

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Salem Towne (Towne Center)
Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

Committee Participants:

Chris Bell, Chair Eliza Canty-Jones Gwenn Baldwin
Bob Garcia George Forbes

Absent:

Ed Washington, Jack Carroll, Nancy DeSouza, David Porter, Robert Keeler, Kelly Cannon-Miller

Guest: Alicia Sanhueza

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz Jessica Carbone

Call to Order/ Introductions

Bell called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. Self-introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes

Because of the lack of quorum for approval, the February 12, 2019 and the May 14, 2019 minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Elections

Due to a lack of quorum approval, election of officers and committee seats were tabled until the next meeting. A special telephonic meeting will be scheduled in September.

Current Marker Projects

- **Conflict at Pistol River Marker**
Garcia has talked with Robert Kentta. Garcia shared that there is a desire from the local community to replace the marker, but that we wanted to make sure it is accurate and represents a diversity of viewpoints. Kentta agreed to bring the text to the Siletz tribe for review.
- **Broughton's Expedition**
Porter was unable to join the meeting to present his most recent version of the text.
- **Great Tsunami 1700**
Von Domitz presented three different layout options for the Tsunami marker. She will share the committee's comments and recommendations with Sea Reach. They prefer the purple map, want to remove the illustration and move the "Be Prepared" text box closer to the bullet points.

- **Indian Marathon**

Bell continues to reach out to the U of O grad student who researched the event to begin developing the text for the marker. He hopes the work will begin in the fall, once she is back in Oregon. There is full funding for the marker.

- **Nez Perce Marker**

Bell sent the edited text to Veronica Redstar and asked if there was any additional feedback before the marker is replaced. If there is no comment the marker will be ready for installation.

- **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 some of its verbiage. There also may be some additional feedback from Bobbie Connor, von Domitz will reach out to her.

- **Willamette Post**

Keeler was unable to attend the meeting. There was no new draft text presented.

- **Transcontinental Auto Race**

Bell presented draft text. Von Domitz requested the names of the sources used. Members will make edits and send them to Bell. He will bring the revised text to the next committee meeting.

Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks

Canty-Jones said that the advisory committee met with the research contractor. She said the meeting went well. There was great discussion and clear direction. As the next step, HRA will begin conducting a large amount of research based on the committee's directions.

Old Business:

- **Triple Nickles**

Von Domitz said that dedication is planned for August 30. SeaReach will be installing the marker later this week. Travel Pendleton is planning a great dedication.

- **Fort Stevens**

The sign is ready and is waiting for installation. OPRD should be contacting von Domitz soon about the possible archaeological concerns with the sign's placement, then the installation can be scheduled.

- **Beacon Rock**

Von Domitz said the text is completed and the Salemtowne volunteers will be working on this project next. The stockpile of wood that the program has been using to build the signs has been depleted. Jack Carroll and staff from the TIC Sign Crew are working on a plan to make what is left of the wood usable for signage. After the next two signs a new supply of the wood will need to be sourced.

- **Bannock War**

The committee is still interested in arranging a meeting with Burns Paiute Tribe about this marker and the Oregon Trail Kiosks. Von Domitz will work the tribe to set up a date.

Committee Member Report

- **Council Report:** Garcia said the Council is in transition. Some of the Council members have completed their terms and they are welcoming Canty-Jones as a new member. Garcia is the new Chair and Mike Marsh is the new Vice-Chair. The next Council meeting will be September 9 in Astoria.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Training:** Carbone said that is now a requirement for all committee members to take a Diversity/ Respectful workplace training. She sent an email with a link to a Google Drive folder that contains a video of the training. Once the members have watched the video, they need to send an email saying they have completed watching the training and the date they completed it.

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

November 12 – OHS, Portland, OR

February 11 - TBD

- **Adjourn at 11:49 pm**