

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 14, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's February meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair, Lee Katherine Goldstein. The meeting was held at the Boettcher Mansion on Lookout Mountain. (This meeting was originally scheduled for February 3rd but was cancelled due to severe weather.)

Jefferson County Historical Commission members attending: Debra Coogan, Steve Engle, Richard Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, PJ Jones, Carla Opp, Rita Peterson, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, Cynthia Shaw, and John Steinle

Staff attending: Brittany Gada

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

III. ADMINISTRATION

- **Agenda changes:** Those who attended the CPI Conference last month will be asked to share later in this meeting.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Dick Scudder, seconded by Cynthia Shaw, the minutes were approved as corrected and will be filed in the JCHC records.
- **Circulation of Correspondence:** Lee Katherine Goldstein stated that JCHC had received a request from CDOT for historical information about certain buildings in Lakewood. The email has been referred to the Historical Preservation and Landmark Committee for response.

IV. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of updated JCHC Work Plan:** Lee Katherine Goldstein briefly reviewed the Work Plan, requesting individual committees to notify her of updates. She pointed out tables that have been added under the Publications Committee, and at the end of the document, including Timeline for HJ, Tasks for the Annual JCHC Preservation symposium, Tasks for the Annual Hall of Fame, and a Traveling Materials Checklist for Special Events. She asked committees to update and use the tables that pertain to their work plans.
- **Follow up on distribution of 2019 Historically Jeffco Magazine:** Commission members updated the distribution list. Most of the magazines have been

distributed. Brittany Gada requested a contact for distribution to Historicorps and the Westminster Historical Society. It was suggested that Emeritus member, Bob Briggs, would be a good contact for Westminster. Brittany reported that copies have been delivered to the Jefferson County Public Schools. Bonnie Scudder distributed a chart for JCHC members to provide contact and other information for the organizations they are responsible for distribution. Members and staff are asked to complete these and return them at the March meeting. Brittany reported that her office is receiving requests for copies of the magazine. It was noted that copies of the magazine should be allocated to send to authors and contributors, including photo contributions, as a thank-you gesture after publication.

- **Review of Calendar and Upcoming Action Items:** Lee Katherine Goldstein reviewed the calendar for 2020, particularly focusing on events in February and March. Rita Peterson has been in touch with targeted elementary schools regarding the Writers Awards Program. PJ Jones and Carla Opp will send publications packets to JCHC members, who are encouraged to forward copies to prospective writers.
- **Exercise: Preparing a JCHC “elevator speech”:** PJ Jones led an exercise aimed at developing an “elevator” speech which JCHC members can use to inform the public about the purpose and activities of the JCHC.

V. REPORTS

Chair Comments:

- **Saving Places Conference Recap:** Lee Katherine Goldstein asked for brief reports on the Saving Places Conference in January. Dick Scudder reported on the Plenary Session presenter, Dr. Martin Carcasson, a professor at Colorado State University. Carcasson’s address about “Wicked Problems” dealt with the issue of communication and building capacity in communities. He spoke of the difficulties in communication that our country is facing due to competing underlying values and how the human brain is wired. Genuine, interactions at a grass-roots level are key to collaborative efforts, and this applies to the field of preservation as well. Carcasson presented two follow-up sessions the following day, which built upon the theme of his plenary address. Cynthia, Brittany, Steve, and Bonnie also felt that Carcasson’s presentations were very informative and relevant. Dick also attended sessions focusing on Certified Local Governments (CLG) and methods of tax deferral on preservation projects. Steve Engle focused on presentations dealing with preservation of records in cemeteries. Cynthia Shaw spoke of a session she attended on fruit growing, which has relevance to our them for the

HJ Magazine. Brittany Gada attended an interesting session that a Denver group gave on developing a resource survey. Bonnie Scudder found that several sessions presented by CDOT were quite informative; she was impressed with their interest and efforts to comply with Section 106 and 4(f) of the National Preservation Act in relation to highway projects. All attendees felt that the conference was very worthwhile and appreciated having the opportunity to participate. (More information about Dr. Carcasson can be found on the internet.)

- Lee Katherine Goldstein reported that Ronda Frazier, Archivist, will serve as a resource to JCHC. Brittany Gada will set up a tour of the Archives for JCHC members.

STAFF REPORTS: Brittany Gada - Brittany reported on a property on Swede Gulch which she has been researching for historical significance. Rick will also help with this. PJ Jones has begun reorganizing JCHC files and materials stored in the P&Z file room. There is a Section 106 compliance review in relation to the proposed installation of several cell towers at Red Rocks in the parking lots. It was suggested that the Friends of Red Rocks organization be contacted for input. Dick Scudder will follow up on this.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- ❖ **Administrative Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** No report, but a meeting of this committee will be scheduled next month.
- ❖ **Executive Committee: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair-** No report.
- ❖ **Education & Outreach Committee: Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle, Co-Chairs-** A brief discussion of potential speakers for the May Symposium took place. John Steinle offered to present on the topic of Prohibition. Other possible topics and speakers were mentioned.
- ❖ **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair-** The Friends group met in January and will hold a strategic planning session with Monta Lee Dakin.
- ❖ **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** This committee will meet before the next JCHC meeting.
- ❖ **Hall of Fame & Writers' Awards: Rita Peterson, Chair-** This committee will meet at 1:00 on March 2nd. (Steve Engle, Deb Coogan, Bonnie Scudder)
- ❖ **Nominating Committee: Rita Peterson, Chair-** No report.
- ❖ **Publications Committee- PJ Jones, Chair-** In efforts to streamline publication of Historically Jeffco, PJ has assigned topic editors. For example, Andrea Keppers will cover the topic of Ranching and Rick Gardner will cover Retail and Restaurants. PJ has been busy developing the various components of this task. Prohibition, which ran from 1920-1933, will also be a topic. Colorado began

Prohibition in 1916. Women's Suffrage will also be included, as this is the 100th anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment.

- ❖ **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** Judges Wall Project: Bonnie Scudder met with Chris Hudson and Katharine Hales of the Colorado Supreme Court Law Library. The plan is to begin the process for uploading Judges' Wall components to their new website in May this year. Research on the remaining county judges (Phase IV) is progressing. Bonnie Scudder and Carla Opp met with Renae Hansen to view the Judges' Wall exhibit and decide a process for updating the Merit Selection section as current judges retire. Renae will follow up with Laura Arcilise, liaison from the 1st Judicial District. JCHC Contacts Database: The distribution contacts list was provided to each member with instructions to completed and return at March meeting. Once these have been returned, we will begin work on the database. We will also need lists of Symposium and Hall of Fame contacts. Place Names Database: The data is safe. Once the Judges Wall Project is completed, we will focus on this project. JCHC members indicated a strong interest in updating and maintaining the Place Names database, as many members have used it for research purposes. Planning and Zoning will need to initiate contact with the IT Department later this year so this work can begin.

VI: INFORMAL REPORTS: Lee Katherine Goldstein asked members to submit content for social media to Carla Opp and to think about marketing needs for upcoming events.

VII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 2, 2020, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, Westminster Room 1566/67.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm by Chair, Lee Katherine Goldstein.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary

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