

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Annual Presentation to Los Alamos County Council

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2026 Work Plan: Overview

- To better understand the Historic Preservation Master Plan contract and how the HPAB can better support the project and its outcomes
- The HPAB supports any effort to employ or contract a Cultural Resources Specialist to better support preservation projects and initiatives and to implement the upcoming Historic Preservation Master Plan
- To better understand how the County identifies historic properties, how it determines what project efforts are needed to address or support historic properties, how to align efforts with the Secretary of the Interior's (DOI) "Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties", and how it communicates those determinations with the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer.
- The HPAB wants to be introduced to County staff who are serving as the County's Cultural Resources Specialists and learn about their roles and responsibilities and how to better incorporate and align their activities with those of the HPAB.
- Explore additional public outreach opportunities and raise awareness within the community of the presence and activities of the HPAB as well as to raise awareness of the importance of historic preservation and how it impacts or benefits the community.

Progress

- The HPAB participated in efforts to promote Historic Preservation Month (May) activities, to raise awareness of the presence of the board and its mission, and to encourage community participation and comment. This included participating at the Los Alamos Arts Council's Spring Arts & Craft Fair, attending May's Farmer's Market, accepting the County Proclamation for May as Preservation Month on Tuesday, May 5, attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Memorial Rose Garden's new deer fence May 22, and aboard attendance at the public meeting scheduled by the Historic Preservation Master Plan contractor at Fuller Lodge on May 20, and attending other events and activities associated with the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, and the Los Alamos Historical Society.
- The HPAB provided impute and support for the construction of bollard barriers as part of the Ashley Pond Park Safety Improvements project.
- The HPAB is actively surveying available federal and state grant funding opportunities related to the potential engagement of a cultural resource specialist, to include reviewing applicable Certified Local Government (CLG) requirements and standards (special attention to NMAC 4.10.10.19(G)), and for providing training towards eligibility, compliance, and other potential funding pathways.
- Some Work Plan activities such as attending other County board meetings in order to gather information about ongoing County projects, concerns, activities that could potentially impact historic preservation activities, to advocate for the inclusion of the HPAB, the ability to form specific matter working groups, and to hold regular public meetings has been impaired by the lack of board positions currently filled. Currently, the HPAB has three positions filled and two vacancies.