

Oregon Historical Marker Committee

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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

Excused: Gwenn Baldwin; David Porter

Guest: Robert Olguin, SHPO

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

Call to Order/ Introductions: Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: Canty-Jones and Bell suggested corrections and edits to the draft minutes. *Bell made a motion to approve the April 30, 2021 minutes as corrected. Canty-Jones seconded. The motion carried.*

SHPO/ National Historic Register Partnership: Von Domitz introduced Robert Olguin. Olguin is with the State Historical Preservation Office and is National Register Program Coordinator for the State of Oregon.

He gave a presentation to the committee about the National Historic Registry and the qualifications to nominate a place or property. He and von Domitz have discussed the different ways the two programs could work together. There are more and more places the programs are possibly overlapping. He sees thematic listings as an area both programs can work together. A thematic nomination dealing with African American History would include areas such as Vanport or Mount Union Cemetery. These are both locations that overlap with historical markers. On the other hand, if a site is awarded (did he say awarded or was it just "applying for"?) Historical Registry status, but has no physical representation, that nominator could reach out to the committee for a possible marker.

Current Marker Projects

- **Conflict at Pistol River Marker:** Garcia said there are no new updates for this marker.
- **Broughton's Expedition (River Highway):** Von Domitz said that the marker has been routed and is ready to be installed. There are some logistical challenges with the installation, but it should be installed soon.
- **Indian Marathon:** Bell said that there is not much to report. Von Domitz has not been able to connect with Roger Brant. The local community may want to investigate other opportunities for the marker's installation.
- **Nez Perce Marker:** von Domitz said that she has not yet had any feedback back from Bobbie Conner. The current text has way too many words and needs to be cut down by almost half. Bell will reach out to Veronica RedStar again.
- **Willamette Post:** Keeler has not had any feedback on the text from the managers of Champoege State Park. Von Domitz has not had any feedback from The Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde. They will try to reach out to them again. It may be possible to reach out to David Lewis again.

- **Beaver Hill:** Canty-Jones said there is great text and images. The information has been sent to SeaReach to design the layout of the marker. A draft of the marker is expected soon. The marker is fully funded.
- **Ruben Shipley:** Von Domitz said that the kickoff meeting for all interested parties should be happening very soon. The City of Philomath is very excited about the project and has approved the initially proposed site location.

Priority List for Text Review: Von Domitz presented the updated 2020 priority text review list. With the information provided by Cannon-Miller, the Prehistoric River was downgraded on the priority list. She suggested picking a couple of topics on this list to work on since quite a few of the current marker projects have become delayed. Von Domitz will reach out to Robert Kentta about the Cape San Sebastian marker. Garcia suggested asking Kentta which one of these would be a priority to the Siletz Tribe.

Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks: Von Domitz said that the first draft text is still under review with Bobbie Conner and her team with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Tamástslikt. Von Domitz is very excited about the initial text that she has seen and cannot wait to share it with the group. The next step, once the text is approved by all the major stakeholders, is to send the project out for an RFP. Once the cost is determined that information will be used to apply for several grants.

Old Business:

- **The Dalles to Canyon City Wagon Road:** Von Domitz said that she has spoken to Zackery Stocks, with Oregon Black Pioneers, about possibly combining this project with a couple of others about Black history to apply for grants to fund its installation.

Committee Member Report/New Business: Canty-Jones reported the Council is busy. There is a lot of work being done in the rest areas. Large projects are happening concerning all the pavement in the rest areas as well as planning to bring all the rest areas up to ADA standards. Staff is currently working on the agency's 2021-23 budget.

2021 Meeting Schedule

August 3, 2021

November 2, 2021

Adjourn at 2:14 p.m.