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RE: Property Historical Record

The Fountain Urban Renewal Authority purchased a circa 1905 property, located at 102 N. Main Street, Fountain, CO during the fall of 2018.

At the time of purchase, the property was/ is not registered as a historical landmark with the State of CO nor U.S. National Registry, as well as, no authenticity of a historical nature is recorded via the property's Deed of Trust with El Paso County Property Assessor.

An embossed plaquard located on the south face wall of the building, documents the building's inception date of circa 1905 and the W.O.W. fraternal organization; known as Woodmen of the World founded by Joseph Cullen Root.

The W.O.W. organization has a rich history of servitude and presence throughout several communities within Colorado. Their places of congregation are affectionately known as "Woodman Hall, as established by the Woodmen of the World (W.O.W)." A property located in Colorado City, CO sets the precedence for building naming where W.O.W. congregated.

Therefore, the Fountain Urban Renewal Authority has incorporated "Woodman Hall" signage above the building's historical entry way to bring public awareness to the property's origin.

The property is located at the epicenter of a community Town Center rebirth; known as the Olde Town district. The Fountain Urban Renewal Authority purchased the circa 1905 property with a purposeful intent to preserve, repurpose and revitalize the historic asset for community accessibility. Per the building's origin significance, it has always been a center of community gathering in the forms as a General Store, Missionary Meeting Hall, Post Office, Movie Theater, Roller Rink, as well as residential housing. To learn more, please visit online www.FURACO.org/woodman-hall.html

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