Oregon Historical Marker Committee Meeting Minutes

Oregon Historical Society, Portland, Oregon Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Committee Participants:

Richard Engeman Eliza Canty-Jones George Forbes
Robert Keeler Marty Klug Dick Matthews

Clark Niewendorp Wayne Sharp

Absent:

Stan McDonald David Porter

Staff Participants:

Kyle Walker Jenn Smith

Guests:

Roger Brandt George Edmonston, Jr. Gretchen Harmon
Sue Denzmore Carl Gruber Suzy Gruber

1) Call to order

Richard called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Self-introductions were made.

2) Approval of the November 13, 2012 Minutes

Eliza had one correction on Jim Walker's name. Robert moved to accept the minutes with the change. Eliza seconded the motion. The minutes passed with no dissenting votes.

3) New Marker Applications

a. **View Master at Oregon Caves:** Roger made a presentation on the View Master's invention and how it came to be produced in the summer of 1936/37 and introduced at the 1939 World's Fair. There was some discussion about where the Marker would be placed. Roger said there were two options – up near the Château and the other in the parking lot.

Eliza asked about the funding for the Marker. Roger said he will be working on getting sponsors for it.

George made a motion to accept the application. Dick 2nd; the motion passed with no dissenting votes.

It was agreed the dedication would take place in late September 2013.

b. **First Oregon Pinot Noir:** After the Committee reviewed and discussed the application, it was decided to table until further documentation could be obtained proving the claim. The Committee also had questions about funding and placement of the Marker.

4) Marker Projects

- a. Jedediah Smith: Bob said the overall layout and appearance are fine. There will be some changes in the text. Bob and Eliza will finish it up. The question about who did the map was asked. The Committee would like to have credit for the map designer on the Marker. In addition, they would like a different beaver pelt graphic.
- b. **Coos Bay/Hollering Place:** Bob asked how they will be grouping the Markers at the Hollering Place. The Committee would like to get a sketch of the proposed layout. Dick asked for clarification on what the military facility was.

Clark said the text on the Geology/Dunes Marker is ok, but the order needs to be changed. He is concerned about the terminology.

- c. Dayton: Richard and Dick had some questions and concerns about the text for this Marker. They decided they would talk via email. They decided they needed to speak with Kelly at the city to get clarification on what the focus of the Marker should be. In addition, they would like to get images of the bandstand and fountain.
- **d. Joel Perkins park:** Bob said the focus was not clear and the text needed to be word-smithed down. In addition there needs to be some photos. The Committee agreed this needed to go back to the city of Lafayette for more information and clarity.

5) Marker Projects Updates

- a. Champoeg: The sign is ready and staff is waiting to find out where it will be placed.
- **b.** Captain Robert Gray: Wayne told the Committee the text has been approved and it is at the routers and in in process. He thought a proof should be ready this week.

c. Recently approved applications

i.-iii Largest exposure of upper mantle rock in North America, Oregon Gold Rush site, Rough & Ready Creek alluvial fan: Roger reviewed the progress of the applications and said they are on schedule. He is working on collecting photos, maps, etc. and expects they will be ready for installation in 2014.

Roger presented an idea to use some of the native rocks for the base of the markers.

iv. Chief Depoe aka Depoe Charlie: Eiliza asked if there was anyone able to take on this Marker as its sponsor. After discussion, it was decided that since there is not a sponsor or an identified location, it would be put on the back burner for now.

6) **Council Report:** Kyle introduced herself and told the Committee that staff and Council are currently working on budgeting, strategic planning and financial stability.

7) Committee Member Reports/New Business

- **a. Volunteer Report:** Wayne said the volunteers have completed the Canyon Creek marker and it's ready for OTE to re-install it.
- **b. New Business:** Some options for new Marker designs were discussed. The Committee requested clarification on the reason for the design change.

Staff received a letter from a citizen regarding the Dry River and its lack of signage. The Committee agreed it was probably best to just ask ODOT to place a sign rather than a Historical Marker.

8) 2013 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the second month of the quarter, unless otherwise specified.

May 14, 2013 – DOGAMI August 13, 2013 – OTE

Adjournment

Richard called for the meeting to adjourn at 11:24 am.