

**Jefferson County Historical Commission**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 3, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's May meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm by Chair, Lee Katherine Goldstein. The meeting was held via Zoom internet technology, due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

**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, and Cynthia Shaw. Members excused: John Steinle. **Staff participating:** Brittany Gada.

**II. ADMINISTRATION**

- **Agenda changes:** None.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Steve Engle, which was seconded by Cynthia Shaw, the minutes were approved as written and will be filed in the JCHC records.
- **Discussion of Correspondence:** One inquiry has been received from a person who is interested in serving on the JCHC. Lee Katherine will respond with information about the application process.

**III. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS**

- A short discussion was held regarding meeting via Zoom versus in-person. The group decided that JCHC meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice, due to efficiencies. As this group has not met in-person for fourteen months, the Education and Events Committee will set up an outdoor social event for sometime this summer.

**IV. REPORTS**

- **Chair Comments:** Lee Katherine Goldstein provided an update on the Charters of Freedom proposal. A Civil Rights Amendments component has been prepared by Foundations Forward to accompany the display. The JCHC conveyed its support for this addition and for the project as a whole. (See attachment following minutes.)

**STAFF REPORTS:** Brittany Gada reported that a possible briefing regarding the Charters of Freedom proposal may be scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Lee Katherine, Dick Scudder and

Brittany Gada will attend this meeting. Justin Montgomery has accepted a position as a consultant. His last day with Planning and Zoning will be 5/4/2021. Felicity Selviski will replace him as a liaison to the JCHC. Brittany stated that she will provide 20 bundles of earlier copies of the Historically Jeffco magazine for Kelly and her students to package for Jeffco secondary schools. Kelly will pick up the bundles when Brittany has them ready.

#### **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-** Cynthia Shaw reported that John's presentation for the Symposium has been taped. She also reported that a nomination had been received for the Hall of Fame Award, Living category. Lee Katherine Goldstein will prepare the introductions and transitional comments for videotaping by Dick Scudder, once the other presentations have been filmed.
- **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair** reported that the annual Friends of the JCHC meeting is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. Digitization of historic newspapers, such as *The Golden Transcript* is a potential fundraising project for this group. This will be advertised on the Friends' fundraising website and Facebook page.
- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair,** mentioned that this committee plans to research existing landmarks that might be considered endangered.
- **Nominating Committee: Cynthia Shaw:** No report.
- **Publications Committee: Carla Opp and Bonnie Scudder, Co-Chairs** reported that as of 5/2, a total of 19 articles have been submitted. Kayla has received 8 so far; she has edited four of them. Carla and Bonnie are reviewing the rest. Dick manages and edits the photos and tracks captions and permissions. Five more articles are expected soon, and several others have not responded. Bios and photos will be needed for each JCHC member for the magazine. This will be arranged in June. Renae Hansen will be asked to contact the printer regarding an estimate to print the magazine this year. This will be reported at the June meeting.
- **Social Media, PR, and Technology Committee: Carla Opp and Dick Scudder, Cochairs-** The Meyer Award information has been added to the JCHC's page on the County Website. So far there have been 107 views for the Octagon story and 194 views for the Green mercantile article on the Facebook page. The JCHC YouTube channel now has 76 subscribers. Dick Scudder reported that the Octagon video has received 42 views. He also reported that a presentation at Staunton State Park given by Deborah Darnell and Bonnie Scudder has been

filmed and a YouTube video created for HistoriCorps volunteers who are stabilizing the Staunton Homestead Cabin. Renae has been updating the JCHC website, linking to Facebook as well as YouTube and linking to the Jeffco website. Lee Katherine will check on necessary permissions.

- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair**, reported that a Jeffco judge has submitted his questionnaire as he plans to retire this summer. The bio has been written and submitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> JD for review.

#### V. INFORMAL REPORTS

- **Reports on Local Organizations:** Rick Gardner reported that the Astor House's landmark preservation process is going through design review. Objections have been raised regarding Department of the Interior requirements.
- **Calls for Social Media or Marketing Items:** None.
- **Other:** Kelly Cvanciger reported that 56 Jeffco high school students participated in national History Day this year. Lee Katherine Goldstein reported that Nathan Ritchie will participate in the June meeting to discuss the Golden Ethnography Project. Scott Crotzer mentioned that Hiwan Heritage Museum will be removing trees. Dick Scudder will photograph the process as this is part of a sustainability project.

