

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Community Development Board

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SUBJECT: Overview and Status Update on the Landmark Program and Design Guidelines Update Projects

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Community Development - Legislative

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.1 Informed Conversation on Growth: Continue developing an in-depth understanding of how Bozeman is growing and changing and proactively address change in a balanced and coordinated manner.

BACKGROUND: The City has started code review and update processes related to the City's historic preservation program. Two projects are underway and both have a dedicated webpage on the Engage Bozeman [website](#) [external link].

Project 1 is analysis and [update](#) [external link] of the program itself and associated elements of municipal code. This project began in November 2023 and has gone through several public engagement cycles. A report on recommendations was accepted by the City Commission and work is underway considering potential changes to municipal code to implement the program recommendations. Some recommendations are applicable to Chapter 2 Article 5 relating to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board and some are applicable to Chapter 38 Unified Development Code.

Project 2 is an [update](#) [external link] to the design guidelines for the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District. The design guidelines were last updated overall in 2006 with some targeted changes for Downtown in 2017.

Both of these projects are likely to require review by the Community Development Board during the adoption process and both affect goals and objectives of the Land Use Plan. Therefore, the presentation is provided to help the Board stay informed on the projects as they move forward.

The design guidelines project will be conducting public engagement the week of April 13th. Schedule of events is available through the Engage Bozeman website. All persons are invited and encouraged to participate.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None identified.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FISCAL EFFECTS: None with this item.

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