

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Oregon Historical Society- Hatfield Room  
1200 SW Park Ave, Portland, Or 97205  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

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**Committee Participants:**

Robert Keeler	Ed Washington
Kelly Cannon-Miller (phone)	Gwenn Baldwin
Eliza Canty-Jones	Chris Bell, Chair (phone)
David Porter	George Forbes
Bob Garcia, Vice-Chair	

**Absent:**

Jack Carroll    Charlotte Lehan

**Staff Participants:**

Annie von Domitz	Jessica Carbone
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- **Call to Order/ Introductions**

Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:07pm. Self-introductions were made.

- **Approval of the Minutes**

Carbone read corrections provided by Bell, which consisted of minor spelling and punctuation corrections. *Garcia moved to approve the August 14, 2018 minutes as amended. Baldwin seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.*

- **Current Marker Projects**

**Fort Stevens Marker**

Canty-Jones presented the most current draft of the marker text. The committee discussed recommended edits provided by Robert Kenta. Keeler suggested changing “Fort Stevens began in 1863” sentence to say, “Fort Stevens opened in 1863 during the civil war.” The committee then discussed changing the name of the marker from Fort Stevens State Park to just Fort Stevens. The new content of the marker addresses the history of the location and the construction of the fort, not the designation of the location as a State Park.

**Beacon Rock**

Baldwin presented the current draft text. She continues to reach out to the Yakama Tribe, but has not received feedback about the story of the Indian Maidan. Von Domitz suggested reaching out to the Intergovernmental Cultural Resources Coalition (ICRC). The committee then discussed possible text changes. Bell will provide Baldwin with the contact information of the Yakama Tribe representative on the ICRC. Baldwin will continue to seek feedback from the Yakama Tribe.

### **Broughton's Expedition**

Porter presented the most current draft of text for review and comment. The committee discussed content and suggested editorial and textual edits. Porter will make edits and bring the text back to committee.

### **Great Tsunami 1700**

Von Domitz provided the current marker text with comments and edits from Robert Kentta, Office of Emergency Management and DOGAMI. The committee suggested editorial and textual edits. Von Domitz will send the current text to Sea Reach and ask them to provide better illustrations.

### **555<sup>th</sup> in Pendleton**

Keeler has worked with Bob Bartlett to condense the original marker content down to pedestal size. Keeler said that a question about the accurate number of fires and jumps preformed has been raised. The committee discussed content and suggested editorial and text edits. The committee hopes to add a more personal aspect to the story in the captions of the photos. Possibly, even using quotes from interviews of the 555<sup>th</sup>. Keeler will reach out to Bartlett for comment on the current draft and to inquire if can provided any more pictures. The current content will be sent to Sea Reach to begin the first draft of the marker.

### **Nez Perce Marker**

Bell reported that he sent the text to Veronica Redstar and she did not have a lot of feedback. Von Domitz will send out the draft text to the committee via email for comments.

### **The Dalles to Canyon City Wagon Road**

Von Domitz said there was nothing new to report. She continues to work with representatives from Warm Springs for feedback on its content.

### **Willamette Post**

Von Domitz said the Salemtowne volunteers reported that the sign was too badly damaged to repair and will need to be replaced. Porter volunteered to lead the text revision.

### **Philomath College**

Von Domitz said the Salemtowne volunteers were able to make the necessary repairs to replace the marker. Their estimate is the sign will last another five years before it will need to be replaced.

- **Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks**

Canty- Jones said that a project advisory committee is almost completely assembled. The first meeting is planned to take place by mid-January.

## Old Business

- **Scottsburg Project**

Bell had nothing new to report. ODOT continues to work on the project.

- **Committee Member Report/New Business:**

- **Volunteer Report:** Von Domitz said that Salemtowne has piles of projects to work for the wintertime. They continue to work very hard exceed expectations.
- **Council Report:** Garcia said there was not a lot new to report. Washington thanked the committee for what they do on behalf of the Council.
- **Committee Elections:** George Forbes expressed his interest to continue as a Member-at-Large, but due to time constraints the committee was unable to vote. The vote will be tabled until the next meeting.

- **2019- Meeting Schedule**

February 12 - OTE Offices

May 14 – Leach Botanical

August 13 – OTE Offices/ Volunteer Appreciation

November 12 - TBD

- **Adjourn at 2:51 pm**