

DRAFT MINUTES

PLAN JEFFCO BOARD

Approved XXXX

HYBRID Meeting NOV. 20, 2025 at Edcor, 195 S. Union Blvd. Lakewood, CO

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82563580265?pwd=8V4GFHxn3KsYuEPAO1EOFAIM7bY5X1.1>

Upcoming Events:

Next board meeting Dec. 18 – Holiday Party at 240 Union Restaurant, 240 Union Blvd. in Lakewood, time TBD. See last page below for the complete schedule.

Open Space Advisory Committee: for past Meeting Videos and Documents: Scroll down to see Advisory Committee.

<https://www.jeffco.us/4528/Past-Meeting-Videos-and-Documents>

General meetings and agendas: <https://www.jeffco.us/4408/meetings-and-agendas>

2026: Regular meetings to be announced

Other meetings: Dec. 10: Semi-retirement party for Tom Hoby, 5 to 10 p.m., Wednesday Dec. 10. Origin Hotel Red Rocks, 18485 West Colfax, Golden

Members in attendance: Don Moore, Jean Tate, Michelle Poolet, Vicky Gits, Peter Morales. Secretary: Vicky Gits

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Peter at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Visitor Introductions** - None
3. **Minutes of Oct. 18, 2025** – approved
4. **Additions to Agenda** – summary of findings on Clear Creek Trail construction (Vicky)
5. **Discussion and Action Items**
 - a. **Treasurer’s report** – Jean Tate. Colorado Gives account is operational. (Thank you Michelle Poolet). Received \$135 in donations in November. Checking account is \$13,038. PayPal had \$1,397. Michelle was reimbursed \$84.95 for renewal of Zoom account. Money has not been moved from checking to a new CD pending new director and potential hire of an intern.
 - b. **Review of upcoming months and projects. Meeting leaders.** Appointment of meeting chairs for the rest of the year and 2026. (See schedule at end of this report.)
 - c. **Newsletter Review and Suggestions Newsletter production.** Michelle is posting various stories on the newly restored website and was able to restore the website, which is now back in operation. Vicky writing story on the new Stagecoach Road trailhead at Elk Meadow Park at the site of the former discontinued dog park.

- d. **Possible Stewardship Event.** Exploring potential land acquisitions. - Don. Observed there is virtually no focus on the issue of identification or acquisition of critical lands or critical areas in the Greenprint or other known open space initiatives at this time. Jean suggested there be an examination of Colorado Natural Heritage reports to be used as a baseline for desirable land choices. Michelle suggested looking toward land west of Jefferson County.

6. Reports and Information Items.

- a. **Grant/possible internship program update** – deferred
- b. **Hoby Response and PJ Reply. Founders Garden Signage** – In a conversation with outgoing Tom Hoby at the opening of the part one of the Huntsman Segment on the Clear Creek Trail, Hoby said he was exploring possibly doing something to restore signage to the Founders Garden (also known as Carol Karlin Overlook) in Elk Meadow Park in Evergreen. Hoby asked PLAN Jeffco not send “more letters.” Hoby wants to schedule a meeting with PLAN Jeffco Board of Directors. The Board discussed scheduling a future meeting separately with the new executive director, whoever that is.
- c. **Clear Creek County Open Space Report – Michelle.** CCOS is starting their own volunteer program and Michelle has been assisting with suggestions, examples and documentation.
- d. **Open Space Advisory Committee. Nov. 6** at Open Space HQ. - Vicky. Presentation of seed-cleaning machine invented by Colorado Mines Students Capstone Project. Trails Partnership Funding announced including large grant of \$349,570 for Sledding Hill trail. Don observed such a trail could also be viewed as a form of urban infrastructure. Complete list of recipients with amounts can be found at the website above called Past Meeting Videos and Documents.
- e. **Clear Creek Trail Construction Article Summary – Vicky.** Since 2016 trail along Clear Creek has cost total \$137 million. Jeffco Open Space described it as the largest capital project the department has undertaken in its history. The three-mile segment from Tunnel One to a new trailhead will cost \$80 million when completed, a figure which has been published uncontested in the Denver Post. There are still six challenging miles to get to the end. The concrete trail built on a viaduct is 2/3rds of a mile long and is one of the most compelling and expensive features. The new build includes two trailheads, with parking lots and amenities. The first 1.25 miles was successfully opened on schedule this month with opening party Nov. 20, at the Colorado Central Railroad Trailhead (CCR).

Adjournment: 7:55 pm

PLAN Jeffco Meeting Schedule 2026

Meeting place for hybrid format: EdCor, 195 S. Union Blvd. #200; corner of Union and Cedar next to Firehouse Subs. Preferred parking is in front of the building and to the right. You're welcome to bring your dinner with you for the in-person meetings.

Date 2025	Format	Chair
Oct. 16	Zoom	Don
Nov. 20	Hybrid @ EdCor	Peter
Dec. 18	Zoom/Holiday Party at 240 Union restaurant	Peter
Date 2026		
Jan. 15	Zoom	Peter
Feb. 19	Hybrid@EdCor	Michelle with Jean backup
March 19	Zoom	same
April 16	Zoom	same
May 21	Hybrid @ EdCor	Cathi
June 18	Zoom	Cathi
July 16	Zoom	Cathi
August 20	Volunteer Picnic	Don
Sept. 17	Zoom	Don
Oct. 15	Zoom	Don
Nov. 19	Hybrid @ EdCor	Vicky
Dec. 17	TBD	Vicky
Jan. 21	TBD	Vicky