exterior of the building is in excellent condition. The decking and supporting framing show the effects of neglect and the elements. Some of the wood has been pulled away from the building, likely to facilitate the recent work. Stairs and railing have also suffered.

**Work Needed:** Obtain a professional opinion to determine if the deck, railings and stairs should be replaced or if repairs are possible. Undertake the work that is recommended.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget. Grant.

## Powder House



The small stone structure sits on the Gardner Placer at the northeast corner of Soda Creek Road and Little Bear Road. Powder houses, an idea borrowed from European mining, were built to house the dangerous blasting materials used to open up access to rich veins of ore. Generally constructed to be purely functional and always in remote and secure locations, few powder houses remain today. This powder house is believed to have served the many mining operations in the Soda Creek and Bear Creek areas. Such a unique structure provides yet another glimpse into this area's rich mining history and the risks involved for many of the miners.

**Current Condition:** At present the building has no roof, floor or door. Mortar is cracking in some places, possibly due to settling. In other areas, mortar and stones are missing while apparent attempts at repairs resulted in some mortar being incorrectly applied. Trash and construction debris litter the site.

**Work Needed:** A complete restoration has been budgeted and contracted. Work is expected to be completed in 2025. Design and install informational signage at the site and directional signage on Soda Creek Road.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget (restoration included in 2025 budget).

## Arrastra



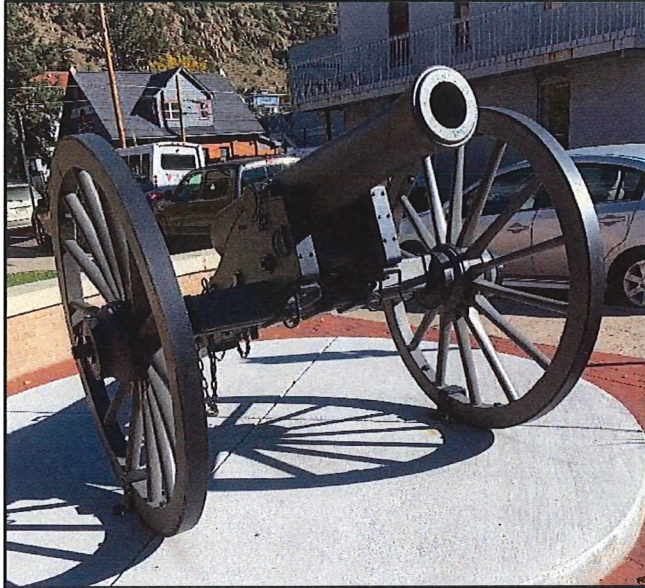
The distinctive artifact sits on the north side of the grounds of the Carnegie Library, 219 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Arrastras like this one were used in small mining operations to crush small amounts of ore. A horse was attached to the horizontal bar and as it circled around the base the large rock attached to the bar would be pulled along to crush the ore. Constructed of rough stone and mortar, it is believed this Arrastra came from a local site but no background information is available.

**Current Condition:** The base shows some chips and cracks but there is no indication the structure's integrity is compromised.

**Work Needed:** Remove debris that collects from time to time such as stones and leaves. Design and install informational signage.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## Civil War Cannon



This Civil War era replica sits on the northeast corner of the grounds of the Carnegie Library, 219 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The original cannon was presented to the city by representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic in the early 1900s. Time, the elements and a lack of attention eventually took their toll and the original cannon was in danger of collapse. The Historical Society of Idaho Springs took on the project of rehabilitating the relic and, with the proceeds of an extensive fundraising campaign, the cannon was shipped to Pennsylvania where a new carriage was constructed and the original barrel mounted. Upon its return, the cannon was set in place in 2015.

**Current Condition:** The cannon is stable and appears much as it did when first set in place. Effects of the sun caused paint along the top of the barrel to chip and peel. It was repainted but not scraped first so a close view shows a textured surface while the view from a distance does not reveal the uneven surface.

**Work Needed:** No work is required at present. However, when the barrel is next repainted it must be thoroughly scraped and sanded before any paint is applied. Investigate the possibility of installing some type of acceptable cover to protect the cannon from the sun and the elements; alternatively, investigate the possibility of another type of paint that would better withstand the elements. Design and install informational signage.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## World War II Memorial



The glass-doored memorial sits on the north side of the grounds of the Carnegie Library, 219 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Veterans' Memorial was constructed by the community after World War II in honor of local soldiers who lost their lives in the war. The Memorial has always been on the grounds of the Idaho Springs Public Library. The wooden structure has been painted numerous times due to the effects of the sun and was completely restored in 2022.

**Current Condition:** The memorial is in good condition with the paint still bright and the names listed are still legible. The flags, placed on either side to shade the light reflected from the glass doors that was melting the artificial turf, are fading.

**Work Needed:** Replace the flags as they fade or consider other options such as adding some sort of extensions to either side of the monument frame to provide equivalent shading or investigating replacement of the glass in the doors with a nonreflective product. Ensure proper scraping and sanding are done before the frame is painted again. Investigate repainting the names as that work will eventually be necessary. Design and install informational signage.

