

2014-2015 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EFFORTS

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical
Preservation Commission

Staff support by Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning
Department

Established 1982, MSB Certified Local Government 1987





**PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN
CULTURAL HERITAGE AND
HISTORIC INTEGRITY**



and cultivate economic benefits
through historic preservation within
the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

OBJECTIVES

ACTIVITIES

with support of Borough staff and citizens:

- Identify Cultural Resources
- Evaluate Cultural Resources
- Register Cultural Resources
- Protect Cultural Resources
- Certified Local Government reports and grants
- Consultation in Section 106 and similar processes to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects of public projects on significant historical sites.



FUNCTIONS

- Advise the Assembly in the identification of buildings, sites and landmarks and writings and objects within the Borough that are of historic, cultural, or geographic importance.
- Develop and maintain an inventory of landmarks, historical buildings and sites and writings and objects within the Borough.
- Advise the Planning Commission of planning in connection with historic preservation.
- Advise the Borough and private property owners on restoration and maintenance of historical buildings, sites and landmarks and writings and objects.
- Coordinate, assist and aid in the planning of historical preservation and restoration projects in the borough



FUNCTIONS

- Recommend to the Assembly buildings, sites and landmarks and writings and objects of historical, cultural or geographic significance in the Borough eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States or state governments, and seek approval from city councils on recommendations regarding historic places within cities



- Recommend to the Assembly historical preservation and restoration programs and site improvements to be implemented by or supported by the Borough.



MUSEUMS, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND ALASKAN NATIVE COUNCILS WITHIN MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

- Alpine Heritage Park
- Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, Athabascan Nation
- Dorothy Page Museum
- Independence Mine State Historical Park
- Knik Tribal Council
- Knik Museum
- Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry
- Palmer Historical Society
- Palmer Colony House Museum
- Palmer Museum of History and Art and Visitor's Center
- Talkeetna Historical Society Museum
- Trapper Creek Museum
- Wasilla/Knik Historical Society
- Willow/Talkeenta Historical Society



STATEWIDE MUSEUMS, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND ALASKAN NATIVE CULTURAL ENTITIES

- Alaska Aviation Museum
- Alaska Heritage Museum at Wells Fargo
- Alaska Museum of Natural History
- Museum of the North, University of Alaska (Fairbanks)
- Alaska Native Heritage Center
- Alaska State Museum (SLAM)
- Alaska State Trooper Museum
- Alaska Veterans Museum
- Alaska Historical Commission
- Alaska Office of History and Archeology (OHA) and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)



HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSIONERS

Current

- Karen Bloxsom (Historian)
- Bethany Buckingham-Follett (Dorothy Page Museum Director)
- Deborah Burlinski (Attorney)
- James Cole
- Sonya Larkey-Walden
- Mark Murray
- Kenneth Ray

- Lisa Schwarzburg (Anthropologist)
- Bonnie Allen (Historical Architect)

Recent

- Rosetta Alcantra (Tribal Councils)
- Ron Bissett (Architect)
- Shawna Theodore (Tribal member)
- Kelly Dau





SUCCESSSES

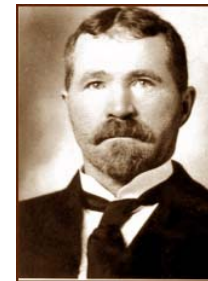


RECENT ACTIVITIES

- Cottonwood Creek archaeological survey: Working with the State and Knikatnu Tribal Corporation who own these sites adjacent to Cottonwood Creek, the Borough is facilitating listing them as an archaeological district in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Trapper Creek Archaeology Field School, Adelphi University
<https://youtu.be/Huvk8o1Dl8Y>
- Fish Creek Townsite survey and inventory: Project ended due to lack of staff. The site is not in imminent danger of destruction. The grant funds are returned.

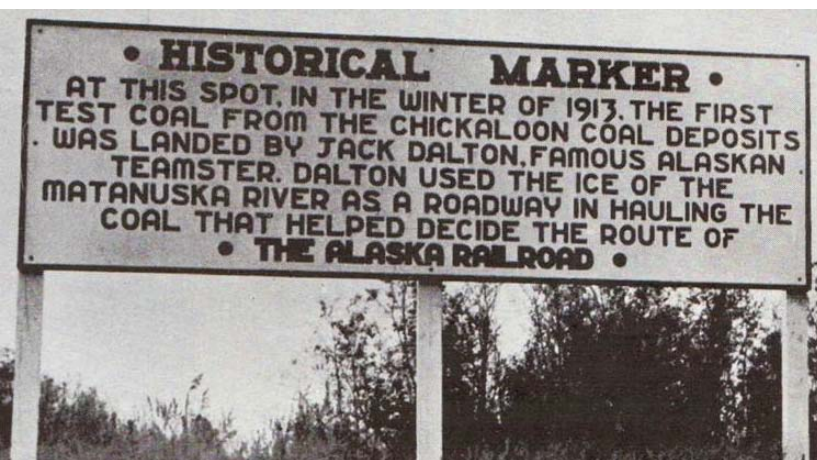


RECENT PROCLAMATIONS



Jack Dalton
(1856-1944)

- Matanuska-Susitna Borough Mayoral Proclamation regarding 100th Anniversary of Matanuska Landing coal delivery from Sutton area mines.
- Alaska Legislative Citation Commemorating - Matanuska Landing and 100 Years of Coal History in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough



NATIONAL HISTORICAL PLACES



- Bailey Colony Farm
- Independence Mine Historic District
- Knik Site
- Matanuska Colony Historic District
- Patten Colony Farm
- Talkeetna Historic District
- Tangle Lakes Archaeological District
- Berry House
- Campbell House
- Curry Lookout
- Fairview Inn
- Hyland Hotel
- Kirsch's Place
- Long Lake Archaeological Site
- Puhl House
- Sutton Community Hall
- Teeland's Country Store
- Tryck House
- Rebarchek Colony Farm
- Wasilla Community Hall
- Wasilla Depot
- Wasilla Elementary School
- Whitney Section House



SITES OF STATE OR LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Chickaloon Historic Bridge



- Belle's Cabin and Belle's Barn Site

- Knik Museum /Fulton and Hirshey Pool Hall





CHALLENGES



RESOURCES

- Funding
- Time
- Education



CONSENSUS

- Trust
- Land or facility use agreement
- Preservation priorities



MOVING FORWARD

