

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 7, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's June meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair, Lee Katherine Goldstein. The meeting was held via Zoom internet technology.

Jefferson County Historical Commission members participating: Kelly Cvanciger, Richard Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Daniel Haas, Carla Opp, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, Cynthia Shaw, and John Steinle. **Member excused:** Steve Engle. **Staff participating:** Brittany Gada. **Guests:** Nathan Richie, Director, Golden History Museum; Lauren Simmons, City of Golden; Erica Duvic, Jefferson County Open Space; and Kayla Gabehart, Guest Editor of *Historically Jeffco* magazine.

II. GUESTS

Nathan Richie with Lauren Simmons spoke about the Golden Native American Ethnographic Project, which is being conducted through a partnership between the Golden History Museum & Golden Park and Planning Departments. Richie described ethnography as a branch of anthropology which explores cultural phenomenon, specifically, the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapahoe tribes. This grant is the first one given for ethnographic study by History Colorado. It will include: the history of the land, including the 1862 Homestead Act, a literature review from tribal repositories, community outreach, and input from a variety of entities. Commission member John Steinle inquired about this group's connections with The Fort and Holly Kinney, which would be a great source through their Tesoro Foundation. Dick Scudder mentioned that oral histories can be quite revealing. Lee Katherine Goldstein cautioned about disclosing the location of secret places, and Rick Gardner stated that it is good to create interactions of human landscapes as the history is complex with many blank pages. Richie requested that JCHC submit a list of questions for the elders; Lee Katherine asked the JCHC members and Rick Gardner in particular to provide their input in response to Richie's request.

III. ADMINISTRATION

- **Agenda changes:** None.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by John Steinle, seconded by Dick Scudder, the May 3rd minutes were approved as written.
- **Discussion of Correspondence:** The JCHC has received a request for information on the Bergen Ditch, located near Morrison. Information is needed as Lyons

Ridge Metropolitan District wants to install signage at that location. The JCHC also received an inquiry from Boulder County Open Space regarding historical information on labor and the early railroad in the Moffat Tunnel area near Nederland in Boulder County.

III. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS

Lee Katherine Goldstein raised the question about commission members availability for a July 5th meeting. It was decided that the July meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 7th from 2:00-4:00 at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Building. A potluck celebration will follow the meeting.

IV. REPORTS

Chair Comments: Lee Katherine Goldstein stated that on August 10th, she, Dick Scudder, and Brittany Gada will participate in a discussion with the Board of County Commissioners on the Charters of Freedom proposal.

STAFF REPORTS: Brittany Gada, Planning and Zoning, reported that Felicity Selvoski will be part of the JCHC Liaison Team. Brittany has requested that the BCC provide a photo of themselves to JCHC for publication in *Historically Jeffco*. She presented the bids from several printers which are being considered for *Historically Jeffco 2021*. Brittany Gada, Renae Hansen, Kayla Gabehart, Carla Opp, Dick and Bonnie Scudder and Lee Katherine Goldstein will discuss this further via Zoom later this week. The Yeti Mountain Bike silo located on State Hwy 93 near the Ramstetter Ranch was also discussed.

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-** Dates for the JCHC Symposium and Hall of Fame need to be determined soon. Several venues are under consideration. For the Symposium, Dick has finished videotaping the Council Tree presentation by Jenee Hancock of Jeffco Open Space. Presentations by Kelly Cvanciger and Cynthia Shaw will be taped this summer. Dr. Josepha Williams Douglas and Dr. Lorenzo Trujillo were selected to be inducted into the JCHC Hall of Fame for 2021.
- **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair-** Friends of JCHC's current project is the digitization of *The Golden Times*. Donations to this project are encouraged.
- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair,** reported that this committee is revising its work plan and considering an endangered places project. Dan Haas will prepare a list of potential landmarks

with input from Erica Duvic. A short discussion was held regarding the role JCHC should play in relation to zoning issues, as well as when archaeological assessment might be warranted. The relocation of Lutheran Hospital to a new location was also mentioned.

- **Nominating Committee: Cynthia Shaw:** No report.
- **Publications Committee: Carla Opp and Bonnie Scudder, Co-Chairs with Kayla Gabehart-** Preparation of the 2021 Historically Jeffco magazine is ahead of schedule. Nearly all articles have been received. Guest editor, Kayla Gabehart reported that she is in the process of the final round of edits. She recommends a shade of purple for the cover this year, as this color represents diversity. Possible photos for the cover, back, and inside the cover were discussed and are still under consideration. She suggested the theme be “Education and Diversity: Bridging the Gap.” She also is considering sprinkling Jeffco facts in spaces in the magazine. The Publications Committee will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, June 9th at 3:00.
- **Social Media, PR, and Technology Committee: Carla Opp and Dick Scudder, Cochairs-** No report.
- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair,** No report.

V. INFORMAL REPORTS

- **Reports on Local Historical Organizations:** None.
- **Calls for Social Media or Marketing Items:** None.

VI. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 7, 2021, from 2:00-4:00 pm, at the Jeffco Administration and Courts Building. A potluck reunion will take place following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary