# Building Community Support for



Educate and Inspire!



## Beyond Design Review

### Education & Outreach are IMPORTANT



# **Education = Public Relations**

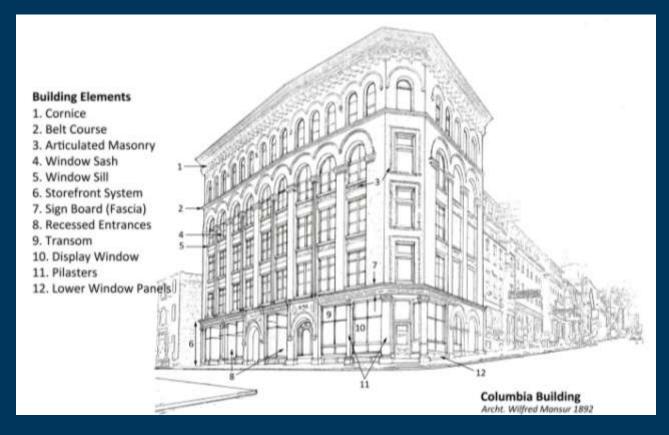
## Who is the Public?

- Applicants and their assembled teams
- Potential applicants
- Elected officials
- Citizens of your community
- Other city departments
- Citizens yet to born
- Visitors
- Who else?

The greater appreciation the public has for historic places, the review process, and the value of your commission, the easier and better for all!

### Educating the public challenging, takes time, personnel, patience, and creativity

## **Be Proactive!**



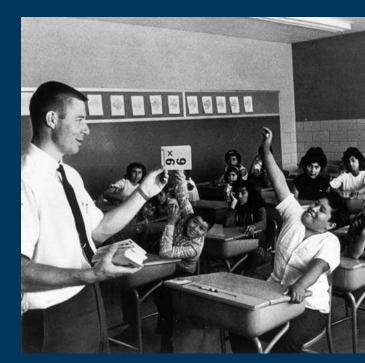
The public must understand your work, your purpose, and the community's vision for HP

#### "Guess what?! Our HPC which is a CLG pressured the SHPO and OEDIT for CDBG and NTHP funding to mitigate a 106!"

### **AVOID JARGON!**

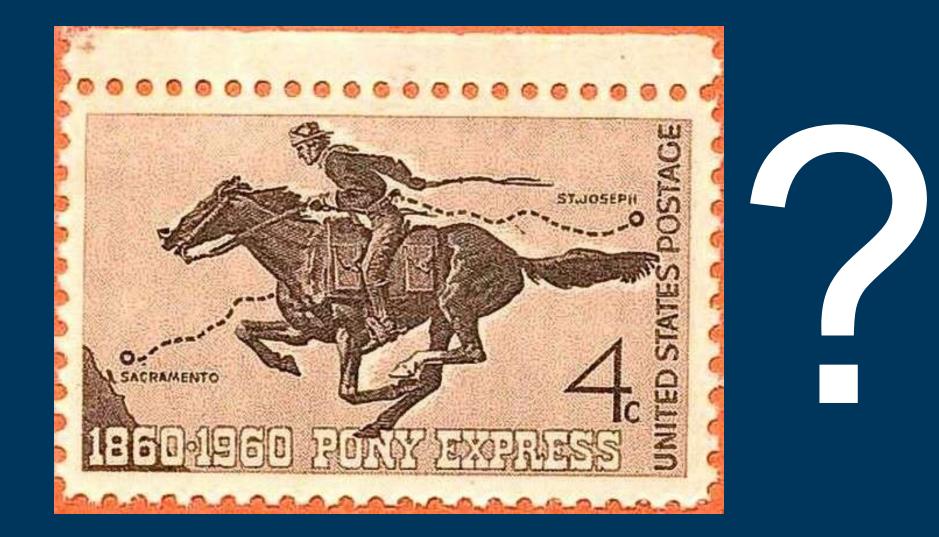
## Educating the public requires you to be educated:

- Attend SHPO sponsored training workshops
- Attend a meeting of another HPC
- Take advantage of NAPC: CAMP, Speaker's Bureau, Forum
- Subscribe to listservs
- YOUR PERSONAL EDUCATION
   IS ONGOING





## WHAT IS THE #1 WAY PEOPLE FIND OUT ABOUT YOU?





## **Content for Your Site?**

- Introduction purpose
- Brief history of city
- Meet the
   Commissioners
- Meeting dates/times
- Process and Incentives
- Maps of Districts
- Ordinances/Standards

- Design Guidelines
- Application Forms
- Survey Forms and Reports
- Testimonials
- Resources/Links for help

#### GOVERNMENT • COMMUNITY • VISITORS





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#### **Historic Preservation Projects**

P-U-E-B-L-O

#### South Pueblo Historic Context Study

The South Pueblo Historic Context Study is the third of a larger Citywide historic preservation project: the Neighborhood Heritage Enhancement (NHE) program. In 2003, the City's <u>Historic Preservation</u> <u>Commission (HPC)</u> and neighborhood groups began working on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood history to help residents landmark their homes, appreciate their local past, and even assist neighborhood planning initiatives.

