

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 1, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission’s May meeting was called to order at 2:01 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. JCHC Emeritus member, Katy Ordway, joined the meeting.

Staff participating: Brittany Gada

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Hillary Merritt, Jefferson County Open Space, provided an update regarding the status of the Heritage Square Exchange. This land swap involves parcels north of I-70 and west of Hwy. 40, between Matthew Winters Park and Apex Park. One consideration is the construction of a trail, linking new parcels to existing parks, possibly to be named “*The Gold Rush Trail.*” The swap includes Heritage Square, Magic Mountain, the Alpine Slide, the Bachman House, and the MMM Mine. The timeline for the completion of this exchange is July or August. Once that occurs, rezoning requests will take around nine months. Completion of the process is anticipated for late 2021 or early 2022. Lee Katherine Goldstein stated that the JCHC would be happy to assist with trail signage.

III. ADMINISTRATION

- **Agenda changes:** None.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Rita Peterson, 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

- As current guidelines indicate that no more than ten people can physically meet together, Brittany Gada indicated that JCHC should plan to hold summer meetings on Zoom.

- The possibility of virtually presenting the annual Symposium, currently scheduled for August 22nd, was discussed. John Steinle will contact the scheduled presenters to see if they are willing to give their presentations by videotape, possibly at the Boettcher Mansion. Brittany will look into using the Webex platform. Dick Scudder offered to do the filming.
- The October Hall of Fame event may also be affected by County restrictions due to the pandemic. Involved committees are asked to meet before the next Commission meeting to discuss the specific considerations. Meeting (via Zoom) will be held 2:00 p.m. Wed. June 17. At the July 6th meeting, the JCHC will discuss both events and decide the best courses of action.

V. REPORTS

❖ Chair Comments:

STAFF REPORTS: Brittany Gada and Justin Montgomery can train JCHC members on the use of the Webex platform. Dillon Lackey will be forwarding a Section 106 Compliance Review to the JCHC Landmarks and Preservation Committee regarding redevelopment of the property at One Horse Ranch near Camp George West and South Golden Road in Golden. A high-density development is planned.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- ❖ **Administrative Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** The JCHC Master Contact List has been updated and will be sent to members of the Administrative Committee and to Brittany Gada. The Historically Jeffco Distribution List was mentioned. Bonnie and Lee Katherine will further discuss this list.
- ❖ **Executive Committee: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair-** No report.
- ❖ **Education & Outreach Committee: Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle, Co-Chairs-** The Symposium will be discussed via Zoom on Wednesday, June 17th at 2:00. Participants will include: Dick Scudder, Lee Katherine Goldstein, PJ Jones, John Steinle, Cynthia Shaw, Rita Peterson, Bonnie Scudder, and either Brittany Gada or Justin Montgomery.
- ❖ **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair-** The Friends Board of Directors meets via Zoom following the JCHC monthly meeting. In May, the By-laws were amended to read: *"Friends of the Jefferson County Historical Commission, in partnership with the Jefferson County Historical Commission, inspires and supports preservation, enlightenment, and discovery of Jefferson County's heritage."* The Board now consists of ten members, including some of the JCHC members, Emeritus members, and community, who serve one to three three-year terms. Officers serve for two-years. Steve has filed the necessary reports to the Colorado Secretary of State, but he has had difficulty reaching the IRS regarding that report, due to the pandemic.

- ❖ **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** The Ken-Carly Ranch Historical Society (KCRHS) has been nominated to receive the Norm and Ethyl Meyer Award for Historic Preservation by the Historical Preservation and Landmarks Committee. The selection was based on KCRHS's numerous accomplishments in preserving and protecting the Bradford-Perley House, garden, and apple orchard in South Jeffco, their focus on archaeology and paleontology, maintenance of archives, oral histories, creation of iMovies (brief videos about historical topics relating to Ken-Caryl Ranch), and public programs. On a motion by John Steinle, seconded by Steve Engle, the motion to approve this nomination for the Norm and Ethel Meyer Preservation Award was passed unanimously. Dick will notify the organization and Rita will order the plaque.
- ❖ **Hall of Fame & Writers' Awards: Rita Peterson, Chair-** Rita will deliver frames for the Hall of Fame awards to Brittany. She is awaiting a response from the Legendary Ladies regarding participation in the Hall of Fame Event this year.
- ❖ **Nominating Committee: Rita Peterson, Chair-** No report.
- ❖ **Publications Committee- PJ Jones, Chair-** It was decided that the Writers' Award Program be terminated and replaced with inviting the public to submit articles for possible publication in HJ. The motion was made by Dick Scudder and seconded by Steve Engle. The original purpose of the Writers' Award program was to generate content for the magazine. PJ indicated that the 2020 edition of *Historically Jeffco* will feature more than 20 articles. The magazine is coming together with help from Carla Opp, as Managing Editor, and Dick Scudder, as Photo Editor.
- ❖ **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** It was announced that former Chief Judge Gaspar Perricone recently passed away. Judge Perricone was featured in several articles in *Historically Jeffco* relating to Staunton State Park as well as the Judges Wall Project.

VI: INFORMAL REPORTS:

- ❖ **Reports on Local Historical Organizations News and Events:** Rick Gardner gave a brief update on the Astor House.
- ❖ **Calls for Social Media or Marketing Items:** Carla Opp again requested JCHC members to submit photos with captions to be posted on the Facebook account. The page currently has 463 followers.

VII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 6, 2020, from 2:00-4:00 pm, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm by Chair, Lee Katherine Goldstein. Respectively submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary

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