**VI. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, June 7, 2021, from 2:00-4:00 pm, via Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

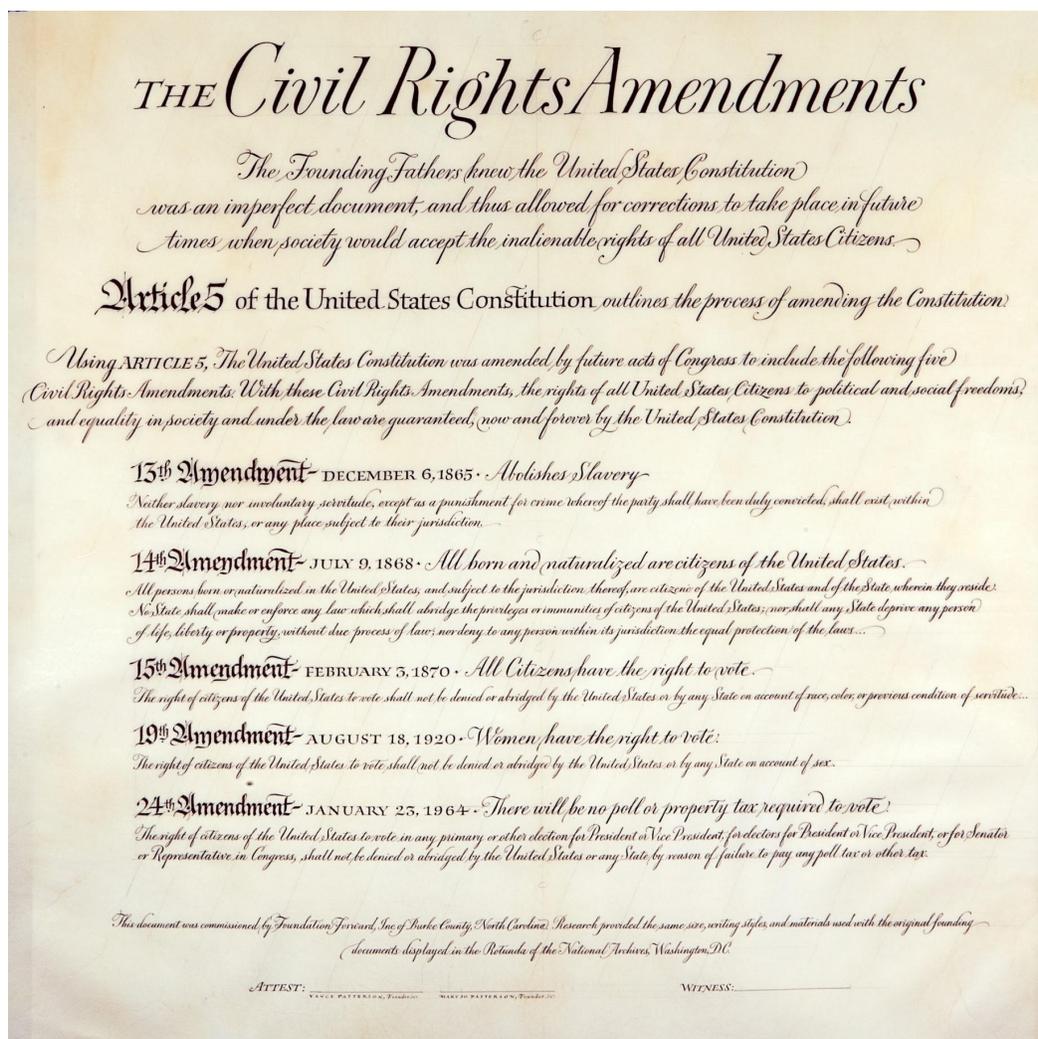
*Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary*

Attachment

## Chair Report and EC Report: Charters of Freedom

On April 14<sup>th</sup> we received an update from Foundation Forward on an addition they planned for the Charters of Freedom Display. We were asked to provide comments on this proposal to include in the briefing to the Board of County Commissioners. Due to the timing, the EC handled the comments to the update.

Here is the additional “Civil Rights Amendments” display that Foundation Forward offered to include in Jeffco’s Charters of Freedom display (see next page):



Here is the response that the EC provided:

The executive committee of the historical commission met over the weekend to review Foundation Forward’s offer to add a “Civil Rights Amendment” display to the Charters of Freedom installation being considered for Jefferson County. We are delighted with the “Civil Rights Amendment” display. It

mitigates much of the historical commission's concerns about including a diversity element in the overall installation, and we encourage the County to accept the gift with this addition.

We still hope the County will add the other display panels the historical commission recommended pertaining to Colorado and Jefferson County history. Those additions could be added over time and need not delay the installation of the Charters of Freedom. However, the additional displays would need to be considered, and planned for, in the overall design of the space. Costs for these displays will vary depending on the materials, size of the displays and the design of the space.