

# VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Andy Smith

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Application: **HPC - Historic Preservation Commission**

## Applicant Information

Birthday:                      Gender:                      Education Level: Bachelors degree  
 Address:                      Phone:                      «

## Volunteer Groups Applied For

Historic Preservation Commission

## Job Description

☒ I have read the job description

## Questions

I acknowledge I am available when the Historic Preservation Commission meets: YES

Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.  
 Work Sessions are conducted on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.  
 All meetings are held at 5:30 p.m.

How many hours per month are you willing to put in (including research, work, and meeting time) as a commission member? 15-20

I acknowledge and understand it is recommended to apply for no more than (3) Board/Commission volunteer positions in any one recruitment cycle. YES

If applying for more than (1) board/commission please list all boards in order of preference (the most important board to you should be listed first). Please enter N/A if you have not applied to more than one board/commission. n/a

Which Council District do you live in? Please refer to the map at: <https://gisweb.fcgov.com/HTML5View> 5

Current Occupation: Commercial real estate consultant and broker

Current Employer: Old Town Colorado, LLC

Prior work experience (please include dates):  
 Aug 2023 - Current: Old Town Colorado  
 Fort Collins, CO  
 Owner  
 > Operate small and mighty commercial real estate firm specializing in consulting and brokerage of historic commercial properties and complex infill/redevelopment scenarios.  
 > Celebrate Colorado's historic districts through storytelling and imagery.  
 > Provide technical assistance to clients on matters such as historic preservation tax credits and

grants, low-income housing tax credits, design, and other resources.

Sep 2014 -Jul 2023: NAI Affinity Fort Collins, CO  
Advisor

- > Served as licensed commercial real estate broker primarily serving clients engaged in land development, affordable housing (LIHTC), and redevelopment.
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Oct 2011 - Jul 2013: Rocky Mountain Cyclery, Inc Loveland, CO  
Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

- > Senior executive in e-commerce business with sales of \$3+ million/year, 3 physical sites, and multiple online sales channels such as e-bay, Amazon, and native websites.
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- > Developed and led sales and business development programs for start-up tech venture providing online grant management services to local governments & private foundations.
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- > Marketed to elected officials, City Managers, and Community Development Directors.

Jun 2008 - Jul 2009: Logistics Real Estate and Development Loveland, CO  
Director of Redevelopment

- > Provided strategic management services to small commercial real estate firm.
- > Developed and directed community partnerships to undertake catalyst redevelopment project with historic Loveland Feed and Grain property.
- > Assisted with leasing, tenant relations,

property management, and business administration.  
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Jul 2006 - May 2008: City of Loveland  
Loveland, CO  
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> Responsible for downtown redevelopment planning, with an emphasis on the development of community capacity and champions/partners.  
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Workforce Center Fort Collins, CO  
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> Identified barriers to economic development, with focus on emerging alternatives in rural settings, such as food systems, heritage tourism, and Value Added agriculture.  
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Volunteer experience (please include dates):

City of Fort Collins  
-Commissioner, Urban Renewal Authority: 2018-Current  
-Chairman/Boardmember, Planning & Zoning Board: 2006 – 2013  
-Member, CDBG Commission: 1997-1999  
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Paideia Classical Community  
-Co-Founder & President, Board of Directors: 2015-Current

American Planning Association  
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Colorado State University Rams Football Team  
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Have you applied for this commission before? If yes, please explain.

No

Are you currently serving on a City board or Commission? If so, which one?

Yes;  
URA Board

What is your personal interest and/or professional background in local history and historic preservation?

I spend a significant amount of time engaged with Colorado history. As a 5th generation native with family roots dating back to the early 1870s, I spent much of my childhood visiting relatives, cemeteries, mining towns, and old neighborhoods. I grew up on an old family farmstead just upstream from the location of the first gold strike in Colorado and spent many days roaming the sidewalks and antique stores of Olde Town Arvada. I am proud of my family history in the mining town of Nevadaville, the Junction Ranch homestead in Golden Gate Canyon, historic Golden, Five Points, and the historic Cole neighborhood in Denver.

I have worked in and around historic districts and properties for nearly 20 years, and currently own a boutique commercial real estate firm that specializes in historic properties and resources. I am particularly proud of my work helping to save the Loveland Feed & Grain.

What individual perspectives and community interests would you bring to the HPC that might be missing or underrepresented on the existing Commission?

Whether in my work life or on City Boards, I have been involved many times in the preservation of historic resources, often controversial. As such, I am a major proponent and practitioner of good public processes that starts with broad community engagement, well-defined decision criteria, informed deliberation, and then clear decisions. I hope to be remembered for my commitment to fair and transparent public processes.

Specify any activities which might create a serious conflict of interest if you are appointed:

None at this time, but I am fully aware of when and how to declare a conflict of interest and then recuse myself from discussions and decisions as appropriate.

How did you learn of a vacancy on this board or commission?

Other (please specify);  
Saw it advertised on the City website



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Fort Collins, Colorado

<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/andy-smith/20/322/8a2>

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Regis Jesuit High School:</b>	Denver, Colorado
High School Diploma	

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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