

Oregon Historical Marker Committee

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Committee Participants: Bob Garcia, Chair; Chris Bell; Gwenn Baldwin; Kelly Cannon-Miller; Eliza Canty-Jones; Nancy DeSouza, Vice-Chair; David Porter; Ed Washington

Excused: Bob Keeler

Staff Participants: Annie von Domitz; Jessica Carbone; Jim Denno

Call to Order/ Introductions: Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: DeSouza proposed correcting “number” to “numbered” in the first line under the Second Bristow Marker. *DeSouza made a motion to approve the November 03, 2020 minutes as corrected. Keeler seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

New Marker Projects

Ruben Shipley Homestead: Von Domitz said that during the last meeting the committee wanted to confirm a location and community support for the project. On Tuesday she and Bell will visit the area to find a location. Roger Blaine, the project nominator, has provided a list of strong community supporters. Canty-Jones recommended reaching out to Gregory Nokes as well.

Baldwin made a motion to approve the application Ruben Shipley Homestead marker. DeSouza seconded. The motion passed.

DeSouza and Baldwin will be on the text review committee.

Current Marker Projects

- **Conflict at Pistol River Marker:** Garcia said there are no new updates for this marker. This project has been tabled until possible alternative stories could be found.
- **Broughton’s Expedition:** Porter said the current draft text has been reviewed by Canty-Jones and Christian. Christian is Porter's contact with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Christian revised the text to meet the concerns expressed by the Warm Springs historical advisory committee. There are no objections to the current text. Von Domitz will send out the text to the committee for their review and approval. The marker's title will be changed to River Highway.
- **Indian Marathon:** Bell said that there is not much to report. He and von Domitz will be reaching out to the Legislative Commission on Indian Affairs to connect with all tribes that may have input about marker content.
- **Nez Perce Marker:** Bell said there is no new news to report.
- **Willamette Post:** Von Domitz said Keeler was unable to attend this meeting and there is no update.
- **Beaver Hill:** Canty- Jones said that there is a lot of movement and a lot of exciting community engagement for this project. No location has been set as of the time of this meeting, but Bell

and von Domitz will be visiting potential sites soon. The final location of the marker will affect the marker text. She asked the committee for any concerns or suggestions about the content or tone of the current draft text. Baldwin said it was great content so far. The committee discussed possible clarification of the details of the marker. Canty- Jones will follow up on some of the questions brought up by the committee and relay how excited the committee is to work on this to the project group.

Priority List for Text Review: Von Domitz presented the updated 2018 priority text review list showing all the projects that have since been completed or removed. All the 2018 priority replacements have been completed. The committee discussed all the listed noted replacements, and which text should be reviewed next. Porter volunteered to research the Troutdale marker. Canty- Jones suggested projects that could be partnered with other organizations or groups or how the current stories could be changed to include different outlooks or groups. Bell said the Scottsburg marker will be redone as mitigation for a bridge project in the area. The committee discussed how involved the committee would be with the marker's content for the Scottsburg project. The First Coastal Expeditions and The Battle of Pistol River markers were moved to high-priority replacements. Canty-Jones also recommended Yaquina Bay. The new list of the high-priority replacements includes: Cape San Sebastian; Prehistoric River; The Frist Coastal Expeditions; Yaquina Bay; Dead Indian Memorial; The Battle of Pistol River. Cannon- Miller volunteered to investigate the content accuracy of the Prehistoric River.

Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks: Von Domitz reported that Morgan Young our contractor with HRA has been working closely with the staff at the Umatilla Indian Reservation. She is beginning to work on the draft text. There is continued effort to reach out to stakeholders, especially the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to collaborate on the text for Memaloose and Burnes Piute Tribe for the text in Ontario.

Old Business:

- **The Dalles to Canyon City Wagon Road:** Von Domitz shared additional content for this marker provided by Zackery Stocks. She said that since the frame was too damaged to be reinstalled, funding will need to be found to replace the entire marker. The committee agreed to include this additional information into the marker as a picture with captions. Von Domitz will reach out to SeaReach for a new design.

Committee Member Report/New Business: Canty-Jones said that work is going well with the agency, finances are strong. Staff are working on the next biennium budget.

2021 Meeting Schedule

May 4, 2021 – TBD

August 3, 2021- TBD

Adjourn at 2:42 p.m.