

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 5, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's October 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 participating: Kelly Cvanciger, Steve Engle, Richard Gardner, Daniel Haas, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Carla Opp, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, Cynthia Shaw, and John Steinle. Former member PJ Jones and Emeritus member Rita Peterson also participated. Excused JCHC member: Scott Crotzer.

Staff participating: Brittany Gada and Renae Hansen.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Vance Patterson, Co-Founder of Foundation Forward; Marty and Don Unger (Marty is Vance Patterson's sister.) County Manager Donald Davis also attended. Jeff Veres, Jefferson County resident, listened in on the meeting. JCHC members were asked to preview a video of the project prior to the meeting.

Don Davis began the presentation by explaining that he wants input from the JCHC to help the County decide on this project. Vance Patterson had met with county representatives earlier to introduce the project. Patterson presented the short video explaining the Charters of Freedom Project, a project by the non-profit organization Foundation Forward which creates a permanent display of major documents relevant to the founding of our country. The purposes of the Charters of Freedom include: Education (history and government); Access to documents pertaining to the founding fathers and the early government; and Community. Documents will be encased in large, permanent containers that will be set securely in the ground. The proposed location for the display would be near the flag poles in front of the Jeffco Administrative and Courts Building. The display would need to be ADA-accessible and located in a place where many people would be able to visit. There would be no cost to the taxpayers. Jefferson County would need to provide the site and excavate the area necessary for the displays. Once the displays are in place, the County would provide appropriate landscaping and upkeep. A time-capsule would also be a part of the display. JCHC would have input as to the contents of the capsule, which would be opened in 2087, celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Constitution.

The JCHC has also been asked to recommend other displays, whether outside or inside the administration building, which add context and a Colorado perspective.

Following the video, JCHC members asked a number of questions about timelines, location, accessibility, etc. Lee Katherine Goldstein will host a Zoom meeting on Monday, October 19th at 2:00 pm for JCHC members to further discuss this project and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. She will send the link prior to the meeting.

III. ADMINISTRATION

- **Agenda changes:** None.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by John Steinle, seconded by Dick Scudder, 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**
Dick Scudder reported that the Virtual Symposium videos were finalized two weeks ago. Email invitations have been sent to approximately 400 JCHC contacts, and these events, which will be aired on October 6, 13, and 20, on the JCHC's You Tube channel, which can be accessed through a link on the JCHC page on the County website, and through the JCHC's Facebook page (posted by Carla Opp).
- **Distribution of Historically Jeffco Magazine**
PJ Jones reported that magazines should be available for distribution sometime in the next month. They will be packed in small boxes. (Each box will hold 60 magazines and the weight of each box will be around 30 lbs.) Brittany will figure out the best way for JCHC members to pickup boxes from Planning and Zoning. A cart will be available for transporting the boxes to cars. PJ will let Bonnie know about delivery of magazines to the identified legacy businesses featured in this edition. In many cases, JCHC members will be able to deliver these magazines as well. Bonnie will total the number of boxes and additional copies needing to be picked up by each member. Lists of organizations and contact information will be provided.

V. REPORTS

Chair Comments: Lee Katherine Goldstein briefly introduced the new JCHC members, Dan Haas, Kelly Cvanciger, and Scott Crotzer. Due to the length of the presentation made by the guests, and the fact that this month's agenda was quite long with topics that had to be discussed, a more formal introduction of all members will take place during the November 2nd meeting.

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Lee Katherine discussed the *Historically Jeffco* publication:

Purposes and Goals:

- to expand our branding
- to educate the community on Jeffco's history
- to build relationships with local historical organizations
- to serve as a resource for history

Our target audiences include:

- government agencies
- schools and other educational institutions
- website
- Local historical societies and museums receive copies for their members.
- Authors of the articles are provided copies.
- to serve as liaisons with these organizations or institutions

STAFF REPORTS

Brittany Gada introduced herself to the new JCHC members. She then mentioned that she had received some calls from a few recipients of the email invitations she sent for the Virtual JCHC Historic Preservation Symposium, which airs in October. She will forward the updated information to Bonnie Scudder. Brittany also reported on a proposed expansion of a water treatment plant near the historic CCC site in Morrison. The historic brick building will not be disturbed in the process. The project is being lead by the City of Morrison with many other entities involved.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- **Administrative Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** reported that she sent an email to all current members of JCHC asking for basic information including their historical organizations and museum memberships and contacts. This information was helpful in determining reasonable and equitable distribution of the magazine as well as liaison assignments. She also reported that she, Lee Katherine Goldstein, and Dick Scudder had recently met via Zoom to review the contents of the JCHC Notebook. They decided that this notebook will be provided online. Parts of the notebook are currently being updated. An orientation via Zoom will be scheduled for later this month; a Doodle Poll will be sent to our three new JCHC members, Scott Crozter, Kelly Cvanciger, and Dan Haas, to determine the most convenient time to meet.
- **Executive Committee: Lee Katherine Goldstein, Chair-** No report.
- **Education & Outreach Committee: Cynthia Shaw and John Steinle, Co-Chairs-** Dick Scudder reported that the virtual symposium has been ready for

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two weeks. It will be accessed through the JCHC website, with premieres on YouTube playing on October 6th, 13th, and 20th.

- **Friends of JCHC: Steve Engle, Chair**, reported that this group is currently considering several possible logos for their organization. They are also quite interested in the Charters of Freedom Project, and are discussing placement of plaques on graves.
- **Historical Preservation & Landmarks Committee: Richard Scudder, Chair**, reported that Brittany sent Section 106 documentation of a proposal to erect history signs along on Wadsworth at 38th and 44th Avenues.
- **Hall of Fame:** Cynthia Shaw, Chair- Dick Scudder reported that he has received information and materials from Steve Engle regarding Katherine Lee Craig, recipient of a Hall of Fame Award. He is preparing the virtual presentation. He will be videotaping the Lazy J Ranch, a new historic landmark. Lee Katherine and Linda Kirkpatrick will be videotaped as well for the virtual Hall of Fame event. PJ Jones offered to write a press release for the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame will be presented virtually via YouTube during the first week of December.
- **Nominating Committee-** The slate of officers for 2021 is:
 - Chair: Lee Katherine Goldstein
 - Vice Chair: Dick Scudder
 - Secretary: Bonnie Scudder
- **Publications Committee-** Discussed earlier.
- **Special Projects Committee: Bonnie Scudder, Chair-** No report.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary

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