

## Mitigation Planning Process

In November 2021, with the [concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer](#) CDOT sent a [written invitation](#) to a number of area civic, veterans and governmental entities asking them to join a Mitigation Working Group to develop a plan for the preservation, monitoring and perpetual maintenance of the pillars. The Working Group is headed by Boulder Rotary Club, and among the additional organizations that have become involved with its work are (in alphabetical order):

- Boulder American Legion Post #10
- Boulder Chamber of Commerce
- Historic Boulder
- Indian Peaks Chapter, NSDAR
- Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
- Lafayette Historic Preservation Board
- Lafayette Historical Society
- Museum of Boulder
- VFW Mile High Post (Lafayette)
- YMCA of Northern Colorado

In addition, staff members from the County of Boulder, the City of Lafayette, and the Carnegie Library for Local History have provided support for the Working Group's investigations.

The Working Group has been tasked to analyze all possible alternatives for mitigating the adverse impacts on and preserving the pillars. Key to that task is obtaining a professional evaluation of the pillars (a) outlining the steps needed to restore, preserve, and (potentially) relocate the pillars, and (b) providing rough cost estimates of the various options.

As part of this work, the Lafayette Historical Society on March 13 hosted a public informational session to provide information concerning the history and current status of the pillars. A [second public informational session](#) is scheduled at the Museum of Boulder on March 29. The Working Group's first public forum [link to attached flyer on April 12 program] also has been scheduled to discuss the [various alternatives](#) that have thus far been proposed, and solicit public input regarding the pillars' future.

The Working Group's goal over the next few months is to develop a plan for the future of the pillars that incorporates the best thinking in the community, and represents a consensus among community members. All residents of Boulder

County, and any others interested in preserving the pillars, are invited to participate.