

Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 8, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's September 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 limiting the number of people who can gather in indoor spaces.

Jefferson County Historical Commission members attending: Steve Engle, Richard Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, P. J. Jones, Carla Opp, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, Cynthia Shaw, and John Steinle. Also attending, former JCHC member Rita Peterson.

Staff attending: None.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mark Dodge, Curator of the Golden History Museum, shared that the Golden History Museum is interested in collaborating with the JCHC in updating and reinstating JCHC's online Place Names Database. The database was removed from the county website in 2019 due to security issues. This database is the intellectual property of the JCHC. Lee Katherine will reach out to the County Attorney's office regarding any intellectual property issues. Mark has been communicating with Jeffco Archivist, Ronda Frazier. Mark has received a lot of inquiries regarding information contained in this database. Lee Katherine will arrange a meeting among County and City IT staff and interested JCHC members to discuss the technical aspects of this project.

III. ADMINISTRATION

- **Agenda changes:** None
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Steve Engle, seconded by Dick Scudder, the minutes were approved as written and will be filed in the JCHC records.
- **Discussion of Correspondence:** None
- **Announcements:** Lee Katherine Goldstein announced that Rita Peterson, a member of the JCHC since 1981, has resigned from the JCHC so that her position can be filled by one of the talented people who has shown an interest in serving on the JCHC.

IV. ACTION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS:

- **Place Names Database-** This topic was discussed earlier.

- **Online Symposium-** Dick Scudder announced that the presentations by John Steinle and Andrea Keppers have already been recorded; he is in the process of creating the videos for the You-Tube presentations. The presentation by Bonnie Scudder will be recorded soon. At this point, the videos are on a private link. Lee Katherine, who will introduce each speaker, will be videotaped this week. John Steinle will write the press releases and send them to Lee Katherine and PJ Jones for review. Public Affairs will be involved in the advertisement of these events, which are planned to air via You-Tube at 7:00 pm on three consecutive Tuesdays in October. Each presentation will run around 25 minutes. October 6th will feature John Steinle, speaking about Prohibition, Andrea Keppers will present on October 13th on Cement Bill Williams and the Lariat Trail, and Bonnie Scudder will discuss Colorado's role in the Woman's Suffrage Movement on October 20th. Carla Opp will advertise the events on social media, including Facebook. Lee Katherine mentioned that Carla's posts on Facebook have had lots of positive responses.
- **October Presentation-** The Board of County Commissioners would like the JCHC's input on an invitation for the County to receive "Charters of Freedom" structures, from Foundation Forward, a 501(c)(3) organization. Vance Patterson and Don Davis will participate in the JCHC's October 5th meeting and provide further information on this project. A link will be sent so that JCHC members can view a video relating to this project prior to the October meeting.
- **Distribution of the 2020 *Historically Jeffco Magazine*-** Bonnie Scudder reviewed the Historically Jeffco Distribution List, which had been sent to members prior to the meeting. A few updates were provided by members, and these changes will be made. It was decided that after the new JCHC members join the team, the liaison / distribution will be revised so that each member is able to serve as liaison to several organizations, and that distribution and other responsibilities are shared equitably by the group. Rita indicated that she would be happy to continue as liaison to the organizations she has been serving. PJ indicated that magazines should be available to the public at the Jeffco Administration and Courts Building. John Steinle asked if perhaps Public Affairs might be interested in distributing magazines. However, the JCHC would lose opportunities to leverage the magazine to strengthen relationships with local museums and history organizations if the county distributed the magazine as opposed to JCHC members. JCHC members should contact their assigned organizations to ask how many copies of the magazine they would like and how to best get the magazines to them. PJ will contact the legacy businesses featured in this year's edition in order to determine how many copies they would like.

V. REPORTS

Chair Comments: None.

STAFF REPORTS: None

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- ❖ **Administrative Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair**, will contact Lee Katherine to discuss the JCHC Notebooks for the incoming JCHC members.
- ❖ **Executive Committee: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair**- JCHC submitted a letter of support of the Friends of Staunton State Park's nomination of the historic Staunton Homestead Cabin to Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s Endangered Places Program.
- ❖ **Education & Outreach Committee: Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle, Co-Chairs**- The Symposium plans were discussed earlier in the meeting. Cynthia Shaw led a discussion of the Hall of Fame event, which will also be held virtually. Rita Peterson stated that Renae Hansen has the plaques. Lee Katherine Goldstein will meet with honorees Linda Kirkpatrick and representatives from the Ken-Caryl Historical Society and the Lazy J Ranch to film segments for the Hall of Fame. Dick Scudder will contact Jim Antes of the Ken-Caryl Historical Society about the possibility of filming at the historic Bradford-Perley House late in September. Dick will do the filming and create the video productions. Lee Katherine Goldstein will serve as MC for the event.
- ❖ **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair**, reported that fundraising and prioritizing a project list are the current focus of Friends. Steve indicated they are investigating projects to fund. One project he likes is the production of videos of historic sites which could be used in schools, nursing homes, and the like. They are also looking at ways to allow contributions online which could be linked to events like the Symposium.
- ❖ **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair**- No report.
- ❖ **Hall of Fame**: This event was discussed earlier.
- ❖ **Nominating Committee: Cynthia Shaw, Chair**- Lee Katherine Goldstein announced that Cynthia Shaw had been appointed as chair of the Nominations Committee. The committee has nominated Rita Peterson as an Emeritus member of the JCHC. Rita is a native of Lakewood, CO. She has served on the JCHC since 1981. She has also been the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, editor of the *Historically Jeffco Newsletter* (in the early 1980s), and Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee for 22 years. She also chaired the Writer's Award Committee for 16 years. Rita's nomination was approved unanimously; she intends to continue to work closely with the JCHC as an Emeritus member.
- ❖ **Publications Committee- PJ Jones, Chair**-announced that the 2020 edition of *Historically Jeffco* will be 72 pages. Printing may be delayed as the printer is

currently printing the Blue Book for the upcoming general election. PJ stated that she has completed organizing the filing system and that it is now much more organized. Lee Katherine indicated that JCHC may need to hire an editor for the magazine for next year. She also mentioned that a table banner with the current Jeffco logo should be ordered for future events.

❖ **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** No report.

VI: INFORMAL REPORTS:

- **Reports on Local Historical Organization News and Events-** John Steinle reported that he will be participating in an event commemorating the War of 1812 on September 12th at the Broomfield Veterans' Memorial Museum, then at Staunton State Park's Annual Living History Days on September 13th where his display will feature early medicinal practices.
- **Calls for Social Media or Marketing Items-** Carla Opp reported that the county website no longer allows access to *Historically Jeffco* editions prior to the year 2000. Lee Katherine Goldstein will follow up on this. (Access to these issues has been restored.) Carla is trying to post three times a week; coverage of the history of forest fires impacting Jeffco was the most recent topic. She will feature stories relating to the Applewood community next. Rick stated that the naming of the Astor House as a Golden landmark has finally passed. He also mentioned that Jeffco's recent snow was the third earliest on record.

VII. NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 5, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 pm, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary