



c/o Planning & Zoning, 100 Jefferson County Pkwy. #3550, Golden, CO 80419

**DRAFT: Jefferson County Historical Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting- June 5, 2017**

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's February meeting was called to order at 2:03 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, Margaret Chapman, Richard Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Rita Peterson, Bonnie Scudder, Cynthia Shaw, and Leda Thaler. **Unexcused member:** Mary Lindsey.

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

**Guests:** Katy Lewis, Curator of the Lakewood Heritage Center

**Approval of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Minutes:**

On a motion by Rita Peterson and seconded by Margaret Chapman, the minutes were approved as written and will be filed in the JCHC records.

**Chair Comments and Agenda Changes:**

- Symposium on May 13<sup>th</sup>: Cynthia Shaw reported that the feedback was very positive. County Commissioner Casey Tighe and Don Davis, recently appointed as Manager of Jefferson County, were in attendance and spoke very favorably.
- Upcoming Events include:
  - July 27-30: Buffalo Bill Days
  - August 10-13: Jeffco Fair and Festival
  - August 27<sup>th</sup>: Boettcher Mansion's 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration
  - September 23-24<sup>th</sup>: Staunton State Park's Living History Days

**Guest Presentation:** Katy Lewis, Curator of the Lakewood Heritage Center (LHC), discussed the center's program, mentioning that they offer a monthly speakers' program and an oral history program. They are happy to assist the Jefferson County Historical Commission with our projects. The Lakewood Historical Society has around 35 current members. They have been in existence since the 1970s and have a museum, the Lakewood Historic Preservation Committee, and they are connected with the City of Lakewood. Leda Thaler stated that the Lakewood Heritage Center has lots of events and happy to collaborate. Lakewood's Cider Days in the fall would be a good opportunity for JCHC and the LHS to participate in a cooperative event. Their facility includes: barn, schoolhouse (1868), and a theater. It was suggested that this be considered as a symposium site. Dennis Dempsey mentioned that JCHC had previously undertaken a



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comprehensive cultural research survey and it was due for an update. Lakewood did one on a smaller scale of a section on West Colfax. They also can provide support in the areas of grant-writing and funding. Katy would love to collaborate on a brainstorming committee with JCHC.

- Cynthia Shaw announced that the Board of County Commissioners has requested that JCHC review applicants for the open positions and rank them according to the BCC District they would potentially represent. A committee consisting of Cynthia Shaw, Lee Katherine Goldstein, and Rita Peterson will convene to rank the applicants and coordinate their findings with Planning and Zoning.

**New Business:** None

**Staff Reports:**

- Ronda Frazier- Archivist- GIS Project: There are several aspects to this project, including story maps and j-maps. It will link to the Place Names database. Dennis suggested beginning with a pilot project area, a smaller area whereas different mapping options could be tested. A motion was made by Rita Peterson and seconded by Margaret Chapman to utilize the information from Jeffco Landmarks applications as a starting point for the GIS Project. It passed unanimously. Ronda will talk with Barb Morey to determine templates for this project. Ronda also announced that the Golden History Museum will have a one-day outreach “History Harvest” in 2018. Grants will be available.
- Dennis Dempsey-
  - Budget Report: No change. Rita mentioned that a \$500.00 deposit needs to be made to Mount Vernon Country Club for October’s Hall of Fame event. Dennis announced that on December 11<sup>th</sup>, JCHC will have their Holiday meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss our programs and work plans for the various committees for the new year.
  - Allen City Public Library in Ft. Wayne, IN wants copies of all *Historically Jeffco* magazines. It was decided that we would charge \$5.00 per copy, plus shipping. A motion to this effect was made by Leda Thaler and seconded by Rita Peterson. The proceeds would go to the Friends of JCHC.

**Committee and Task Force Reports:**

- **Historic Preservation and Landmark Committee:** Dennis Dempsey
  - An application may be submitted for a cabin in Evergreen. Two other new Landmark applications for structures in Evergreen are pending.
- **Education and Outreach Committee:** Cynthia Shaw



- Symposium was discussed earlier. Buffalo Bill Days is Golden's big party. This year marks 100 years since Buffalo Bill's burial. Those interested in participating are asked to e-mail Cynthia.
- Rick may be able to schedule a tour of Magic Mountain, per his earlier e-mail.
- **Publications Committee:** Margaret Chapman
  - Margaret reviewed the status of the *Historically Jeffco* magazine. Any article that has not yet been received, and its accompanying photos, must be submitted to her so that she can edit them and provide them to Doyle by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - It is possible that a rebuttal to an article appearing in the 2016 magazine on Where the Westall Train Wreck really happened may be submitted. The author of said article will be invited to a JCHC meeting.
- **Hall of Fame and Writers' Awards:** Rita Peterson
  - Several applications have been received for the Writer's Awards. They are currently being edited.
- **Administrative Committee:** Cynthia Shaw
  - A letter will be sent to the County Commissioners requesting that new commission members be appointed now for the vacancies on the Commission.
- **Friends of JCHC:** Leda Thaler
  - A \$100.00 donation from the Mountain Rendezvous Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honoring JCHC member Bonnie Scudder was received. She will be presented with the DAR Historic Preservation Recognition Award for her volunteer work on the Judges Wall Project with the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District.
- **Special Projects- Judges Wall Committee:** Bonnie Scudder
  - We have a name for our earliest era. Map donor Wes Brown recommended "Initial Gold Rush Era." Dan, Rick and I discussed this on Friday and decided that "Gold Rush Era" fit the bill. Gold Rush Era will be 1858-61. Colorado Territorial Era is 1861-76, and Election Era is 1876-1966.
  - We have the historic 1862 map in our possession. It will be matted and framed for display. This is a scan of Wes Brown's original copy. Scanning and printing was done by the Denver Public Library Western History and Genealogy Department. The map was donated to JCHC and the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District.
  - Biographies are 97% complete and we have or will have photos on 81% of the Phase III judges.
  - We need to order lettering and numbering, and have our maps and sketches prepared utilizing the current budget, which ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have additional funding available later this summer which will allow us to complete our Phase III display and update Phase II.



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- We will hold a JW committee meeting in July.
- We hope to roll-out Phase III in late August or early September. The DAR donation will be used for this purpose.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, Westminster Room 1556/67.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Rita Peterson and seconded by Lee Katherine Goldstein, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

*Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary*