

**Jefferson County Historical Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 6, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's June meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair, Richard Scudder. The meeting was held via Zoom technology.

**Jefferson County Historical Commission members participating:** Steve Engle, Rick Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Daniel Haas, Carla Opp, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, and Cynthia Shaw. **Excused:** Kelly Cvanciger and John Steinle. **Unexcused:** Julie Ramstetter, **Staff participating:** Renae Hansen and Amelia Brackett Hogstad.

**II. ADMINISTRATION**

- **Agenda changes:** None.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Cynthia Shaw which was seconded by Carla Opp, the minutes were approved as written and will be filed in the JCHC records.
- **Discussion of Correspondence:** None.

**III. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of JCHC Involvement in proposed Charters of Freedom project:** Dick Scudder reviewed the Charters of Freedom proposal briefly. Rick commented on the location and material that is proposed. Rick's family has offered to donate sandstone material for the display. Carla Opp stated that she believes that this project will involve a significant amount of work, and that it will be quite important to keep the focus on the topic.. The Charters of Freedom website centers on history and civics. And how the government was formed. Steve Engle recommended keeping our audiences in mind and focus the narrative to addressing the "who, what, where, when, why, and how" of our local history. Dan would also need to be addressed. Dick Scudder suggested a walking tour of the proposed site prior to our July meeting. Lee Katherine Goldstein mentioned that an architect, and possibly a landscape architect, need to be involved in the planning of this project.

Rick Gardner moved that JCHC go forward with the Charters of Freedom Project with the recommendations put forth by the JCHC (with significant input from the IDEA Task Force). The approval is dependent upon JCHC's ability to work with History Jeffco to secure funding. This approval is also pending input and agreement of the History Jeffco Organization. Cynthia seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### IV. REPORTS

**Chair Comments:** None.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Amelia Brackett Hogstad reported that Kate Newman plans to have information county donations to the Charters of Freedom project finalized. She also stated that the Mother of Cabrini request for a special use agreement also will involve development of an architectural standards committee. The referral process being developed and refined by Planning and Zoning is reviewing data over the past two years in order to streamline the process and increase efficiency. She suggested that a JCHC committee (Landmarks and Preservation) meet very soon to work on the architectural standards. Dan Haas asked for clarification and Cynthia Shaw suggested that interested JCHC members schedule a tour soon of the Mother Cabrini site. Dick Scudder will send a doodle poll to schedule the tour as well as the architectural standards meeting after this meeting. Renae Hansen explained that printing costs for the magazine have increased close to 20%. Bonnie Scudder asked if it was possible to commit to a specific number of pages for the publication prior to completion of layout of the magazine. She indicated that this was possible.

#### V. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- **Executive/Administrative Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** None.
- **Education & Events Committee: Cynthia Shaw & Kelly Cvanciger, Cochairs-** Cynthia Shaw plans to visit the Buffalo Rose soon in preparation of the October Hall of Fame event, which will be held there. Dick Scudder showed a schedule of possible videos that could be developed for the Preservation Symposium. He also suggested that perhaps we could feature one video each month, rather than several during the same month. Carla Opp suggested creating a Playlist for Symposiums.
- **History Jeffco: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair,** stated that she is recruiting volunteers to serve on History Jeffco. People with experience writing and managing grants, researching, fundraising, landscape architects, etc. would be very helpful as we embark on the Charters of Freedom Project. She encouraged JCHC members to invite friends and colleagues who might have these skills. Two people, including Mark Joyce, have already volunteered. At present there is \$1,208 in this committee's account.
- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: John Steinle and Dan Haas, Cochairs-** Dan reported that the Cabrini Shrine has a historic district, and the committee for architectural standards will be discussing this. Another request for comment was received for St. Anne's in the Hill, an old Episcopal camp located in Indian Hills. It was built in the 1920s for polio victims and is owned by St. Anne's Episcopal School. Information on this plan is provided on the school's website. The owner wants to tear down the building. The committee will investigate this. Dan is pursuing the creation of a video by HistoriCorps for the Hall of Fame presentation.
- **Nominating Committee: Steve Engle, Chair-** No report.

- **Publications Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair** thanked members of the Publications Committee for their excellent work reviewing and pre-editing twenty-six articles for content. Kayla Gabehart, guest editor, has reviewed and edited most of the articles for this year's edition, and the majority of the photos have been edited by Dick Scudder. Kayla is quite impressed with the quality of the articles submitted this year. She will send a short questionnaire to each member requesting information for the short bios that will be published in the magazine. A recent Chatfield graduate will sketch the Honored Mothers of Golden for the magazine as well as the framed bios for the Hall of Fame. The theme of this year's magazine is "People and Places that Matter." Bonnie raised the question of "Who decides what matters?" A very brief discussion was held, and members were asked to email a short paragraph discussing this question by the end of the week. She will review the responses and some of the responses may be incorporated into a short article. Pondering this question gives members the opportunity to reflect on aspects of inclusion, diversity, and equity, which will be important as we embark on the Charters of Freedom project.
- **Communications Committee: Carla Opp and Julie Ramstetter, Cochairs-** Carla has been reviewing and updating the JCHC contact lists and suggested that since turnover is so high in county offices, that departments be listed, and they can disseminate information to their employees.
- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder and Lee Katherine Goldstein, Cochairs-** Bonnie reported that Chris Hudson will pick up the digital files of the Judges Wall Project this afternoon. His staff is developing the website that will host the online version of the project, slated to go live in a few months. Dan Hass and Steve Engle have been visiting several counties and finding information on some of our obscure judges. Carla and Dan have helped by writing some bios.

**VI. INFORMAL REPORTS:** Rick Gardner gave an update on the Astor House, the new home of the Foothills Art Center, and other local Golden news.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, July 7, 2022, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Administration and Courts Building. Room TBD. Group pictures will be taken prior to the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m. following a motion by Dan Haas which was seconded by Steve Engle.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary*