

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Bozeman Historic Preservation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: NCOD Design Guideline Update - Project overview and consultant introduction

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Receive presentation and ask questions.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.2 High Quality Urban Approach: Continue to support high-quality planning, ranging from building design to neighborhood layouts, while pursuing urban approaches to issues such as multimodal transportation, infill, density, connected trails and parks, and walkable neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND: The City of Bozeman is in the early stages of updating the Bozeman Guidelines for Historic Preservation and the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District ("NCOD Design Guidelines"). These guidelines were originally adopted in 2006 and had a minor update in 2015. This update will include an overhaul of the guidelines to align with current best practices in historic preservation, respond to community goals and values, and support the ongoing Local Landmark Project. The Community Development Department hired the Lakota Group as the consultant to provide their services to update the design guidelines. The Lakota Group was selected as the best qualified firm to complete this work, following a competitive procurement process. Lakota's project team includes highly qualified historic preservation, architecture and planning professionals and they have completed similar historic design guideline updates for many other municipalities around the country. This contract was approved by City Commission on October 28, 2025.

This special presentation will introduce the Lakota Group who will attend the HPAB meeting virtually. During the presentation, the Lakota Group will highlight their experience, share some case studies of work they have done around the country, and give a brief project overview. After the presentation, HPAB members will have an opportunity to ask questions.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: NA

ALTERNATIVES: NA

FISCAL EFFECTS: Funds for this project were included in the FY25-26 biennial budget.

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