



**MEETING NOTES
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MAY 16, 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
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call

Present: Wally Waligorski, Scott Phillips, Dalton Valette, Larry Dorsey, Susan Stanish, Karen Waligorski, Mary Cartwright, Maureen Hogg
Absent: Jill Roberts
Staff Present: Jennifer Garner “JG”, Arts & History Supervisor
Town Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Jason Serbu

 - i.
 - b. Approval of Agenda

Karen moved to approve; Mary seconded. Agenda approved.
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person) – Nancy Thomas expressed an interest in helping with guided tours and other activities.
 - d. Guest: Laurie Rugenstein of Breathing Healing Bus

Laurie is also a member of Right Relationship Boulder. The Healing Bus (now a mobile immersive experience) originally went to locations where events took place that led up to the Sand Creek Massacre. She described the design and experiences on the bus. They are turning the bus into a mobile teaching exhibit. It may be available for a visit to Superior in the fall. She described some of the logistics associated with hosting the Healing Bus. Minimum time is 5 hours. Estimated costs for hosting the Breathing Healing Bus would total \$1,475. Per discussion SHC is interested in this opportunity and will continue to discuss at our next meeting.
3. General Updates and Debriefing
 - a. Updates
 - i. Correspondence, completed/required

Mary sent thank you to Mrs. Garner (JG’s mom) for her chamber pot and photo and frame donation. A thank you also went to Nathan Yecke for assembling our new hand truck.
 - ii. Marshall Fire Remembrance, all advisory group subcommittee, via CAPS

Dalton reported there hasn’t been a recent meeting but per the last one, the RFQ is now in process at the staff level.
 - iii. RFI log and Mass Media list

Maureen emailed the most updated version to the Commission yesterday. She asked about our videos. JG said several are hosted on the Arts & History website via YouTube links, but the cemetery tour and the recent historic walk are still in production.

iv. Donor(s) & recent donations

- Lions Club
JG is still working with Lions Club; we are potentially getting six trees and then we would figure out signage to acknowledge the donation. Daryl McCool has been working on the video screens. She'll be sharing a status summary with JG soon but will join SHC meeting in June for a demo.
- Mary accepted donations of a butter worker, an ice cream maker, and some shoe lasts (cobbler tools).
- Kupfner crane
Larry was approached by Sue Kupfner regarding the crane on one of their properties. They've offered to donate it to the town. It would require about a 15 x 20 pad to sit on. There could be some safety issues involved with having it as a town exhibit. Per JG, CAPS also has some interest in the crane as a potential public art piece for the town. SHC discussed issues related to potential complexity and expense associated with moving it as well as its historic value. The SHC consensus was to let CAPS pursue this if they are interested.
- Lafayette Museum potential map donation
Next week Larry will go over there to receive several of their deaccessioned maps.
- Drumm Map
Larry said that Burton Lee (owner of the map) came over the other day when we were open. He liked our proposed location for the map in Asti. The map may need a special preservation case or coverage to prevent UV light damage.
- Teacher's school desk
Karen talked with Kathryn Barth regarding her teacher's school desk. It is 30" x 21" on the top so it is not too large and in good shape. Karen proposes we accept it. Per discussion, SHC agreed.
- Farm pump
We've had a farm pump offered to us by a Superior resident. JG showed a picture. Per discussion, we could have one at Grasso and one at Asti. SHC agreed we want this.

b. Debriefing

- i. May 3 open museum day and Historic Walk
We had about 40 people attend, which was gratifying. Fortunately, the weather was nice. A number of children joined the tour and they stayed attentive throughout. The open museum day also went well at both locations.
- ii. May 2 and 9 work sessions were both productive.
- iii. Boulder County Heritage Roundtable

Larry, Karen and Wally attended on May 12. The meeting went well and the sandwiches we donated were appreciated. The event included the Square Nail awards. Per Larry, anyone interested can participate in Heritage Roundtable; no special membership is required.

- iv. Town Veteran Group Meetup meeting from April 27 and SHC partnership for July 4 parade
Wally provided an update. As a group SHC determined that we will have banners created for the fire truck, one that says Superior Historical Commission and one that says Superior Veterans.

