



**MEETING NOTES
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JULY 18, 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 10:02 Dalton Valette called the meeting to order.
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call
Present: Larry Dorsey, Dalton Valette, Karen Waligorski, Mary Cartwright, Errol (Wally) Waligorski, Maureen Hogg, Scott Phillips, Jill Roberts, Susan Stanish
Absent:
Staff Present: Jennifer “JG” Garner, Arts & History Supervisor
Town Council Liaison: Heather Cracraft
Guest(s): Doug Walker, Jeanne Barrett (Lions Club)
 - b. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve by Mary; seconded by Karen
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)
There was none.
 - d. Guest: Renae Stavros, Planning and Building Director, Town of Superior Comprehensive Plan
 - i. Renae discussed the draft of the Comprehensive Plan chapter on Parks, Recreation & Open Space Goals (document provided in hard copy to meeting attendees). The Commission provided feedback on the Goal related to enhancing public spaces. The next phase is the draft of the full plan. Draft language is expected around the end of September. The goal is to have the final draft complete by the end of the year.
3. General Updates, & Debriefing
 - a. Updates
 - i. Correspondence, completed/required
Mary had nothing new to report.
 - ii. Marshall Fire Remembrance, all advisory group subcommittee, via CAPS
No meeting recently. RFQ has been published; was featured on Channel 7 and has been communicated on the Town’s social media outlets. RFQ responses are due August 12. As previously mentioned, the site location is Oerman Roche trailhead and the design concept will thereby be expected to reflect the open space character of the area vs something large and ostentatious.
 - iii. RFI log and Mass Media list

Mary noted that maps from Lafayette were already collected. Maureen handed out the updates. She will add the info about the Channel 7 coverage. JG will send out a link to the story. We have no other new information.

iv. Donor(s), Lions Club, & recent donations.

- Lions Club representative Jeanne reported that trees have been planted in Asti Park. JG will develop ideas for a plaque commemorating the donation by the Lions Club. Scott suggested we take annual photos at the time of the spring historic walk to document the growth of the trees over time.
- Karen said that Katherine Barth is back in the country and is ready for us to go get the teacher's desk she is donating. She also has a chair. Jill and Karen will coordinate picking them up.

b. Debriefing

i. July 4 parade, event booth and fire truck

- Dalton and others said they thought everything went well. All agreed the public interaction with the fire truck was more orderly than in the past – kudos to JG for her efforts there.
- Wally reported that we had eight veterans interacting with us. Only one wanted to ride on the truck, the others wanted to walk in front of it. Maybe for future parades we could get a banner for them to hold.

ii. July 5 open museum day

The morning at Asti was fairly slow but picked up in the afternoon. Attendance at Grasso was similar.

iii. July 11 work session

Jill, Susan, Larry, and Kathryn worked in Asti on taking photos and adding them to the CatalogIt database along with additional item details.

iv. Heritage Roundtable

Larry did not attend yesterday's meeting but he learned that they will set up a calendar listing all the activities of the various organizations participating.

4. Work Plan Check-in

a. Discussion Items

i. Cemetery open hours of operation

Dalton proposed that we may consider having some open hours on a regular basis that would be staffed by commissioners, similar to what we do with the museums. Jill suggested a pilot program in which it would be open from 11:00-1:00 on open museum days so we could direct people to it from the museums. JG mentioned that Leslie is looking into the concept of having an automated gate system.

ii. Fall Program planning: Right Relations Boulder, Healing Bus expense (vote)

Dalton sent out the cost figures. Scott moved that we approve an amount up to \$1,750 for the healing bus. Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

iii. Collection management: CatalogIt, exhibits, accessions.

- Mary suggested we could have one of the mine photos in the Industrial Mine meeting room moved to Asti to better illustrate what the mine looked like. We could also get a map of the underground street system of the maps. She also suggested signage about the laundry area ("this is the way we wash our clothes") as well as something similar related to the school area. Mary also mentioned getting the auger moved out of Grasso.
- Jill attended the History Colorado webinar about preserving and storing historic fabrics. She learned that while we're doing most things right, we need to make some changes on how we pack the dresses.

- Jill and Susan provided an update on CatalogIt. We have made a lot of progress and will keep going with filling in details, including photos, for the 50 free entries we have. We will let JG know when we're ready to turn on the full license.
- iv. Volunteer(s) update. Kathryn Jenks, Town Guest Services Associate, has been helping with the CatalogIt project. Wally said that Nancy Thomas is very interested in volunteering. She could potentially help as a docent at the museums. Dalton will contact her again via email. He had contacted her before and had not heard back.
- v. QR codes and partnership with CAPS. Dalton talked with Andrew Vaughn, CAPS chair, and Dalton will soon be presenting an updated design for shared signage.
- vi. Assistance to OSAC with trail naming project. Scott will review the lengthy list submitted by Jade (volunteer) to refine some recommendations. Scott and Dalton volunteered for the work group. Dalton will get back to Jade about it and let OSAC know we are working on it.
- vii. Asti trifold, Asti article reprint, Lost Superior update and reprint.
 - Dalton and Maureen have been working on this. Dalton sent it out to the group earlier in the week. The group noted a few typos to be corrected. JG also discussed updates needed to adapt the document for online posting. Maureen suggested it would be helpful to get feedback on the printed documents from museum visitors.
 - Maureen has suggestions for updating Lost Superior but in the interest of time we agreed to wait on that discussion until August meeting.
- viii. Home Rule documentation
Dalton suggested we could print out the charter and laminate it.
- ix. September open museum, possible "Grasso Day" with focus on agriculture. In the interest of time, we decided to postpone this discussion until August.

b. Upcoming Events

- i. August 2 open museums, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ii. August 8 work session, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- iii. ANFRM meeting
Will be hosted at Wheatridge Heritage Park, taking place on the third Monday in August from 1:00-3:00.

5. Staff Updates

- i. Grasso bungalow fire mitigation
JG had sent out some information about this. She discussed options for fire-resistant paint versus hardy board. Additional information is forthcoming. We don't have to decide today. Hardscaping will also be done sometime this year.
- ii. Barn maintenance
We finally got critters and their leavings cleaned out. We also had an issue with wasps. On Monday JG opened the barn door and a large orange cat ran out. The barn was sprayed for wasps and there are now wasp traps in the barn and the homestead house.
- iii. Other:
JG let us know about a T-Mobile grant she just learned about that we may apply for to update the mine trail or the Grasso out buildings. The grant is for \$50,000. If we pursue this, we would need five letters of support – for example, from commissioners, Town Council, History Colorado, the mayor. This money could potentially also be put toward the miner's memorial. She will update us accordingly.
- iv. Lions Club trees
Discussed above.

- v. Other: JG had a call from someone who was doing a presentation for/to the Town and wanted to borrow a miner's hat. We decided not to loan her one but to send a picture instead. JG will follow up.
 - vi. Miner memorial bronze statue
JG spoke with the artist, who is excited that he's been chosen. She will send out some of his questions to the Commission. He's interested in things like the suggested miner's stance, facial expression, accompanying equipment, etc. JG said she would send him a picture of the existing miner sculpture (near Target) so we avoid looking too similar. She will consolidate our feedback, send it back to him, then he will do some renderings to send back to us for review. He can join us in the future via Zoom.
 - vii. Chili and Beer Fest booth
We declined to participate as the focus of the event is not a great fit for SHC.
 - viii. Other
JG mentioned updates to the 2nd grade coloring book that would incorporate some indigenous content, and will be working with Larry and Scott.
6. Other
None.
7. Adjourn
Wally made a motion to adjourn, Scott seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Friday, August 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Superior Community Center