



Golden Landmarks Association

Preserving Our Past, Protecting Our Future



Living Landmark Award 2016

Jerry Hodgden

Jerry, by profession, is a geologist and is President and CEO of Hodgden Oil Company. He has made Golden his home for the past 38 years and much of that time has been devoted to public service and volunteerism. He has received recognition with an award from

Jefferson County for being their "Senior Citizen on the Move" and a letter of thanks for his active participation by the City of Golden.

Jerry was an appointed member of the Golden Parks and Recreation Board for 21 years, serving 17 of those years as Chairman or Vice-Chairman, until the council approved new term limiting rules last year. He was an active leader in the planning, growth and development of the city's award winning parks, recreational facilities and open space. His efforts were instrumental in building a system that utilized Golden's natural assets such as Clear Creek and the mountainsides that surround the city to give the citizens incredible activities and spaces. He helped turn those spaces into people pleasing assets like Fossil Trace Golf Course, the Splash Aquatic Park, the recent addition to the community center, the Clear Creek Kayak Course and many others that have made Golden a recreational destination. Mayor Marjorie Sloan has called him "the Dean of Parks".

Jerry didn't limit himself to parks—he was also the volunteer in charge of bar services at open house events at Foothills Art Center for 15 years.

Twelve years ago, Jerry joined the board of Golden Landmarks Association (GLA) to help establish the East Street Historic District, the area in which he lives. He has remained on the board ever since helping to preserve the history and historic elements and structures of Golden. He was also active in many planning meetings to help determine the direction of growth within Golden such as GURA studies and surveys. He continues to attend many community events to offer his thoughts on what would benefit Golden.