4. Work Plan Check-in

a. Discussion Items

- i. Collection management: GSA Kathryn, CatalogIt software status and SHC lead(s)
Kathryn has helped Karen with accessioning, while Mary and Jill have helped to organize into archival boxes. Per CatalogIt, JG mentioned that once all of the historical collection is entered, Arts & History and/or CAPS would use CatalogIt as well for the public art collection. Cost would not come from SHC budget. SHC discussed related roles of subcommittees versus activities of working groups; collections/accessioning activities (like what Karen has been doing) vs. collection management (CatalogIt). JG to work with Susan on getting CatalogIt going.
- ii. QR codes and partnership with CAPS
Dalton provided an update on discussion with CAPS concerning QR codes. Per JG, CAPS is thinking about doing a test with some of the public art pieces around town to see how the QR codes would work. We could do this as well. We would need to work closely with the Town's Communication team about creating and maintaining them. Potentially we could launch in Grasso. Dalton suggested we could start with five. We could have them at different levels; a whole building (like Grasso) or at the historical item level, or eventually both.
- iii. Asti trifold, Asti article reprint, Lost Superior update and reprint
Asti trifold – we have ten printed out now. Maureen suggested we could show a laminated version to the Town Council at our upcoming dinner.

Maureen proposed that SHC review the content in Lost Superior. She suggested we look into print-on-demand in addition to electronic document versions. Per JG we have about 200 printed versions left. Per discussion, we may need a subcommittee to lead a project to get this update going.

Larry – folk history books are reprinted and will be here next week.

- iv. Agenda items and 2026 special budget requests for Council dinner
JG will develop some initial ideas to share with SHC. One of the key discussion points will be tentative budget requests.
- v. Assistance to OSAC with trail naming project; create work group
OSAC is interested in historic and especially indigenous historic name ideas. Scott said that CU Boulder has an Arapaho language project that could be a source of ideas. Scott and Dalton may form a working group on this if OSAC's need is urgent; we may also have our volunteer Jade involved in this project.

- vi. Fall Program planning: Right Relationships Boulder
Per update from Dalton and guest Laurie Rugenstein of Breathing Healing Bus, there is strong interest in hosting Right Relationships Boulder for the program and having the bus outside for the 5 hours prior to the program starting time. SHC will continue to discuss at our next meeting.
- vii. GSA/Kathryn and volunteer/Jade
Kathryn update per 4.a.i. Dalton and Scott are communicating with Jade and will have her join the SHC/OSAC work per the trail naming project since it relates to the indigenous work we are embarking on.
- viii. Diorama – no progress yet per Larry.

b. Upcoming Events

- i. June 7: museums open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ii. June 12 ANFRM meeting – this date is to be confirmed since it's usually on a Monday
- iii. June 13: SHC work session
- iv. June 16: Town Council dinner – start time is 6:00 but SHC commissioners should plan to arrive by 5:30 if possible
- v. July 4 booth and fire truck – we will get directional signs and have more supervision so the fire truck is not overwhelmed with too many children going in too many directions.

5. Staff Updates

- i. Miner memorial bronze statue pricing
JG has talked to several bronze sculpture studios. Per the estimates, the cost will be around \$70,000 - \$80,000 for a life-size bronze statue. We have about half of that available now but we don't have approval at this point for the remaining half in 2026. JG suggests adding this budget item to the Council dinner agenda, seeking tentative approval. The normal process for such commissions is that 50% is required up front to start the project and the remainder balance upon completion. This timing would align with the miner memorial funds in 2025 and hopeful approval in 2026. Other details JG shared: a local sculpture studio sounded like they would be more hands on and showed an interest in representing a likeness of one of the miners who died. The commission process is long, so even if we started now it wouldn't be installed until next summer or fall.
- ii. Other update: David the handyman has been working on the custom shelves for above the sink. He will be at the museum next Friday with JG to remove the sink so that he can take the base to his shop to shorten it. This will get the sink at a more appropriate height. He would need a few days for that work and then upon return, reinstall the sink and install the shelving. JG wants confirmation that when the sink goes back up, should we put faucets in both holes or just the one for cold water (like we had before)? Per discussion, SHC recommended we just cap the other hole as a more accurate representation that only cold water was available in the house.

6. Other

- a. Mary: We badly need another table for the basement workspace in the Asti basement. JG said she would order it.
- b. JG: Per Jill's request, JG has ordered additional archival boxes.
- c. Mary proposed that she resign from the Commission and become a volunteer. That way, perhaps Nancy or someone else could join as a Commissioner. She will continue to think about it.

7. Adjourn

- a. Wally moved to adjourn and Scott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m. Next meeting: Friday, June 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Superior Community Center.