

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 4, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's May 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 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: Justin Montgomery

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Katy Ordway, JCHC Emeritus member, joined the meeting.

Scot Grossman, Supervisor of the Peaks to Plains Trail Project with Jeffco Open Space, gave a presentation on the project. The project includes a 160-mile long trail that will run from Glenwood Springs to Denver, with 16 miles of the trail running through Jefferson County. Part of the trail passes through Golden, Wheat Ridge and Arvada. It includes three trails within Jefferson County and the creation of Clear Creek Canyon Park along I-70. A narrow-gauge railroad ran through this area until the 1930s, and part of the trail will run partially along its original grade. Climbing access and parking lots are also being planned. Funding for this project has included a grant from GOCO. JCHC has offered to assist JCOS with writing the interpretive signage for the historical aspects of the area including railroads, water flumes, etc.

III. ADMINISTRATION

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

IV. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS

- **Review of the JCHC PowerPoint:** A PowerPoint presentation, created by John Steinle and PJ Jones, was shared with the JCHC. It will be used by JCHC members to give presentations about the JCHC's mission, projects, activities, and events.

V. REPORTS

- ❖ **Chair Comments:** Lee Katherine Goldstein expressed her appreciation to the JCHC for everyone's efforts to continue the JCHC's work. She announced that the Jeffco Administration and Courts Building will be closed to the public until June 1st, due to COVID-19. The JCHC will hold its June meeting via Zoom as well.

STAFF REPORTS: Justin Montgomery reported that the Planning Commission is now holding hearings on-line, as does the Board of County Commissioners. The process for reimbursing JCHC members for purchasing the rights to use photographs in the *Historically Jeffco* Magazine was reviewed.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- ❖ **Administrative Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** The JCHC Master Contact, Organizations, and the *Historically Jeffco* Distribution lists have been updated. A workgroup consisting of Lee Katherine Goldstein, Rita Peterson, Cynthia Shaw, John Steinle, and Dick and Bonnie Scudder will review the lists. A Zoom meeting will be held to make recommendations for inclusions and deletions, to be shared at the June meeting so these lists can be finalized.
- ❖ **Executive Committee: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair-** No report.
- ❖ **Education & Outreach Committee: Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle, Co-Chairs-** Due to the public health orders, it is possible that the Symposium rescheduled for August 22nd at the Boettcher Mansion will not take place and that the event will be moved to a virtual platform. John will ask the scheduled presenters if they would be willing to give a virtual presentation, if necessary.
- ❖ **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair-** The goals were reviewed at the last meeting. Following today's meeting, this group will meet via Zoom to update the by-laws and conduct their required annual meeting.
- ❖ **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** There have been 5 Section 106 compliance requests from CDOT, including one at I-70 and Ward Road (Swadley Ditch). Lee Katherine Goldstein will circulate the Open Space/Heritage Square document which was submitted as a public comment. This committee will meet early this month to select the Meyers Award winner for 2020. They will present their recommendation for approval at the JCHC June meeting.
- ❖ **Hall of Fame & Writers' Awards: Rita Peterson, Chair-** Hall of Fame winners have been notified. Two prior Writer's Awards winners have submitted articles for publication.
- ❖ **Nominating Committee: Rita Peterson, Chair-** No report.

- ❖ **Publications Committee- PJ Jones, Chair-** The deadline for submission of articles has been extended to June 1st. Many articles have been submitted, so the magazine may exceed 60 pages this year. PJ requested that someone else assume responsibility for the management of the on-line resources list, which Rita Peterson volunteered to do.
- ❖ **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** No report.

VI: INFORMAL REPORTS:

- ❖ **Reports on Local Historical Organizations News and Events:** Lee Katherine Goldstein reported that she participates in a “sustainable neighborhood” project, which has expressed an interest in historically significant homes in the Lakewood area. Rick Gardner reported that Golden is holding on-line meetings and are requesting public input regarding future uses of the Astor House. The grounds have been scanned at the Astor House. Rick has submitted an article about Foss Drug Store in Golden which mentions how this legacy business was impacted by both the 1918 Pandemic and the 2020 one.
- ❖ **Calls for Social Media or Marketing Items:** PJ Jones suggested connecting to HJ-2019 in social media posts. Another thought is to submit photos with captions for a “Can you tell me where this is?” feature. Posting photos or trivia on Facebook was recommended. Dick Scudder volunteered to post landmarks, trivia, etc. and mentioned we could establish a schedule so JCHC members could collaborate on this activity.

VII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 1, 2020, from 2:00-4:00 pm, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm by Chair, Lee Katherine Goldstein.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary

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