

**Jefferson County Historical Commission**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 10, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's January meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chair, Richard Scudder. The meeting was held via Zoom technology.

**Jefferson County Historical Commission members participating:** Kelly Cvanciger, Steve Engle, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Daniel Haas, Carla Opp, Julie Ramstetter, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle. **Excused:** Richard Gardner. **Staff participating:** Kayla Bryson. **Guest:** Willow Cozzens, Jefferson County Public Health.

Brief introductions took place prior to the presentation by Willow Cozzens.

**II. GUEST PRESENTATION:** Willow Cozzens, Food Policy and Equity Researcher with Jefferson County Public Health, discussed the mapping of the history of Food Services in Jeffco. Her team addresses equity issues related to food stamps and historic inequities in the system, and tries to figure out how and why disparities exist. They seek to build partnerships, connect with residents, and hear their stories in order to better meet their needs. Members of the Commission asked questions and shared information that could be helpful to the project. Suggestions included investigating the food service education classes taught at prisons as well as culinary arts classes available in Jeffco high schools, including Warren Tech. Also mentioned was investigating cultural issues as they relate to dietary habits, such as lactose intolerance which is seen in certain Asian groups. Cozzens is focusing on building food service resilience and is seeking input from various entities to determine their focus. They are looking at policy, markets, and production and hope to develop an interactive exhibit that will help deliver their message. They are also looking at creating partnerships and relationships with historic organizations to help discover the history of food services in Jefferson County.

**III. ADMINISTRATION**

- **Agenda changes:** Guest speaker added.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Cynthia Shaw, which was seconded by John Steinle, the minutes were approved as written and will be filed in the JCHC records.
- **Discussion of Correspondence:** None.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion Topic: Review Roles and Responsibilities-** Lee Katherine Goldstein prepared and sent a document entitled *JCHC Member Reflection Form*. The form was briefly discussed and members were asked to complete the form prior to the retreat and to be prepared to discuss their responses at that meeting. Commission members agreed to review the document, try filling it in, and provide suggestions for improvement.
- **Set date for Winter Retreat:** It was decided that the retreat would be held via Zoom on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 1:00-5:00 pm. Materials will be sent to each member prior to the retreat.
- **February Meeting Date: February 14, 2022, at 2:00.** It was explained that the February meeting is scheduled a week later because of the CPI Conference, which will be attended by many JCHC members.
- **Julie Ramstetter: Update on Ramstetter Ranch-** Julie reported that Laura Greenfield is setting up a meeting on the wildlife conservation program with her family. She will provide an update after the meeting.

#### V. REPORTS

**Chair Comments:** None.

**STAFF REPORTS:** **Kayla Bryson** reported that CPI Conference registrations have been paid for JCHC. The County received certain donations directed to JCHC. The Chair will reach out to the donors to ask whether they can redirect the donations to Friends of JCHC for use by JCHC so that the funds can be rolled over to 2023 if they are not used this year.

#### COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- **Executive/Administrative Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** This committee met recently to select chairs and cochairs for the various JCHC committees. They are reflected on the agenda. Committee assignments will be discussed at the retreat later this month. Dick sent a questionnaire to all members in December sharing information on the various committees and requesting members to indicate their preference. The second part was a questionnaire seeking input on various topics related to the work of the commission. These will be discussed at the retreat.
- **Education & Events Committee: Cynthia Shaw & Kelly Cvanciger, Cochairs-** Cynthia reported that the theme for the magazine needs to be determined first before the theme of the Symposium is set. Kelly suggested that video presentations can then be recruited from the historical organizations. Lee

Katherine reminded the group that a general theme was selected at the December meeting—i.e., preserving persons and places that matter.

- **Friends of JHC: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair,** announced that the Friends group would meet at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom following this meeting.
- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: John Steinle and Dan Haas, Cochairs-** John stated that Dan had prepared a “determination of effect” letter to address Mary Ann Bonnell’s concerns expressed at the December meeting. The letter outlined the threats and actions needed to protect these assets. A major concern is that the Rooney Ranch and Council Tree landmarks are omitted from the Master Plan. The letter was reviewed with minor editing and will be sent following the meeting.
- **Nominating Committee: Steve Engle, Chair-** No report.
- **Publications Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair** reported that at the retreat, the theme will be further discussed. The Publications Committee will meet in February to prepare the packet for authors.
- **Social Media, PR, and Technology Committee: Carla Opp and Julie Ramstetter, Cochairs-** Carla reported that Facebook has been very active. Members are asked to forward content. A primary goal is to update county websites so that JHC information is current and complete. Julie indicated that she is open to helping with commission’s social media, marketing, video production, etc. Carla and Julie plan to meet soon.
- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder and Lee Katherine Goldstein, Cochairs-** Bonnie reported that the CPI Presentation is coming together nicely. A zoom meeting with the presenters (Lee Katherine, Bonnie, and Dick, and Sumi Lee and Chris Hudson with Colorado Judiciary Diversity Outreach and the Colorado Supreme Court Library, respectively) was held on January 4<sup>th</sup>. A follow-up Zoom is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>. Lee Katherine reported that she and Dick need to meet with Chris O’Keefe very soon to discuss the Charters of Freedom project, which will become a part of Special Projects.

## VI. INFORMAL REPORTS

- **Reports on Local Organizations:** John Steinle mentioned that Tom Noel has written a new book entitled, Colorado Boom or Bust. It will be featured at an upcoming Tesoro event. Dan Haas mentioned that Community Connections, LLC, has archaeological resources sharing in communities. Julie Ramstetter mentioned that the Golden Gate Grange Historical Committee will meet January 18<sup>th</sup>. She plans to attend and will report on this at the February meeting.
- **CPI Conference Feb. 7-8, Downtown Denver Sheraton:** If other JHC members wish to attend, they need to let Dick know very soon.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 14, 2022, from 2:00-4:00 pm via Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m. following a motion by Lee Katherine Goldstein which was seconded by Steve Engle.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary*