

Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 7, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's June meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Chair, Richard Scudder. The meeting was held in the Faye Griffin Conference Room at the Jeffco Administration and Courts Building in Golden.

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

II. ADMINISTRATION

- **Agenda changes:** None.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Cynthia Shaw which was seconded by John Steinle, the minutes were approved as corrected and will be filed in the JCHC records.
- **Discussion of Correspondence:** Bonnie Scudder has received correspondence from the Jeffco DA's office regarding receipt of four scans of Jeffco courthouses. The DA office contacted the JD#1 Administrative Office regarding permission to use scans that had been made for the Judges Wall display. This permission was granted, and the DA's office was quite pleased to receive them in their DA Wall display.

III. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS

IV. REPORTS

Chair Comments: Dick Scudder reported that at this point, the Charters of Freedom Project is again on hold. The County has not yet approved the project or provided information needed to move forward, and History Jeffco cannot pursue funding without design and budget information. Rick Gardner has provided a great deal of information regarding Indigenous Peoples and their governments. Dan Haas, John Steinle, and Lee Katherine Goldstein indicated that this might be a great theme for *Historically Jeffco 2023*. Much of the information that has been assembled for a potential Charters of Freedom display featuring contributions of Indigenous peoples could be utilized in articles, and possibly a display of some sort. It was recommended that JCHC link with the ethnographic study currently underway in Golden. This information can also be shared on JCHC's web page and on social media posts.

STAFF REPORTS: Amelia Brackett Hogstad shared the JCHC budget. Expected expenditures include:

- Hall of Fame: \$2,000
 - Editing Services: \$1,500
 - *Historically Jeffco* printing: For 2,000 copies- \$6050.55 (\$3.02 each); for 1,500: \$5,306.76 (\$3.54 each). For quantities between 1,500 and 2,000, the average cost is about \$1.50 each. This will be covered further under Administrative Reports.
- Amelia reported on the Mother Cabrini Project; Cassidy reported on two rezoning cases, including the Ramstetter Ranch Wildlife Project. There is a question as to what the applicant plans to do with the ranch house, the oldest structure. Dan Haas mentioned that archaeologists are not often included in discussions of this nature, but they should be. John Steinle indicated that Open Space can monitor artifact retrieval. Rick Gardner and Cassidy mentioned the potential for dinosaur digs. Dan stated that private land owners must notify History Colorado if their properties, or part of their property is listed on a national historic register, or if there are unmarked burial sites in the area.
 - Cassidy Clements spoke about a quarry site near HWY. 40. It includes a lime kiln and was a clay mine. This is the Martin-Marietta project, and History Colorado has evaluated the site. Dan supports History Colorado's opinion, which found that the five parcels involved are not eligible for historic designation. The quarry already exists, and, in Cassidy's opinion, this is the best scenario for the quarry. (Cassidy has a background with the National Parks Service, National Forest Service, and now Jeffco.)
 - Amelia had an inquiry from a teacher at West Jeff MS in Conifer requesting historic photographs. JCHC members recommended Hiwan Heritage Museum, Golden History Museum, Bel Mar, and other sources.

V. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- **Executive/Administrative Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair-** Bonnie Scudder had sent the HJ Distribution List to all members asking for updated information and numbers. Several members had already provided this prior to the meeting. A discussion was held and it was decided that each JCHC member would look at their liaison organization and anticipate a 10% cut for 2022. This will be discussed at the August 1st meeting, when the number of copies to print will be finalized.
- **Education & Events Committee: Cynthia Shaw & Kelly Cvanciger, Cochairs-** Cynthia reported that the Buffalo Rose understands that our budget for the Hall of Fame Event cannot exceed \$2,000. We will be located in the main venue section. Kelly reported that the 2022 Preservation Symposium will feature four videos:
 - "The Church Ranch District, presented by Julee Huff and Charley McKay

- "Dinosaur Ridge, presented by Kristen Kidd
- "Centennial House," presented by Kelly Cvanciger
- "Bear Creek Wagon Road," presented by Mark Joyce
- **History Jeffco: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair-** reported that the current focus of History Jeffco Organization is to recruit a team of volunteers. Three volunteers have indicated an interest so far.
- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: John Steinle & Dan Haas, Cochairs-** John reported that the Buffalo Park School historic designation is moving forward. A historic structure report assessment is needed. Lee also mentioned that she is trying to create a Facebook presence for a page on HJO's website that John has named, "Lost Jefferson County." John is providing the content. The Troutdale Inn is an example of historic Jeffco structures that have been lost (burned, demolished, etc.)
- **Nominating Committee: Steve Engle, Chair-** Dick Scudder announced that JCHC member, Julie Ramstetter, has submitted a letter of resignation. Lee Katherine Goldstein and Richard Gardner need to reapply this month for another three-year term, if they wish to be reappointed to the JCHC.
- **Publications Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair,** shared a 1st draft of the sketch of the Honored Mothers of Golden, drawn by Lynette Vaughan, Chatfield HS-2021. Lyn will be making revisions to this to accurately reflect the setting, circa 1860. Kayla Gabehart has finished editing most of the articles. She has provided a tentative order for the articles. All articles will be ready for layout by July 21st. Bonnie thanked Cynthia and Kelly for their thought-provoking contributions to our "What Matters? Who Decides...? feature. Cynthia wrote from the perspective of a preservationist, while Kelly shared a historian's perspective.
- **Communications Committee: Carla Opp, Chair-** No report. Kelly Cvanciger recommended that the JCHC and HJO websites be linked.
- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder & Lee Katherine Goldstein, Cochairs-** Bonnie reported that Jefferson County Judge Hal Sargent has retired. He has provided the information for his bio. Once the magazine is finished, Judge Sargent's bio as well as bios of the 65 county judges will be finalized and provided to the Colorado Supreme Court Library for inclusion on their new website.

VI. INFORMAL REPORTS

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 1, 2022, from 2:00-4:00 pm via Zoom technology.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. following a motion by John Steinle, which was seconded by Carla Opp.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary