



**Meeting Notes
Historical Commission
August 15, 2025
10:00 a.m.
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 a.m. Dalton Valette called the meeting to order.
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call
Present: Larry Dorsey, Dalton Valette, Mary Cartwright, Maureen Hogg, Scott Phillips, Jill Roberts, Susan Stanish, Karen Waligorski, Errol (Wally) Waligorski
Absent: N/A
Staff Present: Jennifer “JG” Garner, Arts & History Supervisor
Town Council Liaison: none
Guest(s): Jean Barrett of the Lions Clubs
 - b. Approval of Agenda
Susan moved to approve, Larry seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)
There was none.
3. General Updates, & Debriefing
 - a. Updates
 - i. Correspondence, completed/required
 - Mary sent note to former Mayor Clint Folsom to thank him regarding the video and a thank you to Ranger Phary Om for help with the fire truck at 4th of July. She also sent a thank you to representatives from the Lions Club.
 - ii. Marshall Fire Remembrance, all advisory group subcommittee, via CAPS
 - Meeting scheduled for next Monday. Two RFQs have been received. The group will review.
 - iii. RFI log and Mass Media list
 - Maureen requested an update about the Dotsy Baxter inquiry about having family history in Superior (Autrey and Hake), property and mineral rights. Larry will send Maureen more detailed information.
 - iv. Donor(s), Lions Club, & recent donations
 - Wally, Mary and Larry had a phone conversation with Chris Wecker (relative of Helen Warembourg) and accepted some additional donations from their family.
 - Lions Club donation of the trees in Asti – the group discussed setting up an annual photo to be re-taken each year as the trees grow. JG will follow up with Jean from the Lions Club and SHC members.
 - b. Debriefing
 - i. August 2 open museum day
 - Frank Grasso’s great grandson stopped by Grasso Park Interim Museum to visit; Dotsy Baxter came by the Asti Park Historical Museum.

- There were about 15 visitors to Grasso. Town GSA Kathryn Jenks helped with curation activities at Grasso. There were also several visitors at Asti in the afternoon. Karen and Wally helped inform volunteer Nancy Thomas with facts about the building and donations.
 - ii. August 8 work session
 - Very productive session. Kathryn helped with moving the auger. Much work was done on CatalogIt and in accessioning.
 - iii. Heritage Roundtable and ANFRM
 - No Roundtable meeting yesterday, they will meet next week.
 - ANFRM is coming up next Monday in Wheatridge. Some SHC members will attend.
4. Work Plan Check-in
- a. Discussion Items
 - i. Second grade field trips
 - Larry has been in touch with Jennifer Lehman at Superior Elementary. She has proposed potential dates of September 25-26 or October 2-3. Times are TBD; we usually start about 10:30, they eat lunch at the park and go back to school afterwards.
 - Eldorado PK-8 has been contacted and is still reviewing dates.
 - Larry sent an email to the Mayor to check his schedule. He hasn't heard back yet but will check again. JG suggested if he can't make it then contact Mayor Pro Tem Serbu or she can recommend another Council member to contact.
 - ii. Fire truck in the Louisville parade
 - Larry: do we have permission from the Town to take it to the parade? JG will find out and confirm with Larry. He's available to drive the truck and believes Wally and maybe some town veterans want to ride on the truck as well. JG: we would need to have a member of staff accompany the truck.
 - iii. SHC coloring book update, plus addition of Indigenous history
 - Dalton asked what next steps we could take on this.
 - JG: Larry and JG met to review content in context of new art-related coloring books that have just been completed. Questions came up such as what could the cover look like, what additional content could be added, etc. We ended up with new questions about potential new content beyond just adding indigenous history information. We know we need an updated map. Larry, Scott, and JG will be a subcommittee working on this. JG will compile notes from the meeting and send them out to the group for input.
 - The idea of adding more content raises the question of whether this remains truly a coloring book or becomes more of a workbook. We don't want to overdo the amount and complexity of content aimed at second graders.
 - Scott suggests a more local history focus versus nationally focused topics. We will also aim to incorporate indigenous history as appropriate to this area.
 - iv. Completion of Fall Program planning
 - Dalton said everything is in place for the Healing Bus and the presentation by Right Relations Boulder on October 15. The expense figures are lining up with what we budgeted for.
 - JG said the room is secured. She will coordinate with Facilities on location for parking the bus and appropriate parking lot demarcation.
 - Mary suggested maybe we could have sandwich boards to put out on the day of to get more attention. Perhaps we could adapt temporary signs to put over our existing sandwich boards. Dalton will check with Right Relations to see if they have specific signage to bring.
 - v. Collection management update: CatalogIt, exhibits, accessions
 - Jill said we still need the scanned donation forms to add information to some of our first 50 entries. JG will send them to Jill.
 - JG will pursue view-only access to CatalogIt by members of the public, once we're up and running with the full version of the software.
 - Karen said that aside from Wecker donations, everything is now added to the inventory list. We also need to make sure we are adding tags to everything and not moving things out for display that don't have labels.

- Jill suggested that maybe on the date of the field trips we could go early or stay late at Grasso to do some additional documentation of items in the barn. Then we could feel confident that it had recently been treated for wasps and cleaned.
 - vi. Volunteer update
 - Dalton reported that our volunteer (Jade) is continuing work on the Indigenous lexicon list. The group discussed additional ideas for her involvement.
 - Nancy Thomas came in and helped on our last open day. She enjoyed it and expressed that she would like to keep working as a docent and potentially assisting with work sessions.
 - vii. QR codes and partnership with CAPS
 - Dalton reached out to Andrew on CAPS about this and hasn't heard yet but will be following up with him on Monday. They are close to finalizing a design that Dalton hopes to show us next meeting.
 - JG reminded us that these are budgeted for this year.
 - viii. Assistance to OSAC with trail naming project; create work group
 - Dalton and Scott want to be part of the working group, and it will likely include the intern Jade.
 - ix. Asti trifold, Asti article reprint, Lost Superior update and reprint, Walking Tour of Superior History trifold concept
 - Maureen sent out an outline for a trifold for the self-guided walking tour. She has ideas for additional trifolds we could create. The group discussed how we could use QR codes to help disseminate some of this information – taking a more consumable media approach. Dalton will follow up with Maureen for an in-depth explanation of how a QR code would work and what it could show.
 - x. September open museum, “Grasso Day” with focus on agriculture
 - Mary suggested maybe we could have a few more docents that day who could also help with tours of the barn and homestead grounds.
 - Jill suggested maybe we could shift the Grasso Day focus to the October open day when we know the wasp issue will be taken care of. The group agreed to do this – it will now be on the October 4 open day.
 - JG said that we'll need a bulleted list of highlights about the open days to give to Comms for promotion
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - i. September 6 open museums, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Cemetery 11 a.m. -1 p.m.
 - Dalton can be at either location. Nancy is available to help that day.
 - JG has indicated to Comms that we need to craft language around the cemetery open days in case of bad weather, etc.
 - Depending on parking and construction activities in the area, we may postpone it to another month. Scott suggested maybe we could shoot for November 1st as the first cemetery tour if the construction situation and weather conditions permit. The group agreed that this made more sense than trying to have the cemetery open on September 6.
 - Jill suggested we could maybe have cemetery tours 3 times a year versus trying to do one every month as we originally thought.
 - The group discussed the challenges of access for people with disabilities and brainstormed some possible solutions.
 - ii. September 12 work session, 10a.m.
 - Susan and Mary are unavailable that day. Karen and Wally may not be either.
5. Staff Updates
- i. Barn maintenance
 - JG reported that there were no wasps noted during the last work session. The wasp trap was empty. However, there was rat or bunny detritus all over. She's working with Liam who is now working on the Facilities team. Population control for varmints is different now because of new extermination policies (sterilization vs. lethal). The exterminator is now coming monthly to do regular cleaning. JG recommends that from now on, don't go into the barn until closer to the next open day when it will have been cleaned the week before.

- ii. Miner memorial bronze statue
 - JG noted that for the September 8 meeting of Town Council there is an item on the agenda for official approval of the statue expense.
- iii. Privy painting
 - JG said that she heard from Carol Affleck who is still assisting with securing the vendor for that. JG believes that at this point it will likely take place in September.
- 6. Other
 - a. JG noted that Mary had asked about the possibility of getting a sink installed in the basement of Asti for purposes of hand washing while Commissioners work on collection items. JG spoke to Leslie about this who suggested we get a cost estimate as a starting point. We also have to clarify the building code regarding whether it can actually be in the utility area or would have to be outside of it.
 - b. JG discussed the key to the big display case – replacement has gone missing again. Scott said he believes it is in the bathroom cabinet area in Grasso. JG had contacted the company about getting two more replacements. They said they will send the two at no charge since their company is closing.
 - c. Mary mentioned that the Dougherty Museum in Longmont has an event on the last weekend in August (29-31) with old tractors and other farm equipment exhibited and running, in case anyone wants to attend.
- 7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mary; seconded by Wally. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Next meeting: Friday, September 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Superior Community Center