



**Meeting Notes
Superior Historical Commission (SHC)
Friday, August 21, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Superior Town Hall
124 E. Coal Creek Drive**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order – called to order by Dalton at 10:02 a.m.
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call
 - Present: Larry Dorsey, Dalton Valette, Karen Waligorski, Mary Cartwright, Susan Stanish, Scott Phillips, Maureen Hogg, Jill Roberts
 - Not present: Errol (Wally) Waligorski
 - Staff Present: Jennifer “JG” Garner, Arts & History Supervisor
 - Town Council liaison present: Heather Cracraft
 - Guests: Paul Gibbs
 - b. Approval of Agenda – motion made by Mary, seconded by Jill, motion carried
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person) - none
3. General Updates, & Debriefing
 - a. Updates
 - i. Correspondence, completed/required
 - Per Mary, she sent a message to Jade thanking her for her past participation; JG will get Mary the Tebo address to thank them regarding the Drumm map; Mary will send thank you notes to Terry Fairbanks for the matchbox holder and Twila Pap for the Skittles game; she will send a thank you to Clint Folsom for participation in the ANFRM presentation last Monday; she will send thank you to Angelique (last name TBD) for research she did on the dugout house (414 McCaslin) per contact via Jill
 - ii. Marshall Fire Remembrance subcommittee
 - Per Dalton, we had a meeting recently recapping discussions with Louisville; will get updates on the geotechnical survey; waiting for more details on formal launch of fundraising efforts
 - iii. RFI log and Mass Media list
 - Per Maureen, she sent this out for review – no comments
 - iv. Volunteer(s)
 - Nancy Thomas attended the August 1 open day
 - v. Donor(s), Lions Club, & recent donations

- Per Karen, Terry Fairbanks may have a pot-bellied stove that we might be interested in – TBD
- Per JG, Leslie Clark and Liam are delivering the grandfather clock to Grasso today
- vi. Collection management
 - Per Jill, the large items to be hung were all put up, thanks to Liam; he put up shadow box (will contain rotating display items) but it needs to be stabilized for regular access; soapbox is up on display also; she is also working on plans/homes for items to be deaccessioned; ideas discussed by the group included mentions in the monthly Commission Corner
- vii. History Colorado Affiliates
 - Per Jill, this month's webinar wasn't applicable to us so she didn't attend; she did visit History Colorado (in Denver) and was able to take advantage of History Colorado Affiliates membership for free admission
- viii. Digital screens
 - Per Dalton, no major updates – he continues to work on the PowerPoint
- ix. Scroll & Stroll signage
 - Per Maureen, she sent out copy of the first draft; still need to work on graphics; she discussed ideas for an audiovisual version with narration; per Dalton, map (physical and online) of how to get to cemetery as well as location of other historic sites is in process
 - Mary provided feedback on the draft document related to accuracy of items and there was additional discussion on specifics related to location of old Town Hall
 - The group discussed different ideas related to AV for the Scroll and Stroll project
- b. Debriefing
 - i. August 1 open museums, Colorado 150, and fire truck
 - No fire truck due to the battery issue; great attendance at both Asti and Grasso, the ukelele/singing group did a fine job performing and the cake was well received
 - Per JG, Matt Rarick (staff) is working on the fire truck's battery issue
 - ii. August 9 Kerry Carey visit to Asti; Kerr family mining history; possible donations
 - Per Dalton, he and Larry met with them and showed them the museum; they had a good discussion about their ancestors' presence in Superior; they may have some donations for future consideration
 - iii. August 14 work session
 - Per the group; we were busy rearranging Grasso and did some cleanup; Jill also directed Liam's efforts for hanging items in Asti
 - iv. August 17 SHC hosts ANFRM
 - Per the group; aside from ANFRM's low participation it was a big success; presentation by Jill and the panel was well received; rapport between Commission and the town staff and government was appreciated
 - Per Mary, our ANFRM visitors were highly impressed with our museums as well
 - Thanks shared to all for their efforts and participation

