

HISTORIC RESOURCES RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM

Mission: Recognition of those sites with historic significance or provenance that have been so altered over time that they are not eligible for landmarking; further recognizing the stewardship of the property and attempts to conform to the period within which the original structure was built.

Assignment: Research the activity of other communities within Arizona and the region regarding historic preservation awards.

Cottonwood, AZ

Glendale, AZ - The Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award This award recognizes service and leadership in ongoing activities that support and promote Glendale's historic heritage, and activities that focus on a particular project. Landmarks, individuals or organizations are eligible to receive the award.

Awarded since 1996, this award has been people oriented, but was awarded to the First United Methodist Church, a landmark since 1897. However, targeted projects have included the tower at Thunderbird School of Global Management, the 1919 bungalow housing the Marty Robbins Museum, the ranch house at Manistee Ranch, the 1917 Christian Church bungalow, and the First National Bank Building in downtown Glendale.

Jerome, AZ – Noteworthy because the Historic Preservation Element has been part of the Municipal Code since Phelps Dodge abandonment in 1953. There have been no awards per se, but grant moneys were available for residential property beginning in the 1980s, drying up during the Great Recession. As rehabilitation has become paramount to restoration at this time, it is likely that some recognition will be given in the future.

Mesa, AZ – Historic Preservation Awards Program Since 1998, the City of Mesa has recognized citizens for outstanding efforts in the community, who through skill and determination, have given value and meaning to Mesa through historic preservation. Awards are driven by project criteria: significance, quality, leadership, innovation, aesthetics, performance, and impact. Projects include restorations of property, adaptive reuse, historiography, and community education/activism.

Annual awards include Individual Lifetime Achievement, Outstanding Achievement in Education & Outreach, and Outstanding Achievement in Rehabilitation & Restoration.

Peoria, AZ – Peoria Historic Preservation Award The stated purpose of the award is to recognize the people, organizations and programs that have helped to preserve Peoria's past. Awards may honor individual accomplishments or may recognize an ongoing commitment to preserving Peoria's history. Examples of eligibility include having involvement in history, education/advocacy or field work, developing or coordinating

programs that promote or preserve Peoria's history; and projects that represent preservation, restoration or re-use of historic buildings or sites.

As related to non-landmarkable sites, Goal 2 under Peoria's Historic Resources, Policy § 2.11:

Examine the feasibility and value of establishing Urban Conservation Districts in those areas not suitable for Historic District designation that still warrant the preservation and protection of their historic character and the properties they contain.

Phoenix, AZ

Prescott, AZ - Only properties designated as landmarks or on the National Historic Register are eligible for recognition. The Preservation Award recognizes renovation or property improvement, while the Stewardship Award involves long-time maintenance and enhancements. Awarded to individuals or organizations, a wooden plaque with metal plate and photo of the property can be displayed under a porch or overhang.

The Elizabeth Ruffner Award is a lifetime achievement designation for historic preservation, community action, or historiography. It is presented in May of each year.

More property-specific is the Historic Marker Program. These metal markers are attached to buildings, posts or concrete walks, and commemorate historic events, persons or places. There are currently 30 of these.

Tucson, AZ – The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission recognizes individuals, firms, groups, and/or organizations that have demonstrated their interest or contribution to the preservation, conservation, or interpretation of local history, architecture or historic preservation. Historic Preservation Awards for 2016 were given in May to 11 individuals or firms, only 4 of which were specifically for property restoration. The Chair's Preservation Award went to the lead planner for a development services company. The Alene Dunlap Smith and Paul Smith Award, the Commission's highest award, was presented to an individual for lifetime achievement.

Boulder, CO – Structure of Merit Program Established in 1988, the Structure of Merit Program recognizes non-landmark properties possessing historical architecture or aesthetic merit. The overall goal of the program is to recognize and encourage the protection, enhancement, and use of such structures. On hiatus beginning in 1997, it was revived in 2013. The section in the Code:

9-11-21 Recognition of Structures of Merit

- (a) Purpose: The landmarks board may approve a list of structures of historical, architectural or aesthetic merit that have not been designated as individual landmarks, to which the board may add to from time to time, in order to recognize and encourage the protection, enhancement and use of such structures. Nothing in this chapter shall be

construed to impose any additional regulations or controls upon structures of merit included on the list.

- (b) Application: An application for recognition as a structure of merit may be submitted by the property owner or by the landmarks board.
- (c) Procedure: The city manager shall refer to the landmarks board any application or resolution for the recognition of a structure of merit.
- (d) Criteria for Recognition: The landmarks board may recognize a structure as a structure of merit if the structure is of historical, architectural or aesthetic merit.
- (e) Record of Historic Structures: The landmarks board shall maintain a record of historic structures in the city that have been officially designated as such by agencies of the state or federal government and shall add such structures to the list authorized by subsection (a) of this section.
- (f) Recognition by Landmarks Board: The landmarks board may authorize such steps as it deems desirable to recognize the merit of and to encourage the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of any such listed structure or of any designated landmark or any structure in a designated historic district by, without limitation, issuing certificates of recognition and authorizing plaques to be affixed to the exteriors of such structures. The board shall cooperate with appropriate state and federal agencies in such efforts.
- (g) Recommendations for Historical Names: The landmarks board may recommend that the city council and any other appropriate agency give historical names from Boulder's history to streets, squares, walks, plazas and other public places.

Ordinance Nos. 5929 (1997); 7080 (2000)

The City and County of Boulder Historic Recognition Awards are limited to those properties either landmarked or on the National Historic Register.

Results: **The various community historic preservation awards programs typically focus on people rather than sites/property. The Boulder, Colorado Structures of Merit program may be the “best fit” pursuant to our goals.**