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**DRAFT: Jefferson County Historical Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting- April 3, 2017**

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's February meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by Chair, Cynthia Shaw. The meeting was held at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility in the Westminster Rooms 1566/1567.

**Jefferson County Historical Commission members attending:** Deborah Andrews, Richard Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Rita Peterson, Bonnie Scudder, and Cynthia Shaw **Excused members:** Margaret Chapman and Leda Thaler **Unexcused member:** Mary Lindsey

**Staff attending:** Dennis Dempsey and Ronda Frazier

**Guests:** John Steinle and Micah Badana, Jeffco Budget Department

**Approval of March 6, 2017 Minutes:** On a motion by Lee Katherine Goldstein and seconded by Rick Gardner, the minutes were approved as written and will be filed in the JCHC records.

**Correspondence:** The folder was circulated.

**Chair Comments and Agenda Changes:**

- Meeting with Evergreen Park and Recreation District: Cynthia Shaw, Deborah Andrews, and Bud Weare met with board members concerning the renovation of the Alderfer barn project. A structural assessment needs to be completed for the project to be eligible for funding. The Jefferson County Historical Society has supporting information regarding the restoration of the Alderfer Barn.
- Termination letter: Tom Keefe was sent a certified letter regarding his termination from the Jefferson County Historic Commission, due to repeated unexcused absences.
- JCHC applicants: Five applications have been received for the vacant positions on the Commission.
- Jeffco Fair and Festival: This event will run for four days - August 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

- Lakewood Historical Society has reached out to ask JCHC to partner with them on a project or event. Dennis will invite this organization to attend a commission meeting to discuss this further.
- Lee Katherine reported on the meeting with the Public Engagement Office. If we provide advanced notice of JCHC events, the Public Engagement Office can work them into the county's social media calendar. Also, there is a community events calendar that we can add items to on the County website. JCHC now has a new Facebook page



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([www.facebook.com/JeffcoCOHistoricalCommission/](http://www.facebook.com/JeffcoCOHistoricalCommission/)). Members are asked to send interesting information and photos to Lee Katherine to post, and to share the Facebook page with their contacts.

- Historical Societies/Museums: Dennis Dempsey sent a list around for members to sign up to act as liaisons for the various historical societies and museums in Jefferson County.

### Staff Reports:

- Archivist: Archivist: Ronda Frazier, County Archivist, has been sorting through boxes in storage and has compiled lists of their contents, which was sent to Dennis. Minutes of previous meetings and other miscellaneous documents need to be organized. Foothills Genealogical Society is working on the index of *Historically Jeffco* magazines. JCHC members are asked to refer persons wishing to donate various historic collections to the Jeffco Archives Department. Camille Roth, who discovered a collection of photographs in 2008 at an estate sale, contacted Ronda to see if the JCHC might be interested in viewing these photos taken by Ellett Shepherd, a former Denver judge. Shepherd won many awards for his photographs, most of which were taken in the 1930s and 1940s in Colorado and New Mexico. Shepherd was a close friend of Judge Gaspar Perricone and the Staunton Family of Staunton State Park. Ronda will invite Camille to present her photos at a JCHC meeting, and possibly at the May Symposium, Jeffco Fair, or Staunton State Park's Living History Days.
- Budget Report Update: Dennis Dempsey distributed the current budget report. He reported that Gary Wysocki asked to purchase a landmark plaque for the Red Barn. JCHC will split the cost of \$150.00. The "Help Wanted" flyer advertising positions on JCHC has been sent to the local historical societies and organizations.

### Committee and Task Force Reports:

#### Historic Preservation and Landmark Committee:

- 2017 Meyer Award: Several candidates for the award have been identified by the committee.
- The Waterton Canyon and Kassler District site was discussed as a potential Jefferson County Landmark.
- A site of possible historic interest at 24889 Grandview Avenue in Genesee was discussed. (It turns out this property was for sale, and the company stated that "the JCHC had awarded an historical interest plaque" to this property. The commission is unable to



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confirm that at this time although prior to the creation of the County landmark designation program, 25 properties were designated as having historical interest).

**Education and Outreach Committee:** Symposium Marketing/RSVP Plan: The Symposium is sold out. Fresh Tracks will cater the event. The Symposium will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at the Timbervale Barn in Evergreen. Topics will include paleontology, agriculture, archaeology, and possibly water. There will be a panel including John Steinle, Bud Weare, Mary Ann Bonnell, Meghan Vickers, and Bob Reynolds. There will be display tables and two tours of the Hiwan property will be provided. Lee Katherine mentioned that the kiosk panels will be ready and we need to prepare items for display.

**Publications Committee:** Bonnie Scudder sent a paper around so members could list articles they plan to submit for publication in the magazine. Lee Katherine provided the list Margaret had submitted in the work plan. This information was compiled in table form and provided to Margaret.

**Hall of Fame and Writers' Awards:**

- Theodora Ciobanu, winner of last year's student essay contest plans to submit an essay. There are other possibilities as well.

**Nominating Committee:** No report.

**Administrative Committee:** No report.

**Friends of JCHC:** No report.

**Special Projects- Judges Wall Committee:**

- Committee meeting this morning. On track with timeline so far.
- Overview: Phase II Updates and addition of Judge Greene's retirement
- Researching and writing bios: Rick, Ronda, Dan, Katharine, Sarah, Deborah, Crystal
  - 75% done now
- Photos: Our biggest challenge. We have over half, counting leads on photos.
  - 40% photos in possession; 17% found but not in possession; 43% missing
- Layout of wall: 20 District judges and 20 County judges (Jeffco/Gilpin) in Election Era (1876-1966); 17 Territorial Era judges (1861-1876), and 8-9 Frontier Era judges 1855-1861); lists of judges from other counties during Election Era, posted when county left 1<sup>st</sup> JD (n=50)
- Phase IV: Other county judges will be features on websites eventually.
- Articles for *Historically Jeffco* featuring project
  - Coverage of December rollout (story Lee Katherine wrote for website, possibly, and pictures (1/2-1 page with several pictures)
  - Rick: Article on Colorado Territorial Era



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- Dan: Article on Election Era
- Judge Gaspar Perricone story... connects with Staunton State Park
- Interesting judge stories

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 1 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, Westminster Room 1556/67.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectively submitted,

*Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary*