

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 5, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's April meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Chair, Lee Katherine Goldstein. The meeting was held via Zoom internet technology, due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic and public health orders limiting the number of people who can gather in indoor spaces.

Jefferson County Historical Commission members participating: Scott Crotzer, Kelly Cvanciger, Steve Engle, Richard Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Daniel Haas, Carla Opp, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, Cynthia Shaw, and John Steinle. **Emeritus member attending:** Rita Peterson. **Staff participating:** Justin Montgomery **Guests:** Steve Mitchell and Pam Harden, Jefferson County Business & Innovation Technologies, GIS Services.

II. ADMINISTRATION

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

III. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS

- **Demonstration of Jeffco Story Maps Program:** Steve Mitchell and Pam Harden gave a presentation on the use of story maps which allow the telling of stories in a variety of ways. Narratives, maps, and photos are stitched together and serve as a fascinating way to educate. This platform makes it easy to create and display stories and is a different and engaging way to relay history. Jeffco GIS Services can support JCHC with this application.

IV. REPORTS

- **Chair Comments:** Lee Katherine Goldstein shared that the Charters of Freedom proposal is with the County Manager.

STAFF REPORTS: Justin Montgomery reported that Mountain Vista Senior Living has requested a speaker. He will forward the email to JCHC members to see who might be able to volunteer to do this. Justin is taking an inventory of extra copies of *Historically Jeffco* magazines on hand for Kelly and Scott to distribute to Jeffco schools. A rezoning

request from Rockland Church and Cemetery has been received. This rezoning request concerns the original zoning in 1879 is appropriate for the tombstones in the cemetery, but not for the building. Rockland wishes to add a bathroom and storage area. They are requesting that application fees be waived as the organization is non-profit. Steve Engle asked if JCHC could write a letter of support for the rezoning request and fee waiver. Dick Scudder made a motion to approve the writing of a letter of support and Rick Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passed and a letter will be drafted. Justin will forward a zoning request change in the Bergan Park area.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- **Executive and Administrative Committee: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair,** No report.
- **Education & Events Committee: Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle, Co-Chairs-** The date of the JCHC Preservation Symposium has been moved from May to September due to time constraints. A virtual presentation is planned. The Hall of Fame, hopefully, will be in-person and will be scheduled for October or November. John Steinle is investigating possible sites for this event.
- **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair** – This group will meet on April 12th. Keith Sorci has discovered a potential historical site, a water tower and bunkhouse in Arvada. Fundraising possibilities for the Charters of Freedom project, if approved by the BCC, are being discussed. Scott Crotzer mentioned that the Gates and Boettcher Foundations are focusing on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which would support the JCHC’s inclusion of the component entitled “Toward a More Perfect Union” in the JCHC proposal for Charters of Freedom. The annual meeting of the Friends of JCHC is scheduled for May 10, 2021.
- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair,** announced that the Center Stage in Evergreen has submitted its application for consideration as a Jeffco landmark. Originally built in 1924 by John Spence this building is integral to the culture of Evergreen and is in its 50th year of hosting musical theater productions. *Fiddler on the Roof* will be the feature this fall. On a motion by John Steinle, seconded by Cynthia Shaw, the application received unanimous approval. It was moved by Cynthia Shaw and seconded by John Steinle that the Norm and Ethyl Meyer Award for Historic Preservation in Jefferson County would be presented to the Tesoro Foundation for their focus on education and diversity in terms of preserving Native American and Hispanic cultural heritages. The motion was approved; John will notify the Tesoro Foundation.
- **Nominating Committee: Cynthia Shaw:** No report.
- **Publications Committee: Carla Opp and Bonnie Scudder, Co-Chairs.** This committee met on March 31st. At this point we are expecting between 25-30

articles. A few have already been submitted. JCHC members are asked to provide contact information for guest authors. Photographs and short bios will be needed for all JCHC members and guest authors.

- **Social Media, PR, and Technology Committee: Carla Opp and Dick Scudder, Cochairs-** Progress has been made on updating the JCHC web pages. Carla requested that the web listing of museums and historical organizations be updated, and that is also in progress. Facebook entries by JCHC have been very successful, with some postings generating over 1,300 views. May is National Preservation of Historic Sites month.
- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair,** reported that biographical sketches for three district and county judges who retired from the 1st JD Bench in 2020 have been submitted to the 1st JD for posting.

V. INFORMAL REPORTS

- **Reports on Local Organizations:** John Steinle will be the featured presenter on Sunday, April 11th for CHSM's monthly virtual meeting at 2:00. He will present "Conifer in the 1920s." His presentation will be followed by a question and answer time. Bonnie Scudder and Deborah Darnell will provide short inservices to HistoriCorps volunteers working on the stabilization of the Staunton Homestead Cabin in Staunton State Park in Pine. The trainings will provide information on the Staunton family, their lives, and their ranch. Scudder and Darnell will give a presentation each week for four weeks. Dick Scudder will videotape the presentation, which will be shown to other volunteers later in the year.

VI. NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 3, 2021, from 2:00-4:00 pm, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary