

Spokane City/County Historic Preservation Office Monthly Update – October 2011

New to the Spokane Register: No new properties were recommended for listing in the Spokane Register.

Other Landmarks Commission Business:

A Special Valuation application was approved for the City Ramp Garage (430 W 1st Ave) and a Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for the Guse House (1928 W Pacific). Lynn Mandyke has been appointed to fill the Landmarks Commission's vacant Historian position. Currently, all positions are filled.

2012 National Trust Conference Planning:

Conference Planning in October was focused on preparing for the 2011 conference in Buffalo NY. Representatives of the City of Spokane, Spokane Preservation Advocates, and the Spokane Regional Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) attended and staffed an informational booth. Paul Mann, Spokane's National Trust Advisor, Spokane City Administrator Ted Danek, and Cheryl Kilday, President and CEO of the CVB, made a presentation at the Closing Plenary session designed to encourage attendance at the 2012 Spokane conference. Their presentation concluded with the new conference promotional film, now available on [YouTube](#)



Rehabilitation work continues at the City Ramp Garage at 430 W. 1st Avenue. The project is being completed with historic preservation incentives.

Happening Downtown: The Germond Block at the corner of W. Sprague and Lincoln Street (also known as the Michael Building) began exterior improvements in October. The Landmarks Commission recently provided input on a new paint scheme for the 1890 Spokane Register Landmark, in colors that are more appropriate for the building and nearby historic buildings. Additional improvements are planned in the future.

Brochure Reprint: In October, the Historic Preservation Office updated the printed version of its "Downtown Spokane Heritage Walk" brochure and, with the help of the Spokane Convention and Visitor's Bureau, will soon have them reprinted. They will be available free of charge at the Spokane Regional Visitor Information Center (201 W Main Ave) and City Hall (808 W Spokane Falls Boulevard).

Upcoming for November:

On the agenda for the November Landmarks Commission hearing are review of a Spokane Register nomination for the Spokane Public Bath House (the Mission Park Public Bath House) at 1414 E Mission Avenue, and review of a Special Valuation application for the Thomas House at 1212 N Summit Boulevard.