



**MEETING NOTES
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JUNE 20, 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. Co-Chairman, Dalton Valette called the meeting to order.
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call
Present: Larry Dorsey, Dalton Valette (via Zoom), Karen Waligorski, Errol “Wally” Waligorski, Scott Phillips, Mary Cartwright, Maureen Hogg, Jill Roberts
Absent: Susan Stanish
Staff Present: Jennifer Garner “JG”, Arts & History Supervisor
Town Council Liaison: Heather Cracraft
Guest(s): Jeanne Barrett of the Lions Club, Paul Gibbs
 - b. Approval of Agenda
Karen moved to approve the agenda and Larry seconded.
Unanimously approved.
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)
There was none.
 - d. Guest: Daryl McCool; media screens update and demonstration
Daryl began by showing the meeting the plat of Original Superior and then proceeded to show photos of a few of the homes that had been lost in the Marshall Fire. JG reminded us that she has been preparing a video about the Fire itself and the Museum rebuild. Daryl said the screen will be formatted as a touchscreen so visitors can click on what they wish to see. Jeanne suggested including some of the older history of Superior as well, and JG and Jeanne will work together on this and give it to Daryl to include. Daryl was warmly thanked for her work on the project which JG said may be ready for display at the Asti Museum toward the end of summer.
3. General Updates, & Debriefing
 - a. Updates
 - i. Correspondence, completed/required
Mary said “thank you’s” had been sent to:
 - Maryann Adams (butter worker, ice cream maker, yarn skein winder, 3 shoe lasts and stanchion to hold these)
 - Sally Ferguson (farm pump)
 - Jim Groh (photo of James Morton’s gravestone and narrative about Gettysburg)
 - Marilyn Morgan (various items from the Winston Morgan Collection)

- Chelsea Pennington-Hahn and Lafayette History Museum (ten maps of local area mine plans)
- ii. Marshall Fire Remembrance, all advisory group subcommittee, via CAPS
Dalton reported that at a recent meeting of the RFQ draft was discussed with Town staff. The next steps will be for the RFQ to be posted along with a press release to help solidify the concept and begin fundraising.
- iii. RFI log and Mass Media list
Maureen distributed an up-to-date “Request for Information Log” by e-mail previously. The Mass Media list is “on hold”.
- iv. Donor(s), Lions Club, & recent donations
Jeanne said there is \$4,000 remaining in the Lions’ contribution and new trees at Asti Park have been suggested. JG said to purchase and plant a tree is about \$1,000 per tree. There was consensus to have the Lions pay for four trees at this time but delay the actual planting until suitable weather in the fall if that is agreeable to the arbor company. JG also reiterated that a sign or plaque would be provided from the Arts & History budget to identify the tree donation.

b. Debriefing

- i. Town Veteran Group Meetup meeting from May 26 and SHC partnership for July 4 parade
Wally said some veterans are interested in riding in the Fire Engine in the parade. He will publicize this more at the next meeting of the group at the end of June. JG said Mikaela will have signs ready to hang on the engine, one for the Superior Veterans and one for the Superior Historical Commission.
- ii. June 7 open museum day
There was good attendance at both museums, Asti 30, Grasso 22. Because it was National Trails Day, quite a few visitors on the new bike path through Grasso Park came to the Grasso Museum. Mary said we really need two SHC members at each museum when they are open and Larry suggested we rotate members between the two museums.
- iii. June 13 work session
This was a useful time and Commissioners worked on the collection management.
- iv. June 16 SHC & Council dinner
Dalton commented it was a good meeting with the Town Council being very positive regarding the SHC budget requests. Councilwoman Cracraft will confirm at the next Council meeting their direction regarding the second payment for the statue on the Miners’ Memorial which would fall in 2026.
- v. Heritage Roundtable
Larry said there was no meeting in June.

