



**MEETING NOTES  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
JANUARY 17, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**SUPERIOR COMMUNITY CENTER  
1500 COALTON ROAD**

**This meeting will be held in person and online. Members of the public may [participate in the meeting via Zoom](#) or [view the meeting on YouTube](#) (closed captioning available). The recording of the meeting will be made available after the meeting on [YouTube](#) and at [SuperiorColorado.gov](#)**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman, Larry Dorsey, called the meeting to order.

**2. Preliminary Matters**

**a. Roll Call**

Present: Chairman, Larry Dorsey; Mary Cartwright; Maureen Hogg; Scott Phillips; Susan Stanish; Errol (Wally) Waligorski; Karen Waligorski

Absent: Dalton Valette, Jill Roberts

Staff present: Jennifer Garner “JG”, Arts & Historical Programs Supervisor

Council Liaison present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Serbu

**b. Approval of Agenda**

Mary moved to approve the agenda and Karen seconded.

*Unanimously approved*

**c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)**

*There was no public comment.*

**3. General Updates, Debriefing & Discussion Items**

**a. Updates**

**i. Correspondence, completed/required**

Mary said “thank you” notes had been sent to Bob McCool and Sandie Hammerly for their work with the SHC as Trustee Liaisons. Also “thank you’s” for donations were sent to Lisa Styles for the large display case, Mile Speck for helping deliver this item, Terry Fairbanks for children’s games and Dave Claycomb for the Western Electric wall telephone.

**ii. Marshall Fire Memorial all advisory group subcommittee, via CAPS**

JG reported that a potential site has been chosen for this and this committee will update the Council on the proposed location.

**iii. Outhouse restoration**

The restoration can begin on the outhouse as the weather improves.

**iv. Miner memorial**

Larry reported that the stonework is complete and the plaques are in the process of being made. JG said she will hire a professional plaque company to do this installation when they are complete. The Town is looking for a grant to help with costs for the manufacture of a bronze statue and when this is awarded, RFQs will be sent out.

v. RFI log and Mass Media list

Maureen will add the inquiry from the potential intern to the RFI log and the recent news articles about fire mitigation on Marshall Mesa to the Mass Media list.

vi. Donor(s)

1. Lions Club

JG informed us that Bob McCool has been in discussion with the Lions Club as they wish to close out their 2024 costs for the screens. Daryl McCool and JG will continue to work on the digital presentations.

2. Recent donations

A radio from the 1930's has been offered to the SHC. It was decided to get the dimensions of the radio to make sure we have the room to display it before accepting or rejecting this offer.

b. Debriefing

i. 12/7 open museum day

JG apologized for having the wrong date on the agenda. It should have been January 4 as the open museum day. Some volunteers were at Asti where several visitors came and other volunteers went to Grasso to rearrange display items.

ii. Heritage Roundtable

Larry reported Historic Boulder has obtained a grant to work on the historic façade of the Boulder Theater. Also on Saturdays the Carnegie will be available for the recording of oral histories. In addition, anniversaries to note are Niwot's 150<sup>th</sup> this year, 2025, and the University of Colorado's 150<sup>th</sup> next year, 2026.

As the CPI Conference is in Colorado Springs this year, none of the SHC members are available to attend.

c. Discussion Items

i. Spring Program topic and available SCC April M-Th dates (4/7, 4/16, 4/21, 4/23, 4/28, 4/30)

Mary Reilly-McNellan, an authority on the Columbia Cemetery in Boulder, is available to be a guest speaker. She is the author of If These Stones Could Talk, a book about some of Boulder's citizens who are buried at the cemetery. She could also include in her presentation information about the Superior cemetery. The committee agreed Mary would be a good fit for the Spring program as well as to once again hire the company JG used last fall for the large video screen and projector.

ii. Bill Reich donation of scrap railroad iron

Various pieces of railroad iron from the area have been offered to the museum. It was decided to accept them and show pieces as part of the coal mining display.

iii. Protocol for external communication and inquiries to SHC email

It was established that the leadership of the SHC, *i.e.* Larry (as Chairman), Karen and Dalton (as co-Vice-Chairpersons) should be the only responders to inquiries that come to the SHC's group email, unless otherwise deferred to JG as staff liaison.

