FINAL MINUTES

JULY PLAN JEFFCO BOARD –July 16, 2026

Approved 9/17/2026

Zoom Only Meeting

Upcoming Events: Volunteer picnic
Next board meeting: Aug. 20 at volunteer picnic

See last page of minutes for the complete schedule.

Open Space Advisory Committee: for past Meeting Videos and Documents:
https://www.jeffco.us/4528/Past-Meeting-Videos-and-Documents
...scroll down to see Advisory Committee.
Or check the Open Space Calendar a week before the scheduled meeting:
https://www.jeffco.us/1541/Event-Calendar
Or google Jefferson County Meeting Videos and Documents

Next scheduled OSAC in-house meeting: Sept. 3

Members in attendance: Don Moore, Jean Tate, Michelle Poolet, Vicky Gits, Cathi Schramm, Lydia Andrews

Secretary: Vicky Gits

1. Call Meeting to Order. Chair – Cathi Schramm Time – 6:38 pm
2. Visitor Introductions – None
3. Additions to Agenda -- None
4. Comments on and approval of the minutes of June 2026 -- approved
5. **Treasurer's report** – Jean Tate. Jean paid $239.88 Michelle was owed for WordPress invoice. Jean is having trouble linking the PNC Bank to PayPal now that accounts have been switched from First Bank to PNC. The PayPal balance is $1465.55. Michelle wants to make sure that Colorado Gives is still working since this was not the case with the PayPal account. See Jean's email of July 16 to see photo of current checking and savings balance. PNC does not appear to provide a statement for CD savings accounts.

6. **Discussion and Action Items**

   a. **PJ official position on the Clear Creek Trail Project – Michelle.** After a 10-year process of building various segments of the Clear Creek Trail from Golden west to the county line (13.5 miles total; 8.75 built to date) Aaron Roth announced at the OSAC meeting July 9 the department would build one more mile, but they aren't going to build the rest (four or five miles) until they have the money. The decision was prompted by a projected flat revenue sales tax collection for the next few years and the increasing demands of maintenance needed at some of the older parks, Roth said. Cathi noted that on a recent

Saturday all the parking lots were full on the Clear Creek Trail (from Gateway to CCR) and Jean commented that the city of Golden is crazy busy on the weekends. Michelle and Cathi think it's important to find out what is the economic impact of the trail on the economy. Don said it was too early to take a position on project and advised waiting for events to play out for a while. The consensus was it was better to postpone the subject to a later date.

b. **Visits to JCPOS cultural resources**. Michelle recommended starting a list of cultural resources in Jefferson County using artificial intelligence as part of an effort to get better acquainted with the many structures, such as Hiwan Museum, that are the responsibility of Open Space.

c. **Newsletter Review and Article Suggestions /Newsletter Production**. The newsletter is on a summer break for the next two months. Michelle noted that as soon as the questions about the 2027 open space budget are answered, there will be a special edition of the newsletter.

7. **Reports and Information Items.**

a. **July OSAC Meeting report** – Michelle. The Open Space Advisory Committee voted unanimously to pass the following resolutions: A) **Pleasant View Metro District.** Jefferson County gives Xcel utility easements for underground gas and overhead power for the Pleasant View Metro District for a park maintenance building at Camp George West. The county agrees to waive all fees, as the maintenance building will be available for JCPOS' use. B) **Coal Creek Canyon Study Area**. Open Space will buy a 12.9-acre inholding long-owned by the Rodgers family in what is now the Coal Creek Canyon Study Area for a total price of $2 million. In Phase 1 the county pays $1 million for 11.3 acres, not including the 1.5 acre building envelope, which contains the Rogers home. Phase 2, Open Space will make a $250,000 down payment on the 1.5 acre building envelope; the Rogers will continue to reside in their home during this time. The balance of $750,000 is paid when the sellers, at their discretion, vacate the property. C) **2026 Off-Cycle Trails Partnership Program Funding** between the City of Wheat Ridge, RTD and JCPOS. Resolution authorizes an $11,000 contribution for a new RTD bus stop and trail extension at Crown Hill Park at 32nd Avenue and Kipling Street (northwest corner). **D) Budget Recommendations 2027– Total Proposed Expenditure Budget of $83,622,450.** Includes projected increase of 0% in sales tax revenue and a positive level on the Open Space Fund Balance. The JCPOS expects a significant increase in visitor and land stewardship needs throughout the system.

b. **NoCo Places update** – Michelle and Vicky plan to attend first NoCo Places Stakeholders meeting by Zoom, Friday at 9 a.m. PLAN Jeffco recently joined the nonprofit group, which is an alliance of ten entities – 5 counties, 2 municipal districts, 3 governmental agencies, and dozens of Stakeholders – involved in open space parks, outdoor recreation and conservation, mainly in Northern Colorado.

c. **SOLVE/Clear Creek County Open Space Report – Michelle.** Main topic of recent meeting was the county manager's decision to send $13,000 of Open Space funds to pay for the construction of a memorial to Christian Glass at Alvarado Park without consulting with Open Space or the County

Commissioners. Someone felt this should be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office for its involvement in Glass's death.

d. **Website Report – Michelle.** There are 324 followers on Facebook; 369 subscriptions to the newsletter, down 21 from last count, and a 42 percent open and click-through rate, considered very good.

e. **LGL Report.** None.

f. **Potential Parcels for Preservation** –Don Moore. Don said he had contacted several realtors and was planning to discuss potentially good locations for future land acquisitions.

g. **Katie Wheeler** –Don said he was not able to connect with Wheeler to tell her that there were no known violations on the record and that the foam in the creek was a natural phenomenon, not some kind of pollution.

8. **Executive Session**

9. **Adjournment** at 7:47 p.m.

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 2026		
Jan. 15	Zoom	Peter
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
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