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Bob, Gregg:

We've formed ourselves into 3 sub-committees within which we will conduct our work. These sub-committees are (1) Research and Writing, (2) Programming and Exhibits, and (3) Precedents and Resolutions.

(1) the Research and Writing group will locate and analyze primary documents and other material, and write-up findings about John Evans's relationship to Sand Creek.

(2) Programming and Exhibits: We're looking to get something going in the way of an exhibit about Sand Creek for the DU Anthropology Museum Gallery. Anderson Academic Commons is another venue in which we can think about exhibits. Steve Fisher is our liaison with the DU 150th Anniversary Committee so he'll keep that group apprised of what we're thinking and doing, especially around events that could use their financial support (e.g., funding for the exhibit and opening event, a speaker series that we'd be pleased to organize, etc.).

(3) Precedents and Resolutions: This group will look at what other institutions and entities have done to commemorate tragic events and foster reconciliation, and brainstorm about what we can do here at DU and propose to the City of Denver. We have a "Precedents" page on our Portfolio site that contains material on this topic.

Our Portfolio site is here: <http://portfolio.du.edu/evcomm>. No log-in is required. We've added some committee members including Colorado's former state historian David Halaas and representatives from DU's Native Student Alliance. We're working with the Tribes and plan to stay in touch with the United Methodist Church.

We've been in touch with our colleagues at Northwestern. Committee members from both institutions are planning to meet at the Sand Creek Historic Site on August 20. This meeting will be preceded by two days of additional meetings in Denver and visits to other historic sites that are connected with the Sand Creek story. At Sand Creek we'll be joined by some independent scholars and the site's Superintendent.

Thanks,
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