



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

Jefferson County Historical Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting- August 7, 2017

The Jefferson County Historical Commission's August 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, Steve Engle, Richard Gardner, Lee Katherine Goldstein, Rita Peterson, Bonnie Scudder, Dick Scudder, Cynthia Shaw, and Leda Thaler. **Excused member:** Margaret Chapman.

Staff attending: Dennis Dempsey, Ronda Frazier, and Sarah Rosenberg.

Guest: Bob Schoppe, Denver, South Park and Pacific Historical Society in Fairplay

- **Guest Presentation:** Bob Schoppe, Westall Train Wreck story author. Bob met with the Commission to discuss an article he has written as a counter to last year's article in *Historically Jeffco* about the same topic. Last year's article was in response to the first article on the subject, which was published in 2015. Bob had several concerns he wished to address. The article referred to Bob as "Professor Doctor" which was confusing as he not a professor, nor does he hold a Ph.D. Dick Scudder (JCHC) explained that this term was meant as a compliment and that in the German culture it is frequently used as a sign of high respect. Bob is confident that the referenced train wreck accident happened where it was originally reported, near Dome Rock, and not at the alternative location as mentioned in the referenced article. Bob explained his position in his article, which will be published in the 2017 *Historically Jeffco* magazine. There was a discussion of fact-checking procedures for the magazine and how to improve them.

Approval of July 10, 2017 Minutes:

On a motion by Rita Peterson and seconded by Leda Thaler, the minutes were approved as corrected and will be filed in the JCHC records.

Correspondence:

Historical Authors Book Launch and Signing at Augustana Elk Run Assisted Living Center (Evergreen) 5:00-7:00 pm. JCHC members John Steinle and Bonnie Scudder, and JCHC Hall of Fame honoree, Hank Alderfer, will share their books.

Chair Comments and Agenda Changes:

- There were no changes to the agenda.



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- BCC has approved the following JCHC appointments:
 - Reappoint Bonnie Scudder (move from At-large to District 3, replacing Max Lankston)
 - Appoint John Steinle (At-large, replacing Bonnie Scudder)
 - Appoint Steve Engle (District 2 replacing Tom Keefe)
 - Appoint Richard Scudder (At-large replacing Mary Lindsey)
 - Terms expire 9/30/2020, except for Richard Scudder, who is appointed to an unexpired term which expires 9/30/2018.

New Business:

- Jeffco Fair and Festival preparation: This four-day event is August 10-13. Lee Katherine shared the schedule and confirmed the logistics. Dick Scudder will make cards or half-sheets with JCHC contact and social media information. Set-up will be on Thursday. The display will include posters and brochures. *Historically Jeffco* copies will be available with a \$5.00 donation.
- Old Rockland Schoolhouse/Grange Building: The grange, now a private home, was once owned by Jefferson County Public Schools. Steve Engle is gathering records on the grange. Deborah Andrews is interested in the initial documentation on how the grange was built. Pictures and drawings of this structure are needed. Cynthia Shaw stated that there are some pictures of the grange at the Boettcher Mansion. Ronda Frazier is interested in this project.
- New Arapahoe City Plaque: Richard Gardner shared a photo of the new plaque indicating where this town once was. Unfortunately, there are several mistakes on the plaque.
- CPI Endangered Places List: Lee Katherine Goldstein mentioned that the deadline for nomination to this list was very near. Dick and Bonnie Scudder mentioned the “Octagon Building at Shaffer’s Crossing.” Lee Katherine Goldstein moved and Leda Thaler seconded a motion to nominate this building. The motion passed.

Staff Reports:

- Ronda Frazier- Archivist: No report.
- Dennis Dempsey- Planning and Zoning:
 - Budget Report: The report was distributed. There is no change in the budget.



- JMap update: Historical sites and structures mapping layer – JMap, the County’s Geographical Information System (GIS), is adding an historical properties layer to the GIS system.

Committee and Task Force Reports:

- **Historic Preservation and Landmark Committee:** Dennis Dempsey
 - The Landmark Designation Committee (LDG) reviewed three Jeffco Landmark applications; the Hilltop Cabin, 1522 Bergen Parkway and the Octagonal Barn. John Steinle (JCHC) spoke about 1522 Bergen Parkway and he does not feel that much additional information on this structure will surface. John will check to see what primary documentation exists. The Hilltop Cabin and 1522 Bergen Parkway Landmark applications needed additional research prior to designating either site as a Jeffco Landmark. The Octagonal Barn Landmark designation was approved.
- **Education and Outreach Committee:** Cynthia Shaw
 - It was suggested that posters be created to feature various activities of the JCHC.
 - At some point, JCHC might want to showcase the historical information available through cemeteries.
 - Cynthia Shaw suggested a Halloween get-together for the JCHC at the Boettcher Mansion, which is said to be haunted. The event could include a visit to the Rockland Cemetery. Sarah Rosenberg, Cynthia Shaw, Steve Engle, and Lee Katherine Goldstein will plan this event.
 - Over 500 people attended the Boettcher Mansion’s 100th birthday celebration.
- **Publications Committee:** Ronda Frazier
 - Ronda is taking the lead on the publication of the *Historically Jeffco* during Margaret Chapman’s absence. She is busy editing the articles and waiting for a few to be submitted. Several commission members will proof the articles. The magazine needs to go to press early in September.
- **Hall of Fame and Writers’ Awards:** Rita Peterson
 - Hall of Fame honorees this year are: Bob Briggs and Buffalo Bill Cody (historic)
 - Three will be honored for their entries in the Writers’ Awards: CSU Extension, Katie Ordway, and Theodora Ciobanu (youth award).
 - The Hall of Fame event has a limit of 100 persons.
- **Administrative Committee:** Cynthia Shaw
 - The December meeting will be December 11th. The County Commissioners will attend.
 - Cider Days will be October 7-8th.



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- **Friends of JCHC:** Leda Thaler
 - No report.
- **Special Projects- Judges Wall Committee:** Bonnie Scudder
 - Bios are done. Photos are coming in, with 44 of 73 in our possession. We are expecting four more. Some descendants have helped find photos. Ronda is proofing the bios. Proclamations will be researched and written.
 - Rita is checking out historical pictures for the Gold Rush display. Rick may have a picture we can use. He will check public domain
 - We have asked for \$1,000 from next year's administrative 1st JD budget to finish Phase III and proceed with Phase IV. Gail Pickard will speak with Chief Judge Phil McNulty about a roll-out event for the JW Project.
 - Phase IV will be addressed in 2018. Dan and his team will identify the judges. Letters will be written about the project and sent to other JDs, museums, libraries, historical societies, archives, etc. requesting bio information and photographs. Technological skills will be needed to prepare the materials for on-line posting on several websites.
- **Informal Reports:**
 - Rick announced that the Buffalo Rose and the Piggly Wiggly buildings in Golden are being approved as historic properties by the City of Golden.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11th from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, Westminster Room 1556/67.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie E. Scudder, Secretary