- iv. Status of application for Grasso Park National Register  
Jill submitted the application.

- v. Status of bungalow for museum displays and staff offices  
The long front room at the Bungalow will be still available as museum space.  
As the focus at this site will be on the agricultural heritage of Superior, the obvious use of the barn as an active display area will be instituted.

Maureen wondered if both museums will be open regularly (same date and time) and therefore do both need staffing. It was affirmed that this will be the case and the group discussed availabilities. Mayor Pro Tem Serbu mentioned that perhaps Town Council members could sometimes volunteer to help. In addition, JG said new signs may be required to direct visitors to the both sites.

- vi. Installation of wall telephone from the collection  
In the former museum a telephone was on the wall of the kitchen and this was felt to be an appropriate location for this one as well. JG said she or Liam Neumann could help with this.
- vii. Internship inquiry and need; Town process for intake and approval  
JG will be the lead communicator with the high school student who inquired via email about an internship and expressed interest in working with the SHC. JG will communicate with student, the high school and Town's HR. It was discussed what work an intern could do, and all were in favor of the possibility of an intern. JG mentioned that an intern (or perhaps staff) could help with collection management as one of several other options for intern duties. Scott suggested the best opportunity for an intern may be the open museum days, while others suggested second grade tours and/or the historic walk.
- viii. Map donation from Art Source International  
A map has been offered to the museum from the above and it was decided to accept it. Mary moved to accept the map and have it copied if the copying does not exceed \$300, and Scott seconded. *Unanimously approved.*
- ix. Grand opening event for Asti  
It was proposed to have an event to celebrate the re-establishment of the Asti Museum. Several dates were discussed as well as whether to have it during the week or on a Saturday. If on a Saturday, some suggested dates were May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>. This item will be discussed more later.

d. Upcoming Events

- i. February 1 museum open  
This will be SHC staffed per usual, SHC members will be available at both sites.
- ii. ANFRM meeting, February 10, 1-3pm at History Colorado  
Mary is planning to attend; Larry and others will check their schedules.

e. Staff Updates

- i. 2024 budget closeout

JG said the small balance left in the SHC donation budget would be placed into reserve, which would essentially come from the Arts & History budget, so it would be available as needed. This is a way to preserve donation monies since the budget cannot rollover from year to year.

ii. SHC elections in February

JG reminded the group that elections would take place next month. Scott suggested that it would be helpful if SHC members knew in advance which members would be interested in a possible leadership position. JG offered to send an email to the group with that inquiry and share it back with SHC.

iii. Screen to cover sink at Grasso bungalow

JG has ordered a rustic looking screen for this purpose.

iv. Computer and printer at Asti at basement desk, Comcast and Wifi

The network lines have finally been installed by Comcast and the Town's IT team will be installing the computer and printer at the museum in the basement soon.

v. Handyman for shelf building at Asti above sink

JG asked for recommendations for someone who could do woodwork at Asti. Besides shelving above the sink, lowering the sink and installing a faucet is needed. Also needed are shelves in the mining / education display room. There were no recommendations so JG will pursue this.

vi. Grasso barn cleanout

JG said she has spoken with Shawn, the Town's Facilities Maintenance Technician about the status of hiring an exterminator for the barn and give it a full cleanout. Larry mentioned that the "Homestead House" could use those services as well. JG also mentioned putting in a work order to repair an upper window on the barn as to check all of the doors. JG said these buildings should be put on a regular schedule for maintenance by the Town staff.

4. Work Plan Check -in

The SHC 2025 Work Plan will be on the Town Council's agenda next month for their review and approval.

5. Other

a. Regarding signage for the museums, besides new signs for both sites JG said she is organizing new "Open / Closed" signage for both front and back doors at Asti.

b. Larry and Scott mentioned that the back door at Asti needs a different lock as now there is the potential to be locked out with the keys still within the museum. JG will look into this.

c. Karen mentioned the problem with the light in the basement at Asti frequently going out due to an overly sensitive sensor. Instead of trying to adjust the sensor, JG said she already had the switch changed out to a simple "on / off" switch.

6. Adjourn

At 12:00 Wally moved that the meeting be adjourned and Scott seconded.

*Unanimously approved.*

The next meeting will be February 21, 2025 at 10:00 at the Superior Community Center.

