

## **A HISTORY OF GOLD HILL PRESERVATION**

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- 1859- Miners adopt bylaws governing their burgeoning population
- 1888- Gold Hill Townsite platted; lots sold
- Late 1960s- Boulder County establishes Historic Zoning designation
- -Gold Hill forms GHOST (Gold Hill Organization to Save the Townsite), initiating local planning efforts
- 1970- Gold Hill Town Meeting incorporated to acquire town meadow
- Early 1970s- Gold Hill designated a Historic District by Boulder County
- 1975- Gold Hill Historic Zone Committee established to guide construction, retain historic appearance
- 1989- Gold Hill designated a National Historic District
- 1996 - Committee for Long Range Development and Planning established to develop guidelines for the preservation and evolution of Gold Hill
  - Survey of residents conducted to determine priorities of most important characteristics of Gold Hill
- 1997- Historic Gold Hill incorporated to acquire St. James Chapel for a museum
- 1998- Second GHOST (Gold Hill Open Space Team) formed to stave off development of Horsfal Flats, on eastern edge of town
- - Gold Hill Preservation Charette published by Boulder County Land Use Dept. to aid preservation planning
- 2001- Study, “Design Inventory and Historic Guidelines” by two CU/Denver grad students, documents current Gold Hill architecture
  - Professional town planner (Peter Swift) offers pro bono services to firm up design guidelines
- 2001- 2002- CU/Boulder technical photography class documents as-built condition of about 30 structures in Gold Hill
  - CU/Denver architecture class documents 14 structures; designs wished-for library/town hall
- Both establish baseline appearance of Gold Hill
- 2006 (?)- Colorado Preservation Inc. puts original Gold Hill Cemetery on list of 9 Most Threatened Sites