

DRAFT MINUTES
PLAN JEFFCO BOARD MEETING June 18, 2026 6:30 PM
To be approved...

Zoom meeting June 18th, 2026

Upcoming Events:

Next Board Meeting, July 16th, Zoom only. See Attachment for the complete schedule.

Open Space Advisory Committee: <https://www.jeffco.us/1581/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>

Members in Attendance: Michelle Poolet, Don Moore, Jean Tate, Peter Morales, Cathi Schramm, Lydia Andrews-Jones

Secretary: Michelle Poolet

Next Steps:

Cathi

- Investigate and determine best way to access current OSAC meeting agendas and details

Don

- Contact Katie Wheeler to update her on the Clear Creek foam issue
- Continue research on potential land parcels for preservation and schedule meetings with realtors

Michelle

- Send Don contact information for Katie Wheeler regarding the Clear Creek foam issue
- Attend first NoCo Places stakeholders meeting (via Zoom) and report back

Collaboration

- All members: Review Vicki's OSAC meeting report before next meeting
- All members: Review upcoming OSAC July 9th meeting time/location details
- All members: Think about and prepare ideas for historic buildings/park structures for next meeting's discussion
- All members: Plan for group park walk/hike in late September
- All members: Add discussion of formal position on Clear Creek Trail project to next meeting agenda
- All members: Add discussion of historic/cultural resources sites visit planning to next meeting agenda
- All members: Add discussion of budget priorities and funding allocation to next meeting agenda

- All members: Review website report from Michelle
- All members: Review newsletter and provide any feedback or suggestions
- All members: Consider attending July 9th OSAC meeting in person to observe interactions with new director Aaron

SUMMARY

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Cathi Chair, 6:38 PM
2. **Visitor Introductions** - none
3. **Additions to Agenda** - none
4. **Comments on and Approval of Minutes of May meeting** – minutes adopted as amended.
5. **Treasurer's report** – Jean reported financial constraints due to account access issues related to an ongoing bank merger, with accounts expected to reopen on the 22nd. She mentioned she owed Michelle approximately \$300 that would be paid by mid-next week. Otherwise, no changes to account balances.
6. **Discussion and Action Items**
 - a. **Recap of meeting with Aaron Roth** – Enthusiastic group discussion, noting that while he was pleasant and listened well, he made few specific commitments. Peter shared an example from the Trails Use Task Force where Tom had made decisions without consulting the group, which led to the task force's disbandment. The discussion also included reflections on Margo's role and influence in previous meetings, with Peter explaining how she sometimes used political connections to support open space initiatives. All agreed that it was a good meeting. Group consensus: Aaron is a good listener, he's willing to share his thoughts, he seems to be receptive to new ideas. The group discussed plans for future meetings, agreeing to potentially invite him for quarterly lunch meetings and annual board meetings. PJ has passion projects. Moving forward, the group will create proposals and present them to Aaron/Open Space.
 - i. Jean suggested review of historical buildings in the OS parks, possible uses.
 - ii. The group discussed the Clear Creek Trail project, which has a significant remaining cost of around \$100 million. While some members expressed support for the project, particularly for its potential to introduce nature to younger generations, others raised concerns about the expense and prioritization of existing needs like deferred maintenance and land acquisition. The discussion highlighted the need for an official board position on the project to ensure clarity when communicating with stakeholders like Aaron. Peter emphasized the importance of aligning individual opinions with a unified board position to maintain a positive public image for Plan Jeffco. While the completion of the Clear Creek Trail is a worthwhile vision, the financial impact is significant and

should be spread out over time. The Board decided to draft a statement about their position on funding priorities and have it read into the record at an OSAC meeting. Added as a discussion item for the next PJ Board meeting

- b. **Possibility of working with Cultural Resources team** – Michelle reported on a positive conversation with a member of the JCPOS Cultural Resources team regarding study, inventory and expanding use of some of the historical buildings in the parks. She asked team members to think about approaches over the next 30 days, while noting that a new director might be more aligned with using these buildings for historical education and events. The group agreed to plan a field trip to visit heritage buildings in open space parks. Further discussion next Board meeting.
- c. **Review of Upcoming Months and Projects** – The team discussed attending an upcoming OSAC meeting on July 9th to observe Aaron's interaction with the group and gather information about potential changes to their processes. There was a report that Denver Mountain Parks will be renovating the Civilian Conservation Corp barracks for another conservation group.
- d. **Newsletter Review & Suggestions** – Michelle noted problems with links in the newsletters, when downloaded as a PDF, were not working (an issue with Adobe?). The team discussed challenges accessing and obtaining agendas from the OSAC website, as listed in the newsletters, noting that the current format of OSAC meetings lacks informative content and provides mostly acquiescence rather than new information for decision-making. Peter suggested an annual review of an OS park, including an in-person visit, to include impressions, history, photos, and a full write-up. Clear Creek Canyon park was suggested for this year, possibly late September.

7. Reports and Information Items

- a. **Foam noted in Clear Creek** – Don confirmed that the foam was naturally occurring and no cleanup was needed. He agreed to contact Katie Wheeler with his findings. Michelle will send Katie's contact info to Don.
- b. **May OSAC Meeting Report** – Open Space Advisory Committee field trip. Tour of Fehringer Ranch, known locally as the Foothills Park & Recreation District: Fehringer Ranch Regional Park, Disc Golf Course, followed by a tour of the Jeffco Fairgrounds and the various buildings that comprise the fairgrounds. The tour concluded with a stakeholders meeting facilitated by Tom Hoby.
- c. **Website report** – Michelle distributed a website report 48 hours prior to the meeting. Much work still needed and listed; no comments.
- d. **LGL Report** – Michelle reported that no new members, no new donations.
- e. **Proposal re Preservation Area Knowledge** – Don reported that he was looking at a few parcels, meeting with realtors and an individual from the Office of Emergency Management. He proposed a targeted Assessor Records review, research ongoing...
- f. **Property Search** — merge this report with 7e

- g. **Report on previous Action Items** – Michelle reported that PJ’s first NoCo Places Stakeholders meeting will be held (via Zoom) on June 26th. Cathi indicated that the NoCo Places meeting will be added to Reports and Information Items.

8. **Executive session if needed** – not needed

9. **Adjournment** – 7:51 PM

PLAN Jeffco Meeting Schedule 2026

Zoom Meetings at:

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

Date 2026	Format	Chair
Jan. 15	Zoom	Peter with Michelle backup
Feb. 19	Hybrid@EdCor	Jean with Michelle backup
March 19	Zoom	Jean with Michelle backup
April 16	Zoom	Jean with Michelle backup
May 21	Hybrid @ EdCor	Cathi with Michelle backup
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