

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 14, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's February meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair, Richard Scudder. The meeting was held via Zoom technology.

Jefferson County Historical Commission members participating: Kelly Cvanciger, Steve Engle, Rick Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Daniel Haas, Carla Opp, Julie Ramstetter, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle. **Staff participating:** Kayla Bryson, Felicity Selvoski, and Renae Hansen.

III. ADMINISTRATION

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

IV. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS

V. REPORTS

Chair Comments: Dick Scudder reported that the CPI Conference was very informative with many excellent presenters. Those who were able to participate this year will share pertinent information under Informal Reports.

STAFF REPORTS: Felicity Selvoski reported that she is expecting a baby in May, so Kayla Bryson will serve as liaison.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- **Executive/Administrative Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** No report.
- **Education & Events Committee: Cynthia Shaw & Kelly Cvanciger, Cochairs-** Kelly suggested asking for video submissions from various sectors of the community. This would be an excellent way to engage our various historical organizations, and it would also reduce the work load of various commission members. Kelly also recommended serious consideration of the Buffalo Rose in Golden for the October Hall of Fame event.

- **Friends of JCHC: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair**, has been working on a volunteer recruitment plan utilizing Google Workspace. Julie Ramstetter is working on the Friends webpage. This group will meet tomorrow.
- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: John Steinle and Dan Haas, Cochairs**- A Sec. 106 request on a property located at 80th and Alkire has been reviewed by the committee and addressed. Dan wrote an erudite letter on the Dinosaur Ridge/Open Spaces issue and it has been sent. This committee had been considering adding an “Endangered Places” component, but has decided instead it should be more informal. Thus, the term “Keep Your Eyes on This” will be used instead to track properties that may be at risk. John mentioned that at the CPI Conference he attended a session on CU internships in the area of preservation. This could be a way to update the earlier extensive work done by Kathleen Norman about Jeffco history. The Centennial House may be considered for Landmark status, according to Dan Haas, who has been working with Erica Duvic. It is located at Hwy. 93 and Golden Gate Canyon Road. It had originally been a stage stop. Julie has many photographs of this building, and it is also mentioned in the Ramstetter book.
- **Nominating Committee: Steve Engle, Chair**- No report.
- **Publications Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair**, reported that the committee met via Zoom on January 31st. Kayla Gabehart and Renae Hansen also participated. The 2022 Article Submission packet and accompanying letter were reviewed and finalized. Responsibilities of the committee were discussed and committee members volunteered for various tasks. Dropbox issues were discussed, and Renae set up SharePoint to accommodate article and photo submission. The Work Plan and Calendar were discussed, and timelines seem reasonable. The Article Tracking Sheet was discussed and a number of potential articles and authors were suggested. Following the meeting, the packets were emailed to all JCHC members, as well as two potential guest authors. The CPI Conference included great opportunities for networking with potential authors for perspectives that have not been shared in our publication. Steve Engle mentioned that Nancy Young is writing an article about the naming of Wadsworth Blvd. in Jeffco. Renae will post the packet on the JCHC website.
- **Social Media, PR, and Technology Committee: Carla Opp and Julie Ramstetter, Cochairs**- Julie is working on the process and procedures for news releases for social media. Carla spoke about her recent posting about the Russell Stover Candy Company and its historical significance. Cynthia Shaw mentioned that Lincoln Hills, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year, was a resort developed by the African American community in Gilpin County. Julie Ramstetter stated that there has always been a very close connection between Jefferson County and Gilpin County. Bonnie Scudder stated that these two counties comprise the 1st Judicial District, so this close relationship continues to this day.

Cynthia also commented that Robert Smith, an avid fly fisherman, is quite involved with the Lincoln Hills commemoration. Julie Ramstetter stated that to get to Lincoln Hills, people would have passed through Jefferson County, and that her family historically, has always had close ties to Gilpin County. Rick Gardner also agreed about the shared history of the two counties. Bonnie Scudder suggested that Julie write an article on this topic for the magazine. These topics will also be considered for Social Media posts. Renae will add Carla to Sharepoint.

- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder and Lee Katherine Goldstein, Cochairs-** Lee Katherine reported that the Charters of Freedom Project is currently on hold pending action by the county. Bonnie reported that although this committee has not met as a group, the Judges Wall Project was presented at the CPI Conference on February 7th by Bonnie, Lee Katherine, Dick, Chris Hudson (Colorado Supreme Court Library) and Sumi Lee (Judicial Diversity Outreach). Chris Hudson's team is designing a website that will host the Judges Wall Project. It should be ready in a few months. In addition to everything that is currently on display, an additional 65 county judges (from ten counties that were part of JD#1 at one time) will be included. A video of the CPI presentation will also be available for inclusion on the website.

VI. INFORMAL REPORTS

- **Reports on Local Organizations:** Rick Gardner reported that Golden Landmarks was celebrating its 50th anniversary on February 14, 2022. It was founded in 1972.
- **CPI Conference "Perspectives in Preservation," Feb. 7-8, Downtown Denver Sheraton:** Dick Scudder stated that there were many outstanding presentations at this year's conference. He was particularly impressed with Jobie Hill's presentation on Saving Slave Houses: Silenced Voices Reclaiming History in the 21st Century." John Steinle, Lee Katherine Goldstein, and Bonnie Scudder also reported on sessions that were very helpful, including topics such as: oral histories of coal miners in southern Colorado, a "Museum of Memory" project, sessions on obtaining funding for projects, and "Preserving Black History" which featured the Dearfield Project in Weld County and the creation of a "Black History Trail" similar to Scenic Byways. There were also several presentations on preserving Chicano murals in several Denver neighborhoods, and various "descendant" projects and workshops which include oral histories. Great opportunities for networking with various underrepresented communities were present.
- It was decided that we would meet in March via Zoom, but we hope to be able to meet in person on April 4th. The Faye Griffin Room was suggested, and the PZ liaisons will check into scheduling this. Dan mentioned that our Compass accounts have expired. Felicity will take care of this.

NEXT MEETING: March 7, 2022, from 2:00-4:00 pm via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m. following a motion by Steve Engle which was seconded by Julie Ramstetter.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary