

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Oregon Historical Society  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

**Committee Participants**

Gwenn Baldwin	Kelly Cannon-Miller	Eliza Canty-Jones	
Nancy DeSouza	Bob Garcia	Robert Keeler	David Porter

**Absent:**

Chris Bell, Chair, George Forbes, Ed Washington,

**Staff Participants:**

Annie von Domitz	Jessica Carbone	Jim Denno
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**Call to Order/ Introductions**

Keeler called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

**Approval of the Minutes**

*Baldwin made a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 as submitted. DeSouza seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**Current Marker Projects**

- **Conflict at Pistol River Marker**

Garcia reported that the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz has the text and he is waiting for their feedback.

- **Broughton's Expedition**

Porter has sent the text to his contact, Christian, with the Confederated tribes of Warm Springs.

- **Great Tsunami 1700**

Von Domitz presented the most recent layout of the Tsunami marker graphic. The committee was pleased with the design. DeSouza recommended updating the text in preparation for the planned Tsunami warning system and change "There will be no official warning." to "There may be no official warning." With the final text change the marker layout was approved.

- **Indian Marathon**

Von Domitz presented the first draft text for Bell. The committee discussed the current draft of the text submitted by Tara, the UofO PHD candidate Bell is working with on this project. Von Domitz also described the community events planned around the marker. While there is information confirming the support of the Karuk Tribe, whose members won the race two years in a row, there were some concerns raised about the lack of feedback from the local area Tribes. The committee discussed possibly changing the focus of the marker from the race to the Redwood Highway and how the race was created to promote its creation. The committee would

like to invite Tara to the next meeting to further discuss outreach efforts and coordination with the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, Cow Creek and The Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde.

- **Nez Perce Marker**

Von Domitz reported for Bell that he is still working on gathering feedback. The text is 30 words over the text limit. DeSouza will make a draft slimming down the overall text while trying to not lose the content and send it to Bell.

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

Von Domitz said the sign frame is no longer salvageable and the entire sign must be replaced. She is currently trying to find funds for the marker's replacement, she will reach out to the city of Antelope to see if they could help with the funding.

- **Willamette Post**

Keeler presented the most recent draft text for the marker. It is at 117 words. The committee discussed editorial changes. He will bring the text to David Lewis and the Grande Ronde for comments, as well as, representatives of Champoeg and Friends of French Prairie.

- **Transcontinental Auto Race**

Von Domitz presented the most recent draft text for the marker on behalf of Bell. The committee discussed editorial changes and requested that the claim 350,000 people welcomed the car at the end of the race be fact checked. She will pass along all the edits to Bell.

### **Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks**

Von Domitz reported that HRA is in the middle of gathering their research. HRA has subcontracted with the Tamástslíkt and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to partner in their research. Cristy Curran from SHPO reached out to von Domitz about the project. There is interest in updating the kiosks on their property as well. There is also the possibility that they may have access to funding for the second half of the project.

### **Old Business**

- **Fort Stevens**

Von Domitz said that the sign is completed and has been installed.

- **Beacon Rock**

Von Domitz said the Beacon Rock marker is currently being routed at the ODOT sign shop.

- **Bannock War**

Von Domitz is still trying to set up a meeting with the Burns Paiute in May.

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

- **Council Report:** Garcia said the Council has welcomed three new Council members, Eliza Canty-Jones, Valerie Warren, and Oregon Transportation Commission appointee, Julie Brown. The Oak Grove rest area rebuild project is complete and the restroom buildings are open on both sides.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Training** Carbone resent the email with a link to a Google drive that contains a video of the training. She reminded the committee that the diversity/ respectful workplace training is due Dec. 20.
- **New Business**  
Von Domitz said that she has been thinking of a way to institutionalize the method and values that the committee has built over the years. She asked the committee to start thinking about what they could do to preserve the current values, possibly by developing a value statement and other ideas. She will send out resources in January so the topic can be discussed at the meeting in February and possibly form a subcommittee.

### **2020 Meeting Schedule**

February 4- TIC Offices, Salem

May- TBD

August 4- TIC Offices, Salem

November 3 - TBD

**Adjourn at 2:49 pm**