

# Oregon Historical Marker Committee

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, 2021

**Committee Participants:** Bob Garcia, Chair; Chris Bell; Eliza Canty-Jones; David Porter; Nancy DeSouza, Vice-Chair; Bob Keeler; Ed Washington

**Excused:** Gwenn Baldwin; Kelly Cannon-Miller

**Guest:** Barbara Bonnem

**Staff Participants:** Annie von Domitz; Jessica Carbone

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**Call to Order/ Introductions:** Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

**Approval of the Minutes:** DeSouza suggested an edit to the draft minutes. *Bell made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 minutes as corrected. DeSouza seconded. The motion carried.*

## Elections:

**Officers (one-year term):** Bob Garcia – Chair; Nancy DeSouza – Vice-Chair

**Committee (three-year term):** Barbara Bonnem (new application); Gwenn Baldwin; Nancy DeSouza

Although Baldwin was unable to attend the meeting in person, she informed von Domitz of her intent to renew her term.

*Canty-Jones made the motion to accept the slate of officers and committee member applications and three-year term renewals as presented. Keeler seconded. The motion carried.*

## Current Marker Projects

- **Conflict at Pistol River Marker:** Garcia said there are no new updates for this marker.
- **Nez Perce Marker:** Bell said he has nothing new to report. He has not had any feedback on the latest text draft
- **Willamette Post:** Keeler said he has nothing new to report. He has not had any feedback on the draft text from the community partners. Von Domitz and Keeler will reach out to the different community partners for feedback.
- **Beaver Hill:** Canty-Jones said the marker project is in great shape and is currently in production with a completion date of September 3. There is a tentative timetable for the dedication in the third week of September.
- **Ruben Shipley:** DeSouza said the first draft text has been completed and is currently 151 words. Possible images for the marker are still being researched. The marker subcommittee is very happy with the current content. Von Domitz asked the committee to look over the text and provided any comments. Unfortunately, the original funding for the project fell through. Staff and community partners will be looking for funding opportunities and hope to have an installation in 2022.

**Priority List for Text Review:** Von Domitz presented the updated 2020 priority text review list. She asked the committee since a majority of the current marker projects are paused if they wanted to begin work

on any of the markers listed as priority reviews. The committee discussed the list and what the next projects should be. Porter volunteered to take lead on Cape San Sebastian. Bell volunteered to take lead on Brownsville with help from Keeler. Von Domitz will take the text from Boones Ferry, Boones Landing, and Brownsville and bundle them together as one larger project for The Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde to review.

**Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks:** Von Domitz asked the committee what they thought of the first draft text. The advisory committee partners are all happy with where the text is currently. There has been room left for feedback from The Burns Paiute Tribe and The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to revise content. There is an RFP out for the design phase of the project out currently; it closes on August 12.

**Old Business:**

- **River Highway installation:** Von Domitz shared a photo of the newly installed River Highway Marker.

**Council Member Report/New Business:** Canty-Jones said the agency had begun a new fiscal year. Even with all the things that happened over the last year the agency still was able to hit the budget. There is a lot of work being done in the rest areas. Large projects are happening concerning all the pavement in the rest areas. Director Jim Denno will be retiring at the end of the calendar year. Visitor counts in the rest areas are up over last year and, in some cases, the previous year. Garcia said that work is also being done to bring all the rest areas up to ADA standards.

The committee discussed how they could show appreciation to the Salemtowne Volunteers.

**2021/2022 Meeting Schedule**

November 2, 2021

February 1, 2022

May 3, 2022

August 2, 2022

**Adjourn at 2:14 p.m.**