Oregon Historical Marker Committee Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Committee Participants:

Robert Keeler, Chair Lina Ma

Gwenn Baldwin Kelly Cannon-Miller
Eliza Canty-Jones Charlotte Lehan
Chris Bell David Porter

Absent:

George Forbes Ed Washington
Bob Garcia Marty Klug

Jack Carroll

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz Jessica Carbone Jim Denno

1) Call to Order/ Introductions

Keeler called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Self-introductions were made.

2) Approval of the Minutes

Porter moved to approve the November 14, 2017 minutes as submitted. Bell seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3) Marker Replacements/ Priority Replacement List

The Committee reviewed the 2011 text review and priority replacement list. After a discussion of marker condition and relevance, the Committee reorganized the top priority list into a one and two-year completions. Broughton's Expedition, Beacon Rock and Tsunami of 1700 will be completed this year. Due to the need for a more in-depth text review, Pre-historic River, Cape San Sebastian and Brownsville were placed on a two-year replacement list. Bannock War and Battle Mountain will be removed due to safety concerns and will be replaced with updated content in the future. Ma took the lead on the review of the Tsunami of 1700. Baldwin took the lead on Beacon Rock and Porter is lead on the Broughton's Expedition. They will each have an outline of topics for the next meeting.

It was noted to speak to the Grand Ronde, Siletz and Cow Creek Tribes about the content of Dead Indian Memorial Road marker.

4) Current Marker Projects

A. Cannon Beach Marker

The sail of the ship has been redesigned. Due to a question of the content on the sentence of who moved the cannon into the creek and which creek it was, Canty- Jones will revise the sentence to say, "Mid-shipmen Simes and others moved the cannon" and correct the name of the creek to Austin Creek.

B. The Dalles to Canyon City Wagon Road

The committee discussed the revised text and made some suggestions for changes. Canty-Jones will work on an updated version for the next meeting. Baldwin will investigate further into details of the stage coach robbery.

C. Fort Stevens

Canty-Jones presented updated text to the Committee. The committee reviewed the text and made suggested edits. The text will be sent out to all interested parties for their feedback.

D. Triple Nickles in Pendleton

March 3, 2018 Bob Bartlett will be giving a presentation on the Triple Nickles at a History Pub night in Pendleton, OR. The goal of the presentation is to educate the community about the history of the battalion and build support for the creating of a new marker in Pendleton. Von Domitz will also be scouting out possible sign locations during the trip.

E.Willamette Post

The Salemtowne Volunteers have reported some of the boards on this marker are rotted beyond repair and need to be replaced. Von Domitz will confirm with Jack Carroll, the Salemtowne crew foreman, about the extent of the damage once he is back in town at the end of the month.

5) Warm Springs Trip

The Committee will meet with The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on May 14 at 10am. The car pool will be leaving Salem at 6:30 am and will return from the trip at approximately 3 pm.

6) Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks

There will be a workshop about this project at the Oregon Heritage Conference, April 11, 2018 at 9:00 am. The workshop will be the kick-off conversation to the project. The goal of the conference is to build support and begin stakeholder engagement.

7) Old Business

Keeler asked if there was any new information about the Indian Marathon marker. Bell said that there has not been any communication from the City of Grants Pass on funding the marker, but he will reach out to them.

8) Committee Member Report/New Business:

- **A. Volunteer Report:** Von Domitz reported for Jack Carroll, who was not able to attend this morning. The Salemtowne Volunteers have the Ft. Clatsop, Ft. Stevens and Willamette Post marker in their shop. The volunteers are planning to visit the Southern Coast this summer.
- **B.** Council Report: Denno introduced himself. The agency is filling a couple of open positions and is working on a revised budget. There are no major concerns in the upcoming legislative session.

9) 2017 Meeting Schedule

May 15 - Warm Springs Meeting August 14 - Salem November 13 - TBA

The committee discussed the possibility of a Summer dedication of the Cannon Beach marker.

10) Adjourn at 3:03 pm