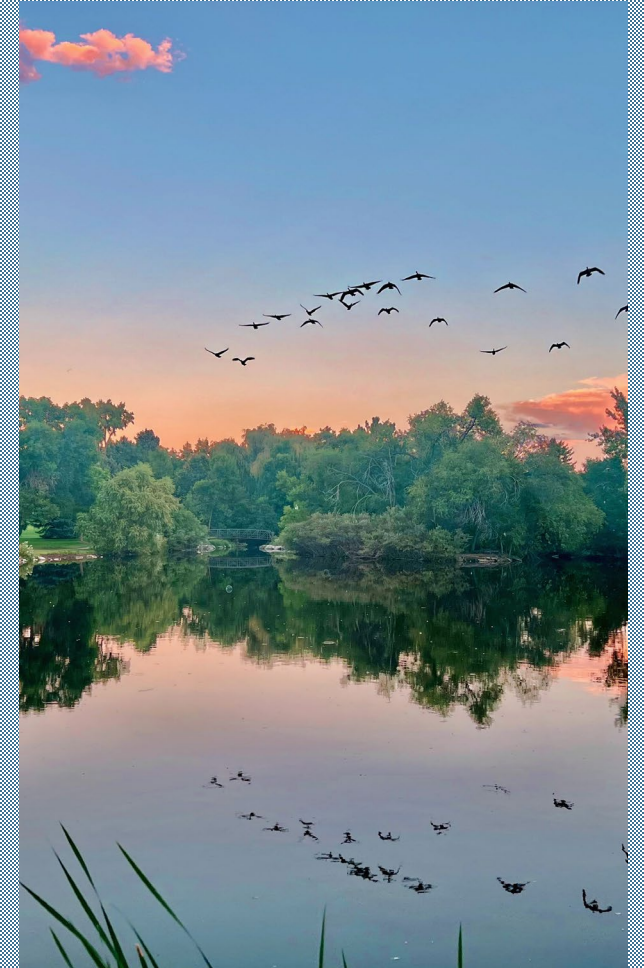


LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION REQUEST

ORDINANCE 15-2026
(HPC RESOLUTION 02-2026)

Jesse Sheets, AICP
Planner II

JULY 21, 2026



AGENDA

Requested Action

Application Details

Review Criteria and Analysis

Recommendation, Actions, and Alternatives

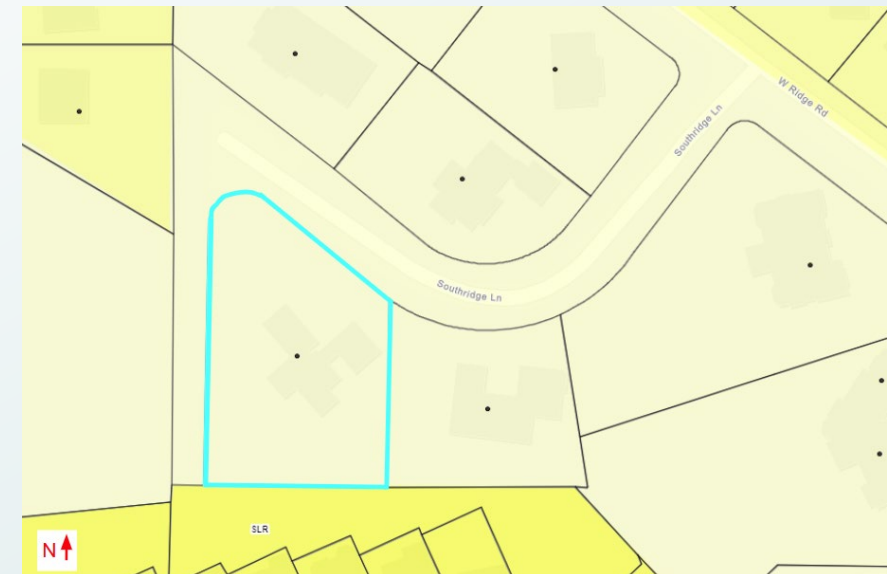
REQUESTED CITY COUNCIL ACTION

- **Consideration of Local Landmark Designation request:**
 - Approving a landmark designation of the Pray-Parsons House, also known as 6777 Southridge Lane

LOCATION DETAILS

- Located SW of W. Ridge Rd. on Southridge Lane
- 6777 Southridge Lane
- Home built in 1962
- Zoning: Large-Lot Residential (LLR)

Source: Nearmap.com 2/2026



NOMINATION DETAILS

- Designed by architect Bruce Sutherland and built by Clyde Mannon in 1962, who both worked on homes in the Arapaho Hills historic district
- Home of Littleton's first female mayor, Sally Parsons, since 1968
- Structure is representative of the Modern Movement in architecture with Usonian design elements that show significant physical integrity

LOCATION DETAILS

Source: Google Maps street view 7/2021



View of the front façade of the home from Southridge Lane looking to the southwest



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FROM THE LITTLETON MUSEUM

Sally M. Parsons, Mayor 1977-1979

The first woman mayor of Littleton, Sally Parsons served on the Littleton City Council for 10 years (1973-83). She was elected mayor in 1977. Parsons was active in the Colorado Municipal League, a past president of the Arapahoe County League of Women Voters, a lobbyist for Special Districts (Park and Recreation), an appointee to a national noise task force, and served on the technical advisory committee for the state rail plan.

Nominated by Councilman Vaughn Gardinier, Parsons was selected as mayor by a vote of the City Council. The Council, under Parsons leadership, faced challenges such as the completion of South Platte Park, the move into the new Littleton Center (City Hall), a resolution of the Bowles Avenue traffic congestion, depression of the railroad tracks, implementation of the citywide traffic study, and development of the South Industrial Neighborhood. Among Parsons' many accomplishments was the development of the City's Youth Employment Office, which helped young people find jobs with private companies, and a new ordinance to provide more assistance to juveniles who were in trouble with the law. An outgrowth of this ordinance was the assignment of officers to visit elementary schools in the Littleton city limits.

In 1978 Parsons invited then-President Jimmy Carter to tour the Littleton Center and the Littleton Housing Authority's solar heating projects during his May 3 "Sun Day" visit to Denver.

Parsons enjoyed distributing her annual, unofficial Crabby-Appleton awards, a five year tradition recognizing excellence and non-excellence in City staff, council and any other agency which had a memorable encounter with the city.

Parsons and husband Bob moved to Littleton shortly after their marriage. Bob Parsons worked for Marathon Oil Company. Together they raised two sons: Brian and Alan. In 1989, the couple purchased The Spinning Wheel, a dry cleaning business, and operated it for many years.

Applicant must demonstrate the nomination meets **one or more of the decision criteria** for local landmark designation listed under 10-9-8.4.C.1

Nomination meets the age, significance, and integrity criteria listed under Section 10-8-3.2

REVIEW CRITERIA AND ANALYSIS

10-9-8.4.C.1 Consensual Designation	Staff Analysis
a. It has value as a reminder of the cultural or archaeological heritage of the nation, state, or city	N/A
b. The location is a site of a significant national, state, or local event	N/A
c. It identifies with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the nation, state, or city	✓
d. It identifies as the work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the nation, state, or city	✓
e. It has value as a building that is recognized for the quality of its architecture, and that retains sufficient elements showing architectural significance	N/A
f. It displays characteristics of an architectural style of a period	✓
g. It has character as a geographically definable area possessing a significant concentration of sites, buildings, objects, or structures united by architectural style, by a plan, or by physical development	N/A
h. It has character as an established and geographically definable neighborhood united by culture or past events	N/A

ADDITIONAL DETAILS & IMPACTS

- Historical Preservation Commission has recommended City Council approval. HPC Resolution 02-2026 passed unanimously on April 20, 2026.
- No negative economic impacts to the City for future commercial development, as this site is in a residential zone district surrounded by other single-family homes.
- Landmark designation would run with the property. Exterior modifications may require a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). Interior renovations would not require a COA. Interior renovations may be reviewed if applicant is applying for residential tax credits from the History Colorado.

RECOMMENDATION, ACTIONS, AND ALTERNATIVES

- **Staff recommendation**
 - Ordinance 15-2026 – **APPROVE**
- **Actions and alternatives**
 - Approve
 - Approve with Conditions
 - Denial
 - Continue to a Date Certain