



HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

5:30 PM

100 Third Street, Castle Rock, CO
Conference Room – A and B

1. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

Attachments: [Unofficial Minutes for October 22, 2025](#)

3. Citizen Comment (5 min. per participant)

4. Discussion and Action Items

- a. 2025 Annual Report
- b. Curator Updates

5. Other Business and Discussion

- a. Parks, Trails, and Rueter-Hess Update November 2025

Attachments: [Parks, Trails, and Rueter-Hess Update for November 2025](#)

6. Adjournment

The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Wednesday January 28, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

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MEETING DATE: December 17, 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

Unofficial Minutes for October 22
2025



HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

6:00 PM

100 Third Street, Castle Rock, CO
Conference Room – A and B

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

a. Roll Call

PRESENT

Board Member Chris E. Schutzenberger
Board Member George Price
Board Member Jeffrey E. Popp
Board Member Mary O'Pry
Board Member Michael R. Drennan

b. Approval of the Agenda

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, asked for a motion for the HPB to approve today's agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Chris E. Schutzenberger

SECONDER: George Price

AYES: Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

2. Approval of Minutes

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from August 27, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Chris E. Schutzenberger

SECONDER: Mary O'Pry

AYES: Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

3. Citizen Comment (5 min. per participant)

There were none.

4. Discussion and Action Items

a. Highlands Ranch Metro District Fly'n B House Funding Request

Neil Alderson, Director of Recreation and Cultural Programs, Highlands Ranch Metro District, gave an informational presentation on the Fly'n B house and property not a funding request as indicated on the agenda. The HPB and presenter had a question-and-answers session. Items discussed included: ADA compliance for historic structures, structural integrity of the foundation, potential future uses of the house, community survey feedback, and partnership opportunities with local organizations.

b. 2026 Historic Preservation Unofficial Meeting Schedule

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to approve the HBP 2026 Meeting Schedule.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Chris E. Schutzenberger

SECONDER: Mary O'Pry

AYES: Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

c. Curator Updates

Curator updates were presented by Brittany Cassell, Curator.

Projects discussed included: restoration progress at Evans Homestead and Spring Valley School, interpretive signage for Columbine Open Space, the exhibit at Parker Water headquarters, updates to the Miksch Helmer Cabin, grant funding status, and trail opening timelines.

5. Other Business and Discussion

a. Parks, Trails, and Rueter-Hess Update September 2025

No discussion.

b. Appreciation

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, shared a thank you card from the organizers of International Archaeology Day and thanked the HPB for being a part of the October event at Red Rocks Amphitheater.

6. Adjournment

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

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MEETING DATE: December 17, 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

Parks

Trails

and Rueter-Hess Update for November 2025

Memorandum

Date: December 3, 2025

To: Douglas County Advisory Boards

Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager

From: Nick Giauque, CPRP, Parks Program Manager
 Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess
 Morgan Morehart, LICT CPSI, Parks Operations Manager
 Luke Thornton, CPRP, Parks Program Coordinator

CC: Steve Shoultz, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails, and Building Grounds

Subject: **Parks, Trails, Building Grounds, and Rueter-Hess Recreation Update for November 2025**

PROGRAM UPDATE

Location	2024 totals through November	2025 totals through November
Bayou Gulch Regional Park – Dog Park	17,396	21,009
Bingham Lake	73,292	85,283
Bluffs Regional Park*	141,453	133,553
Cherry Creek Regional Trail – Pinery	27,514	37,713
East/West Regional Trail – Grigs Trailhead	43,332	41,067
East/West Regional Trail – High Point	N/A	42,498
East/West Regional Trail – Monarch Trailhead	18,126	20,528
East/West Regional Trail – Schweiger Ranch	13,705	14,607
East/West Regional Trail – Stepping Stone	36,709	47,291
Fairgrounds Regional Park – Dog Park	45,596	46,328
High Line Canal – East	N/A	11,384
High Line Canal – West	28,170	33,494
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Coyote Run Loop	8,979	14,187
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Incline Trailhead	64,254	67,030
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Newlin's Gold	1,067	1,795
Totals	519,593	617,767
*Portions of Bluffs were closed in March and April 2025 for construction, including the counter location.		

RUETER-HESS UPDATE

Wildlife Safety

Rueter Hess Park Rangers initiated a targeted fishing line cleanup within a heavily utilized fishing area of the reservoir. During the operation, they recovered eight fishing lures and approximately fifty yards of fishing line, much of which was entangled in willow trees along the shoreline. The removal of this debris not only addressed the immediate hazard to local wildlife but also enhanced the overall safety and environmental quality of the reservoir for water quality and public use.



Vegetation Control

Beginning early November, Park rangers launched a brush and scrub oak clearing project aimed at improving trail accessibility. Removing the dense, overgrown vegetation that can obstruct paths, limit visibility, and create safety concerns is vital for safe recreation. Staff worked on making these trails easier to navigate for hikers, runners, cyclists, and reduced potential wildfire risks in high-traffic areas.

Maintaining clear, accessible trails is an essential part of providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors. These improvements made our trails more welcoming while ensuring the long-term health of the surrounding landscape.

Continued vegetation management supports the health of the local ecosystem by allowing more sunlight to reach the forest floor, encouraging the growth of native grass and wildflowers while helping to control invasive plant species.

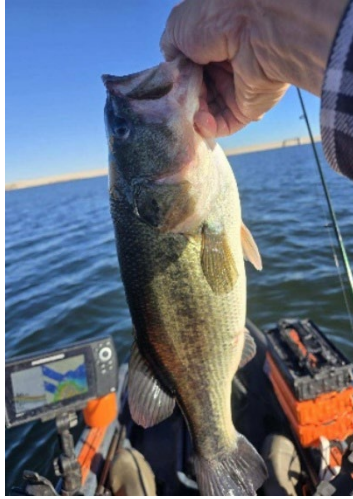
Trail users are reminded to stay on designated paths and follow all posted signage. Maintenance operations are planned for minimal disruptions so hiking and recreation can continue safely. Once completed, the improved trails will offer smoother passage and a more enjoyable outdoor experience.



Master Anglers

Just before closing for the season to watercraft usage on Rueter Hess Reservoir, we had multiple anglers reel in some impressive award-winning fish.

Race, an avid youth angler who has spent countless hours on the water searching for big walleye happened to catch a 12-inch yellow perch. A fish of that size was able to secure Race the title of Master Angler, awarded by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).



On the same note, another one of our frequent anglers, Jim, came out looking for trophy walleye but instead found himself catching his first ever largemouth bass, and a big one at that. His bass measured 19 inches and netted him a master angler title with the CPW as well.

With so many of our anglers focusing on walleye it is so promising to see that our fishery is holding incredibly sizeable fish of all species. As we begin to pivot to shoreline fishing until ice forms on the reservoir, we are pleased with the quality of fish within our waters and are already looking forward to next paddle season with larger fish waiting to be caught.