

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 6, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's April meeting was called to order at 2:02 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 closing county buildings in Jefferson County to the public.

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

Staff participating: Brittany Gada

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Jake Garlick, a member of the public, joined the meeting.

III. ADMINISTRATION

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

IV. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS: Due to the impact of COVID-19, the following topics were discussed:

- **Rescheduling or cancelling the Symposium:** The May Symposium is tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at the Boettcher Mansion. The situation will be monitored and discussed at future meetings. Availability of planned speakers will be determined later when more information is available relating to "social distancing" issues and timelines.
- **Adjusting the timelines and expectations for HJ Magazine:** This will be addressed under the Publications Committee report.
- **Potential impact on the Hall of Fame:** At this time, there is no need to alter plans to hold the Hall of Fame event in the fall.
- **New (virtual) opportunities for public engagement:** Carla Opp is working with Rita Peterson and Bradford Intermediate School on virtual opportunities, namely Writers' Awards entries for HJ Magazine. Bradford students, along with their

teacher are creating a virtual exhibit and have been meeting virtually to assemble it. Carla also reported that JCHC's Facebook page has included posts relating to earlier pandemics, and these posts have increased visibility of the page.

- **JCHC Liaison program/ review and update list:** Tabled.

V. REPORTS

- **Chair Comments:** Lee Katherine Goldstein reported that JCHC member Debra Coogan has resigned from the Commission. She encouraged committees to continue their work and to meet virtually.

STAFF REPORTS: Brittany Gada reported that the Archives tour with Ronda has been postponed. Regarding term limits for JCHC members, members appointed or renewed in 2018 are currently serving their first term of a maximum of three terms. (Three members' terms expire this September, and application forms are available on-line.) Brittany will notify the Board of County Commissioners of the resignation of Debra Coogan.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- ❖ **Administrative Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** Bonnie and Dick Scudder have been consolidating and revising the various master lists of JCHC contacts including attendees to the Symposium and Hall of Fame. Many of the entries date back to 2011. They have removed duplicate entries and will highlight area that require attention. The list will be forwarded to JCHC members and staff liaisons next week with a request to provide additional input regarding which names should remain on the list. (This list is for internal use only.) The *Historically Jeffco* distribution list will be updated once the Master List is completed.
- ❖ **Executive Committee: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair-** County buildings will be closed to the public until April 30th, due to COVID-19. The JCHC will likely hold its May meeting via Zoom as well.
- ❖ **Education & Outreach Committee: Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle, Co-Chairs-** The Symposium will tentatively be rescheduled to August 22nd. Lee Katherine Goldstein suggested that perhaps some of our legacy businesses could be featured on our social media accounts. Possible topics include stories on how some of these businesses are continuing to serve the public during the pandemic.
- ❖ **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair-** Steve reported that the Friends Committee is reviewing the report that has been prepared by Monta Lee Dakin.

- ❖ **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** The Section 106 Compliance requests on projects in Red Rocks and Wheat Ridge have been reviewed. It was determined that no action was needed.
- ❖ The JCHC is very interested in helping to protect the historic resources at Heritage Square in light of the pending land exchange presently under consideration. To that end, committee members have created a memorandum summarizing the history of the property, describing historic resources and making recommendations for preservation of the resources. Representatives of JCHC are going to meet with Open Space to open a dialogue about the project and ways to protect the resources.
- ❖ Brittany Gada will meet with CDOT regarding a Section 106 near I-70 and Ward Road, known as the Swadley Ditch. Rick will provide background information on this matter.
- ❖ **Hall of Fame & Writers' Awards: Rita Peterson, Chair-** Rita announced the committee's recommendations for the Hall of Fame Awards. They recommend Katherine Lee Craig (1862-1934), who was an educator, author, philanthropist and Colorado's education chief, then known as the Superintendent of Public Instruction. She is buried in Rockland Cemetery and was nominated by Steve Engle. Linda Kirkpatrick, an author, publisher, fund-raiser, volunteer, and Evergreen resident since 1981, was nominated by John Steinle. Both nominations were approved unanimously. A Landmarks Award will be given to the Lazy J Ranch (Rooney) in Morrison. The Norm and Ethyl Meyer Award has not been determined. The Hall of Fame event is planned for Wednesday, October 14th at the Boettcher Mansion. Rita hopes to have a Legendary Lady portray Colorado suffragist Ellis Meredith at the event.
- ❖ **Nominating Committee: Rita Peterson, Chair-** No report.
- ❖ **Publications Committee- PJ Jones, Chair-** PJ announced that the magazine deadlines are in flux due to COVID-19. Articles are coming in. She has prepared an electronic resource list for researchers and writers that should be useful. She requested that Rick Gardner provide a list of his resources to be included in the document. Once completed, the list will be coordinated with archives and posted to the County website.
- ❖ **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** No report.

VI: INFORMAL REPORTS:

- ❖ **Reports on Local Historical Organizations News and Events:** Lee Katherine Goldstein recommended that JCHC members contact their liaison historical organizations regarding virtual activities that they may be undertaking so we can publicize them on our social media sites. John Steinle announced that CHSM in Conifer is considering doing virtual presentations in lieu of their monthly events

during this time of social distancing. John will be doing a presentation on Waterton Canyon's 200th Anniversary for the Tesoro Foundation.

- ❖ **Calls for Social Media or Marketing Items:** JCHC was reminded to submit items to Carla.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm by Chair, Lee Katherine Goldstein.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary