

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

Committee Participants

Chris Bell, Chair	Robert Keeler	Eliza Canty-Jones	Ed Washington
Nancy DeSouza	Bob Garcia	Kelly Cannon-Miller	David Porter
Gwenn Baldwin			

Staff Participants:

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

DeSouza made a motion to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes as submitted. Porter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Program Value Statement

Von Domitz presented a summary of all the phrases and main key words the committee best felt represented the ideals they would make a part of the program's value statement. The committee discussed the list and curated it down to six key points they thought were the most important.

A subcommittee was formed to develop key phrases to go along with the core points. The subcommittee includes Canty-Jones, Baldwin, and Washington.

Current Marker Projects

- **Conflict at Pistol River Marker**

Garcia is still waiting to hear from Robert Kentta. Von Domitz updated Garcia that she communicated with the new manager of the state park where the marker is located. The manager had reached out to inquire about the sign on behalf of some community members. She informed him that the committee would not move forward on the project without input from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. She told the park manager that if the community members were anxious to get a replacement marker and weren't attached to that specific topic, the committee would be willing to review applications for alternative marker topics.

- **Broughton's Expedition**

Porter has sent the text to his contact, Christian, with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and is waiting for feedback from the Warm Springs historical advisory committee. Von Domitz suggested connecting with the Warm Springs representation at the Commission of Indian Services.

- **Indian Marathon**

Bell said that Tara (the graduate student working on this topic for her thesis) was out of the state and unavailable for the meeting, but she did send the information of she thought best covered the questions of posted to her by the committee. Von Domitz felt better that Tara did provide a competent context that she had reached out to the local tribes, such as, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, Cow Creek, and The Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde. She would still like Tara to attend the next meeting to discuss any further questions.

- **Nez Perce Marker**

Bell is waiting for feedback from Veronica RedStar. Von Domitz is also waiting to hear from Bobbie Conner. She will give her a call later this week.

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

Von Domitz said that SeaReach could rebuild the frame for the sign for \$2,615. The other option is to completely redo the sign for just under \$7,000. Von Domitz has not had feedback from the city of Antelope for possible funding and the current climate makes future funding questionable. After discussion, the committee discussed the previous work done by the committee and the community desire to have the marker warrant spending the money to have the sign's frame rebuild and the marker replaced even without funding from the city.

Baldwin made a motion to approve rebuilding the frame and install The Dalles to Canyon City Wagon Road Marker. Washington seconded. The motion carried.

- **Willamette Post**

Keeler sent the text to David Lewis and State Parks and is waiting for a response.

Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks

Von Domitz reported that HRA is in the middle of gathering their research and has been working closely with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation gathering information.

Old Business

- **Transcontinental Auto Race**

Von Domitz said the Salemtowne volunteers have built the sign and it is at the ODOT sign shop waiting to be rerouted. The volunteers are looking forward to getting back to work.

Committee Member Report/New Business:

- **Council Report:** Garcia said the next Council meeting will be a telephonic meeting on June 15, 2020.

2020/2021 Meeting Schedule

August 4- Zoom/TBD

November 3 – TBD

February 2, 2021 – TIC Offices

Adjourn at 2:51 pm