



MEETING NOTES
Cultural Arts & Public Spaces Committee (CAPS)
MAY 22, 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 6:01 p.m.
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call
Present: Andrew Vaughan, Susan Chevalier, Brandon Opalka, Sherry Smith, Liza McKenzie, Suz Benson.
Present Via Zoom: Chris Nunes
Council Member Present: Neal Shah
Staff Present: Jennifer “JG” Garner, Arts and History Supervisor
Absent: Stephanie Coffin
 - b. Approval of Agenda
Andrew suggested for discussion of item #6 to come prior to item #5, and table #5 items if needed.
Suz moved to approve agenda as modified, Brandon seconded.
Unanimously approved.
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)
None
3. Staff Updates
 - a. Reminder of content deadlines for Comms: supplies and event/workshop setup plans
JG asked to please stay on top of ordering supplies, doing the walk through and setup plans, and any other prep before event.
4. General Updates & Debriefing
 - a. Updates
 - i. Marshall Fire Remembrance all-advisory group subcommittee
Town still has draft RFQ so nothing new to add since last month.
 - b. Debriefing
 - i. Photo Walk; Saturday, May 10th.
Great event, Andrew states that the intended route was somewhat compromised due to construction on McCaslin but it was a huge success. Photographer Casey McCallister will have an editing session next Saturday, May 31 at the Community Center.
 - c. Upcoming Events
 - i. Drum Circle; Purple Park, Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m. – 12 noon
JG asks if Suz will still be leading this event since her term will soon be ending without

renewal. Suz stated the event will definitely happen and will pursue converting the “Youth Drop In” music workshops to possible citizen led events.

- ii. Stained glass workshop; SCC, Saturday June 21, 1-5 p.m.
Stephanie’s supplies are ordered, Comms are set. Per JG states things are good to go.

5. Work Plan Check-In

- a. Superior Pairings #3 (June 24)
Brandon mentioned that he may be out of town and wondered if the date of the event could change. JG states it would be very difficult to do that since so many aspects are underway per Comms, space is reserved, etc. Susan offered to lead the event in his absence.
- b. Geocaching, Tabled.
- c. Rainworks
JG received Sherry’s supply list but it will take some extra time to set up a tax-exempt account with the company, as well as pay by invoice. JG will work to connect Sherry and Parks and Rec aquatic staff to propose/get permission to apply the stencils near or at the pools. Implementation should be soon after the June meeting.
- d. Civic Center digital exhibit (June 18th)
Chris is not able to commit quite yet, JG states she will check back with him since Mikaela will need to know soon and that she will need to be aware of how they will be programmed.
- e. Mural planning (see below for update).
- f. Artwork plaques, Tabled.

6. Discussion Items

- a. August 25 Council-Committee Dinner agenda
A 2026 budget request will be the priority. Per discussion items, Liza would like to better understand boundaries of Metro District and how the TOS will be taking over ownership/management of New Downtown. Andrew would like feedback from Town Council regarding the role of CAPS.
- b. CAPS 2026 work plan and budget/CAPS
Andrew shares the 2025 Work Plan main topics and suggests a priority plan. There is consensus that CAPS should pare back workshops, let Town staff plan and lead those, and possible pay artists to teach or lead them. CAPS could then focus on using entire budget for art acquisitions. Neal will get clarification on acquisitions process for pieces over \$25K. There was also a discussion about the 2027 Sundance Film Festival in Boulder within the budget request as well. Discussion of priorities ensued; Andrew will share the budget request spreadsheet with Council. Neal suggests that he share with staff as well since they prepare the projections prior everything to going to Council. JG asked to also be copied.
- c. ARTery 2025 plans
Chris says he feels ARTery is clunky; Andrew still likes the plan. Under this topic there is mention of the Neighborhood Sponsorship program and is it too broad and if it should more tightly align with art.
- d. RCP mural payment budget (Vote)
Since the RCP tunnel is 20 ft longer than McCaslin, Hilary was given option of cutting down mural 10 feet on each side to center current design or to extend the mural for the entire \$20 K budget. She said she prefers to paint entire tunnel and add an extra fox. Andrew moved to allow artist to extend mural another 20 feet and to bring entire cost to \$20k. Susan seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

e. Noble Wins public art bench

JG shared a look-book and prices of the upcycled wind turbine benches, specifically those that have roofs, and mentioned that Noble Wins can prime the exterior so that small murals can be painted upon them. Pricing is much higher than standard benches but they are sturdy, creative and would last much longer. CAPS feel they are indeed pricey, like the sustainability aspect, and that the designs are creative and functional. CAPS will put on black burner but keep in mind for future projects.

f. Kupfner crane and SHC

Too much for CAPS to take on but everyone agrees that it's very cool and historically valuable. CAPS would be willing to take it on if the Kupfner's or TOS dealt with cost and logistics of moving and storing it. It's possibly a liability due to dangers of kids climbing inside and on it. Would need more info but likely not something CAPS cannot take on at this point.

7. Adjourn

Andrew moved to adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m., Suz seconded.
Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 26, 2025 at the Superior Community Center