**Suggested Funding Sources:** City budget.

## Part II Project Plan

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
<b>Waterwheel</b>	Evaluation. Repairs as needed. Design signage.	Purchase and install signage.		Evaluation. Repairs as needed.
<b>Jackson Monument</b>				
<b>Hose House No. 2</b>	Address threshold issues. Design signage.	Address interior wall/plaster issue. Purchase and install signage. Determine future use.	Implement new use.	
<b>Bryan Hose House</b>	Design signage.	Purchase and install signage. Determine use.		
<b>Central Hose House</b>	Scrape and paint damaged areas. Roof repairs.			
<b>Train</b>	Apply for shelter funding. Design signage.	Construct shelter. Move track. Return coach.	Engine asbestos removal. Apply for engine and tender restoration funding.	Send engine and tender for restoration.
<b>Carnegie Library</b>	Repair masonry. Scrape/paint wooden elements. Repair interior wall. Evaluate front doors.	Rehabilitate front doors.		

<b>Blue Ribbon Tunnel</b>	Design signage.	Purchase and install signage.		
<b>Cemetery</b>				
<b>Steve Canyon Statue</b>	Re-attach front plaque.	Design and install rear plaque.	Repair damaged areas. Wash statue and base.	
<b>City Hall</b>	Evaluate deck.	Rebuild/restore deck.		
<b>Powder House</b>	Rehabilitate structure. Design, purchase and install signage.			
<b>Arrastra</b>	Design signage.	Purchase and install signage.		
<b>Civil War Cannon</b>	Design signage.	Purchase and install signage.		
<b>World War II Memorial</b>	Address reflection issues. Design signage.	Purchase and install signage.		

## Part III

### Annual Maintenance Schedule

The importance of regular inspection and maintenance for all the properties cannot be overstated. This annual schedule is intended to guide planning and scheduling time for city staff.

Most of the properties require only inspection on an annual basis so it is imperative that any findings be reported to the Historic Sites and Facilities Board immediately so that any necessary repairs can be arranged as quickly as possible. It is also important for all staff concerned to understand that inspect means more than a cursory look; rather, it involves a careful viewing from multiple angles with careful attention to detail. It is strongly recommended that a log of the annual inspections be kept to more easily identify changes from year to year.

Waterwheel	Inspect. Apply stain and waterproofing as needed.
Jackson Monument	Inspect base and bench. Cut weeds, remove debris.
Hose House No. 2	Inspect. Cut weeds, remove debris.
Bryan Hose House	Inspect. Cut weeds, remove debris.
Central Hose House	Inspect.
Train	Inspect.
Blue Ribbon Tunnel	Inspect sign.
Cemetery	Coordinate with volunteers. Assist as needed.
Steve Canyon Statue	Inspect.
City Hall	Inspect. Apply protective coating to deck and stairs as needed.
Powder House	Inspect.
Arrastra	Clear debris.
Cannon	Inspect finish on barrel, carriage and wheels.
World War II Memorial	Inspect.

## **Part IV**

### **General Notes**

#### **Community Engagement**

The board members have briefly discussed with staff the possibility of creating a pamphlet that would include a map to all of the sites along with a brief description of each. This idea will be pursued.

As the Historical Society is currently in the process of updating its Walking Tour map, it may be possible to coordinate the board's information and efforts with the Society.

Staff has indicated willingness to add Historic Sites and Facilities information, including this plan, to the city's website.

In the future, there may be the possibility of offering board presentations to local organizations or in local classrooms.

#### **Compliance and Standards**

Although not specified in any of the property sections above, the Board understands and accepts its obligation to ensure that any project undertaken will meet all relevant city standards as well as those set forth by the National Park Service.

#### **Sustainability and Resilience**

No project proposed or undertaken under the supervision of the Board will ignore the importance of sustainability. Materials used will be as environmentally friendly as possible. Before any work is proposed, the long-term effects will be taken into account. Whenever possible, recommendations will be for methods that will be both long lasting and cost effective.

#### **Other**

Many of the recommendations in this plan include the design and installation of informational signage. The board members agree on the importance that all such signs should be of a matching design. That will mean similar materials and should also mean some logo or other marking to clearly designate the historic importance of the signs' subjects. It will be beneficial, and possibly cost effective, to design and purchase all the signs at the same time even if installation occurs over a longer period.

## **Part V**

### **Closing Comments**

Preparation of this document was a joint effort by all members of the Historic Sites and Facilities Board. Members found the undertaking to be interesting and educational. As a result of this effort, the members now believe they are in an even better position to accomplish the tasks assigned to the Board.

It is agreed that all the sites should be visited by the board members on a regular basis in order to remain aware of the sites' condition and needs. This will involve a group tour, perhaps every other year.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the support and assistance of City Staff in the preparation of this document. Likewise, the Board appreciates the support of City Council in formalizing the Board from a committee to a codified and official board.