

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Leach Botanical Garden
Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

Committee Participants:

Chris Bell, Chair Robert Keeler
Nancy DeSouza David Porter
Eliza Canty-Jones Gwenn Baldwin (Phone)

Absent:

Ed Washington, Charlotte Lehan, Jack Carroll, Bob Garcia, George Forbes, Kelly Cannon-Miller

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz Jessica Carbone Jim Denno

Call to Order/ Introductions

Bell called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes

DeSouza suggested adding her name as a guest and made a few other grammatical corrections. *Because of the lack of quorum approval, the February 12, 2019 minutes were tabled until the next meeting.*

Current Marker Projects

- **Conflict at Pistol River Marker**
Garcia has sent the current text to representatives with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Robert Kenta and is waiting for feedback. Von Domitz followed up with Commissioner Boice on the status of the marker.
- **Broughton's Expedition**
Porter presented the most current 125 word count draft text for review and comment. The committee discussed suggested editorial and textual edits. Porter will make edits and bring the text back to committee.
- **Great Tsunami 1700**
Von Domitz was unable to get any tsunami specific maps from DOGAMI but is working with SeaReach to find new artwork to show how far water levels would rise in a tsunami to replace the current illustration.
The committee continues to look for a geologist to fill an open seat on the committee.
- **555th in Pendleton**
Von Domitz said that the final marker has been approved by the Triple Nickles association and the City of Pendleton. The Triple Nickles association decided to sponsor the marker to show

approval of the project. Once the production schedule is set a dedication date will be scheduled.

DeSouza called Baldwin to get her vote for quorum.

Porter made a motion to approve the final marker. DeSouza seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Nez Perce Marker**

Bell sent the edited text to Veronica Redstar but is waiting for feedback. Von Domitz is also waiting for feedback from Bobbie Connor.

- **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**

Keeler presented a first draft text for the marker. He worked with David Lewis to develop the text. Keeler also presented a list of questions for information that still needs to be verified.

The committee discussed the text's content and suggested edits. The next steps are to take any text revisions his questions to his identified experts.

- **Transcontinental Auto Race**

Bell has enlisted a team member to help him research this marker. He has made some edits to the text but has done a lot of additional research about the race. Bell and his team member will make edits and bring the revised text to the next committee meeting.

- **Dead Indian Memorial Road**

The sign is heavily damaged and cannot be saved. Because of the heavy work load the committee is currently handling, this project will be tabled until time allows.

Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks

Von Domitz said the RFP for this project closed May 10. There were five responses. The proposals are currently being scored. Once a proposal is chosen it will go before Full Council to approve the contract. She hopes to schedule a meeting with the contractor and the advisory committee in July.

Old Business

- **Indian Marathon**

Bell said that some funding has been acquired for the marker. Public interest in the marker has moved the application into a full project. Bell will lead the project. Draft text will be presented at the next meeting.

- **Fort Steven**

Von Domitz said that the sign is still at the ODOT sign shop. Due to construction in the shop building the sign has not yet been routed.

- **Beacon Rock**

Von Domitz said that the sign is still at the ODOT sign shop. Due to construction in the shop building the sign has not yet been routed. Von Domitz is working through the Cultural Clearance process with the Army Corp of Engineers at Bonneville.

- **Bannock War**

Due to public interest this project it has been moved from tabled to active. The marker will need a new location. The former location led to the marker consistently being damaged. The committee will set a meeting with the Burns Paiute Tribe to discuss this and other local markers. The target date for the meeting with the tribe will be May 2020. DeSouza volunteered to lead this project.

New Business:

Committee Member Report

- **Volunteer Report:** Von Domitz said that the committee would be welcome to tour the workshop at Salem town as part of the August meeting and volunteer appreciation. She will be meeting with Jack Carroll to work on a maintenance field trip and schedule that focuses on the signs in the Willamette Valley.
- **Council Report:** Denno said that agency is working hard in the management of the rest areas and the onboarding of three new rest areas in July.

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

August 13 – Salem- Volunteer Appreciation

November 12 – TBD

February 11 - TBD

- **Adjourn at 2:49 pm**