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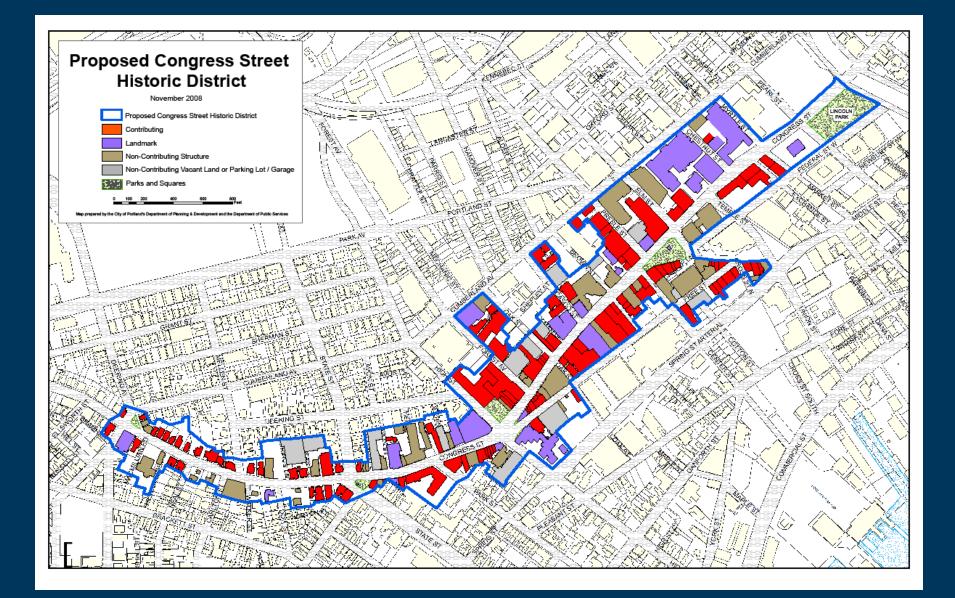
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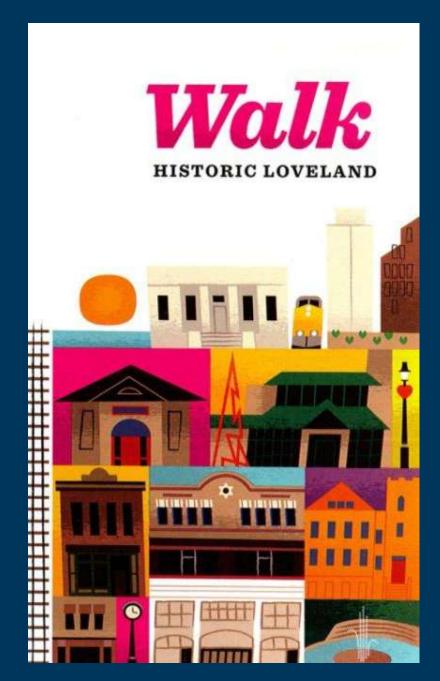
HELP CENTER

The South Pueblo project will develop a neighborhood history for the areas commonly referred to as The Blocks and Mesa Junction, which are perched on the short mesas above the Arkansas River immediately south of Downtown Pueblo. The area served as its own municipality until 1886, when it merged with Pueblo, developing some of the most interesting subdivision patterns and architecture seen in southern Colorado.

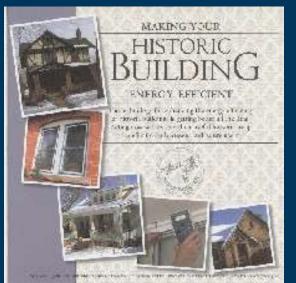
#### Study Significance & Presentation Information

The study will provide, planning, transportation, social, cultural, and architectural development of the area; in other words, the study provides the story of South Pueblo with all of its complex elements. The South Pueblo study will also be the first effort to provide a Neighborhood Preservation Plan that aims to help residents preserve the unique historic character of their homes and neighborhood. The study was presented to the public May 21, 2011 at the Rawlings Library. An article about the study ran in the





Well designed brochures: Mail! Post on Website! Hand out!





### Become VISIBLE and INDISPENSIBLE

- Meet with City Council on a regular, on-going basis
- Joint work sessions with Planning/Zoning Board
- Meet with fire/building official
- Produce an Annual Report. Share with Council/post to website

- Use Social Media Effectively!
- Attend grand openings and ribbon cuttings
- Invite the press to everything; befriend and train a friendly reporter
- Provide articles on timely topics: maintenance and architectural styles

If your community does not have a private non-profit advocacy organization, START ONE!





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PRESERVATION IN ACTION

## Be Able to Talk Sustainability!







# Environmental Social Economic



## Collect and Tell!



Statistics are a powerful tool – jobs, investment, increased property values, etc!

## Sidewalk!

**Provide Walking Tours** 

#### Behind the Scenes Tours







#### **HONOR AWARDS!**

Invite the Press! Invite Elected Officials! Make it Fun! Interesting Venue! Creative Awards!



# Host a paint or windows workshop!





Befriend and celebrate trades people! Reach out and inform real estate professionals!



## What the Commission Can Do:

- Periodically send letters to contractors reminding them of your role and the boundaries of the district(s).
- Invite interaction from them on your guidelines. Tap into their expertise.
- Encourage preservation-minded tradespeople and real estate professionals to join your commission.
- Provide preservation resources.





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