



MEETING NOTES
Cultural Arts & Public Spaces Committee (CAPS)
JANUARY 23, 2025
6:00 PM
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
Chairman Andrew Vaughan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call and welcome new Council liaison
Present: Andrew Vaughan, Suz Benson, Liza McKenzie, Brandon Opalka, Susan Chevalier, Chris Nunes, Sherry Smith, Stephanie Coffin.
Absent: N/A
Staff present: Jennifer Garner “JG”, Arts & Historical Programs Supervisor
Town Council Liaison present: Neal Shah
 - b. Approval of Agenda
Chris moved to approve agenda, Suz seconded.
Unanimously approved.
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)
There was no public comment.
 - d. Leadership elections: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary (vote)
 - Stephanie both nominated and moved for Andrew to continue as Chair, Chris seconded.
 - Andrew nominated and moved for Susan to serve as Vice Chair, Suz seconded.
 - Stephanie both nominated and moved for Liza to serve as secretary, Suz seconded.*All election motions were unanimously approved.*
3. Staff Updates
 - a. 2024 budget closeout report
JG shared the year-end budget close-out amounts and briefly inquired with Chris about the status of the AI purchase prize paperwork status. Chris reported that he had not heard back from the two remaining artists and our request for invoices.
 - b. Artwork installation status
All slated public artwork installations were successfully installed in 2024. Due to the heavy activity of three installs in October, November, and December, the Prairie Dogs re-deployment installations will be slated for Q1 and Q2 2025 as weather permits.

c. Mural daytime lighting and solar lights

JG is still in discussion with the Town's superintendent and Leslie Clark about keeping the mural lit during the day, toning down the amount of light at night, and splitting off the shared circuit from the external lights at Town Hall. Andrew shared that he's received feedback about the lights off during the daytime, hence the mural being hard to see, and that at night the lights are too bright by comparison of the darkness outside of the tunnel that cause an extreme light-to-dark adaptation. There was a discussion about ensuring that path lighting exists at the tunnel exit when the trail and bridge construction through Grasso park are completed later this year.

4. General Updates & Debriefing

a. Updates

i. Marshall Fire Remembrance all-advisory group subcommittee

Andrew reported that the subcommittee is leaning toward the Oerman-Roche trailhead as a site for the Remembrance project. The group will be working on an update presentation to the Town Council in late February or March.

b. Debriefing

c. Upcoming Events

i. Town Council to review CAPS 2025 Work Plan at January 27 meeting.

Andrew will be on hand at the meeting if the Council has any questions.

ii. Wall to Wall: Building Community through Murals – February 25th 6:30pm

Susan and JG reported that all planning details are intact and ongoing. JG inquired the committee about the SCC Industrial Mine room reservation versus the discussion in November about utilizing the stadium seating area instead. JG indicated she currently has both spaces reserved; CAPS decided the stadium seating area would be best since the proximity to the café and beer/wine service would be more convenient. Brandon suggested that an inquiry to AJ Davis, the recent underpass muralist, to see if he wants to possibly join the speaker panel since he has a mural in Superior now. Andrew and JG are seeking pricing on video recording the panel discussion. JG let the committee know that the SCC has sound equipment but will check into the types of mics are available since there would be a need for amplified sound in the stadium seating area.

5. Work Plan Check-In

a. Superior Pairings – Recording, publicity

See above.

6. Discussion Items

a. 2025 calendar

The committee had a lengthy discussion about upcoming programming events and set tentative dates for workshops. There was also a discussion about a monumental public artwork and the need for external fundraising. This prompted a conversation about the development of an external Arts & History foundation.

b. ARTery future plans

CAPS members all like the idea of continued work on the ARTery. JG inquired about if CAPS foresees the 5-mile map that was developed last year changing. The group mentioned if working with the downtown Metro District would potentially change the path, but overall thought there was no desire to change the route at this point in time. The topic will be further discussed in the February meeting.

7. Adjourn

Andrew moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm and it was seconded by Stephanie.

Unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2025 at the Superior Community Center