4. Work Plan Check-in

a. Discussion Items

- i. Fall Program planning: Right Relations Boulder, date and time
The dates of October 14, 15 and 16 were suggested and Dalton will check to see if any of these could be scheduled for the program.
- ii. Restoration quotes for privy at Asti museum and rocking chair (possible votes)

Due to health issues, Bob Affleck is now unable to restore the privy but his wife, Carol, has done some ground work for the Town to get other quotations. She recommended a firm called Deep Roots since she can confirm their expertise of working on historic structures. Their bid was \$1,800 for restoration and \$1,500 for prep and painting. It was discussed that prep could be done by volunteer labor (meaning SHC members!) and the restoration cost of \$1,800 work on the privy be done by Deep Roots. After discussion Jill moved that Deep Root be hired to restore the privy with a maximum of \$1,800 to be spent from the SHC reserve donation fund. Scott seconded it. Unanimously approved.

David Bledsoe, the handyman hired to build the kitchen shelves and lowering of the sink base, was able to stabilize the leather-seated rocking chair that is already in the collection. JG said \$100 would be the cost for this. Mary moved that \$100 be spent to pay for the chair and Jill seconded it. Unanimously approved.

iii. Collection management: CatalogIt, exhibits, accessions

Jill said that little-by-little artifacts that have been accessioned are being moved into archival boxes and gathered with similar items for storage.

JG, Kathryn Jenks, Jill, and Susan met to get acquainted with the CatalogIt software, which the museum will be using to record information on donated artifacts. This is available for a 30-day free trial and after this time it's usefulness and ease of operation will be analyzed. If it proves practical, then the SHC will consider subscribing to the program.

iv. Volunteer(s) update

Jade our intern is working on tribal language words / vocabulary to suggest appropriate indigenous names for trails within the Town. (see 4 a vi)

v. QR codes and partnership with CAPS

This is in progress. Dalton and Andrew Vaughan are working together on this per what would type of signage structure e would work best for both groups.

vi. Assistance to OSAC with trail naming project; create work group

Scott said it can be challenging to get reliable sources for indigenous words. In our area the main tribal groups with a history here are the Arapaho, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Comanche, Lakota Sioux, Ute, and Plains Apache. Some of these have more accessible sources of information than others.

vii. Update to SHC coloring book

JG explained that as part of the Arts & History division, she is in the process of producing two coloring books relating to the public art collection around Town, an easier edition for children and a more advanced version for older youth and adults. Because the SHC coloring book needs to be updated to add content on the indigenous peoples she would like us to consider a re-design that would mimic the artistic style of the other books she has worked on. JG asks what this could consist of and who from SHC could help. Larry volunteered to assist. These would not be printed until sometime in 2026.

viii. Asti trifold, Asti article reprint, Lost Superior update and reprint

JG, Dalton and Maureen will have e-mail conversations on these updates

ix. Home Rule documentation

JG said the museum does not yet have this documentation.

b. Upcoming Events

- i. July 4 event booth and fire truck display
JG said there will be volunteers to help with eager children near the fire truck. Also, proper signage should help the “flow” of children wishing to sit inside.
- ii. July 5 open museums 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
SHC members available for both sites, ideally two each at the two sites.
- iii. July 11 work session
This will be for continuing artifact accessioning and processing.
- iv. ANFRM meeting
This was held at the Arvada Flour Mill on June 16th. It was an informal gathering where attendees shared their museums’ coming events, publicity ideas etc. The August 18th meeting will be at the Wheat Ridge Historical Park on Robb St. and 44th Ave. The October meeting will be at the Altona School House in Boulder.

5. Staff Updates

- i. Q2 budget report
This has been given out in printed form.
- ii. Miner memorial bronze statue
As mentioned above, Councilwoman Cracraft will report on further direction from the Town Council after the next Council meeting.

6. Other

- Grasso lock box has become jammed and JG has ordered another. In the meantime, both museum keys are at Asti. Larry offered to see if greasing the box cover will dislodge it.
- JG said she has ordered smaller inside door mats for the museum and wondered if we wanted the two larger ones moved to the Asti basement. This was felt to be a good idea.
- Larry said Eldorado School has inquired about having second grade field trips. He will contact Superior and Monarch Elementary Schools to see if they are interested as well.

7. Adjourn

At 12:00 Scott moved that the meeting be adjourned and Jill seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Next meeting: Friday, July 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Superior Community Center