

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 6, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's July meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Co-Chair, Cynthia Shaw. The meeting was held via Zoom internet technology, due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic and public health orders limiting the number of people who can gather in indoor spaces.

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: Brittany Gada and Renae Hansen

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

III. ADMINISTRATION

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

- **Update on virtual Symposium and Hall of Fame**
 - John Steinle reported that he, Holly Arnold, and Andrea Keppers have agreed to allow videotaping of their presentations for the Symposium. Dick Scudder will videotape the presenters during August at the Boettcher Mansion. During September, Dick will prepare the presentations for several You-Tube virtual presentations, to be aired in October. PJ Jones will work with Renae Hansen to develop promotional material for Eventbrite. John and Cynthia Shaw will provide short bios and synopses of the presentations to PJ. Airings are tentatively planned for October 7, 14, and 21. Publicity for the event will begin September 1st.
 - Hall of Fame award winners will be videotaped by Dick. It was suggested that a PowerPoint presentation be prepared to feature the deceased honoree. The

Meyer Award plaque is done. PJ will send documents for the Hall of Fame winners to Rita, so she can prepare the awards.

- **Distribution of Historically Jeffco Magazine**
 - PJ Jones stated that the magazine will have 68 pages. The local printer is giving JCHC a very good price, so 3,000 copies will be ordered this year. This will allow distribution of copies to local businesses, including the legacy businesses featured in this issue. PJ hopes to have printing done by September 30th. Publicity for the distribution of *Historically Jeffco* can be done in part through the Symposium YouTube presentations in October.

V. REPORTS

- **Chair Comments:** None

STAFF REPORTS: Brittany Gada reported that an email had been sent to the three JCHC members whose terms expire September 30th. The message included the link to the on-line application and noted that the deadline is July 31st. She also indicated that the Board of County Commissioners will be considering diversity in order to ensure that various perspectives are considered in JCHC's actions. The Planning and Zoning Department, under the leadership of Chris O'Keefe, is initiating a review of their policies and regulations in light of the Black Lives Matter Movement. They will be working with CU Denver to develop a Thesis Project for graduate level students that will search for inherent biases in the County's zoning policies and regulations and develop appropriate remediations in order to ensure equity and inclusion for all.

- A brief discussion of some names of local historical sites that could be considered controversial took place.
- Brittany Gada suggested that JCHC members send research, articles, etc. to her and Dillon Lackey to help inform them.
- Cynthia Shaw suggested that the theme of Diversity be considered for next year's Symposium, magazine, and Hall of Fame.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- **Administrative Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** The *Historically Jeffco* Distribution List will be discussed at the August meeting.
- **Executive Committee: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair-** JCHC meetings will continue on Zoom for the remainder of the year.
- **Education & Outreach Committee: Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle, Co-Chairs-** This was discussed earlier.
- **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair-** The Friends group is eligible for certain types of funding, as it has now been in existence for 5 years. A project of some sort needs to be considered., such as Heritage Square. Minutes from the Friends

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Committee meetings will be shared with the JCHC., but should not be included in the JCHC's records. Friends will meet via Zoom at 4:15 today.

- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** No report.
- **Hall of Fame: Rita Peterson, Chair-** A Hall of Fame Committee meeting will be scheduled after the Symposium presentations have been prepared.
- **Nominating Committee: Rita Peterson, Chair-** They will meet in October.
- **Publications Committee- PJ Jones, Chair-** This was discussed earlier.
- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** No report.

VI: INFORMAL REPORTS:

❖ Reports on Local Historical Organizations News and Events:

- Rick Gardner reported that work on the Astor House is proceeding. Steve Engle asked if any help was needed, and it was suggested that JCHC support its historic designation. Dick Scudder will address this issue at the August meeting.
- Golden History Museum will host a virtual tour on August 6th.
- Rick mentioned that a statue at the Capitol, which was torn down recently, honored two Jeffco fallen soldiers. One of them had testified against Chivington.

❖ Calls for Social Media or Marketing Items:

- PJ asked that members send stories to Carla for inclusion on our Facebook page.

VII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 3, 2020, from 2:00-4:00 pm, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Steve Engle, which was seconded by John Steinle, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary

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