

CATALOGING AND PROMOTING PUEBLO'S LOCAL LANDMARKS PUEBLO COUNTY

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Established under the City of Pueblo's Code of Ordinances, the Pueblo Landmarks program recognizes buildings, objects, monuments, structures, sites, or districts, "that are united by past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development...if they have a distinctive character. These buildings have a special historic or prehistoric interest, special architectural, engineering or aesthetic interest and/or special geographic interest or importance." The local landmark program provides more flexibility and protection than the Colorado State or National Register programs to preserve buildings, structures, and sites related to local history. The internship program enlisted to both catalog existing Pueblo landmarks and promote the local landmarks program.

INTERNSHIP GOALS

Goals from the internship included learning about historic preservation law, methods, and practice at the local level and having the chance to work with an accomplished preservation planner in a culturally and architecturally diverse city. As well as working with stakeholders with varied interests, how to promote civic engagement programs. The internship also included research skills, data management practices, and marketing and promotion.

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO YOUR EDUCATION

This has applied to my education mainly by furthering my connection to the university and my community. I have been able to work closely with the Historic Preservation Commission and Dr. Adam Thomas to represent CSU and Pueblo. It has led me to a larger decision and commitment to Public History.



WHAT YOU DID

Working with the Pueblo Historic Preservation Commission, I was instructed to update the Local Landmark list with pictures and historical context that would be easier for the public to view. Notably, many local landmarks are related to Pueblo's historically diverse and underserved populations, including Latinos, African Americans, and Native Americans. The list comprised both public, city and private/residential buildings. Out of respect for the citizens of Pueblo residential homes were left untaken. For the entirety of the internship, I utilized the Pueblo Archives at the Rawlings library and other public offices.



WHAT YOU LEARNED

The skills that I have learned from this internship are

- Research skills
- Communication skills
- Archival work
- Photography
- Historical Preservation
- Architectural description

The largest thing that I have learned from this internship is the importance of history within a town and community. Pueblo can be preserved as a rundown town from an outside point of view. The truth of it is that Pueblo and all of Southern Colorado are living history that is overlooked. Buildings that recall history can not be seen any longer in places like Colorado Springs or Denver. Pueblo is one of the most historically preserved cities in Colorado.

NEXT STEPS

I have made it clear to the Pueblo's Historical Preservation Commission that I would like to continue working with them as a volunteer anytime I am in Pueblo.