- v. Art Source framing status
 - Per JG, it's done and she is working with Katie on schedule for delivery and installation; she will keep the group posted as it would be good to videotape the hanging with participation of as many SHC members as can attend
 - Per Larry, copy is in Asti basement, we can store in the old tube (Katie to provide)
- vi. Heritage Roundtable and next ANFRM
 - Per Larry, Heritage Roundtable met yesterday; Historic Boulder is going through a very busy time planning events right now
 - Per Jill, ANFRM has an off month in September and has a meeting planned for October; they are seeking new Board members and if they don't have enough interest they may decide to disband; Susan discussed idea for potential conversion to Zoom meetings vs. in-person museum visit meetings

4. Work Plan Check-in

a. Discussion Items

- i. Next cemetery open day; confirmation of 9-11am timeframe
 - Per JG, Comms team had a question on whether it might be confusing to folks to change times for cemetery access; per Dalton and Scott, our goal is to only have different hours for summer months due to heat
- ii. Preservation Plan
 - Per Dalton, discussion of outline (Proposal Executive Summary) which will be sent to Town Council to request budget for a writer to use for creation of the full Preservation Plan
 - Per Maureen, the information in the Stroll and Scroll document may help with content development
 - Per Scott, there are efforts at the federal level to condense National Historic Preservation Act requirements related to historic preservation requirements (Section 106) and permitting; question is do we want to comment on these proposed regulation changes as a Town?
- iii. Walking Tour/Scroll & Stroll and QR code signage project – covered above
- iv. Spring Program concept planning
 - Per Maureen, maybe we could have an update on Marshall Fire memorial, though Dalton mentioned Spring 2027 would be too early; another suggestion is celebration of the 15th anniversary of Autrey Park; a third idea is something to do with Rocky Flats, though Larry pointed out that subject can be controversial depending on the audience;
 - Per Jill, maybe an idea she and Scott had discussed which is a presentation on "The Seedy Side of Superior," Jill volunteered to present if others contribute to content
- v. Second grade field trip(s)
 - Per Jill, she's taken over coordinating this from Larry; coloring books to be delivered so we have enough; Eldorado is enthusiastic on the proposed dates; Superior is not fully committed yet
- vi. Clock repair

- Per Jill, good news is our clock (wall-mounted one) is very rare – it is a wood clock made between 1830-1880; very few people work on them anymore, so the bad news is we may not be able to get it working again
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - i. September 5 museums open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Cemetery open 9-11 a.m.
 - Larry to open Grasso; Susan and Mary at Grasso 12-2; Jill at Asti 10-noon; Karen and Wally at Asti 12:00-2:00
 - ii. September 11 work session, 10a.m. – 12 noon at Asti basement
5. Staff Updates
- i. Grasso grant status
 - Per JG; she and the grant writer met with History Colorado a few weeks ago; it was a great site visit, they affirmed we are on the right track; next step is to start writing content; for the grant they will need some letters of recommendation (they have template letters as support); October 1 is the deadline for the grant application
 - ii. Barn critters and regular cleanings
 - Per JG; mice and rats pretty are well managed but now we have a problem with bunnies, especially in the barn; she will talk to town critter control for ideas but it is hampering clean-up efforts because as soon as it is cleaned, it gets dirty again; it may affect our ability to have the barn open on our next museum open day
 - iii. Miner Memorial
 - Per JG; she sent out photos of sculpture in process; it is currently in clay version, next step is the artist sends it to bronze studio in Loveland for the casting process from a mold, then it would go back to the artist in Nebraska for finishing work and then finally it would be shipped here; the group had some discussion related to the miner's hat, the positioning of the shovel in his hand, his hair, and his boots
 - All in all, feedback from the group was generally positive
 - iv. Cemetery fencing
 - Per JG, no updates at this time
 - v. Other
 - Per JG, Brandi Cumming from Cultural Services in Louisville will be attending our October meeting to present
6. Other – per Larry, Historic Boulder is looking for replacement re-enactors at their events, like the Columbia Cemetery event, if anyone is interested.
7. Adjourn – motion to adjourn made by Karen; seconded by Larry; meeting adjourned by Dalton at 11:56

Next meeting: Friday, September 18, 2026, at Town Hall