



Travel Information Council
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MINUTES
Historical Marker Committee
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Members Participating: Bob Garcia, Chair; Gwenn Baldwin; Barb Bonnem; Eliza Canty-Jones; Nancy DeSouza, Vice-Chair; Bob Keeler; David Porter; Ed Washington

Excused: Chris Bell; Kelly Cannon-Miller

TIC Staff Participating: Beth Dehn; Jessica Carbone.

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Garcia at 1:13 p.m. Introductions were made for the record. All committee members and staff were present virtually.

Approval of the Minutes: Keeler and DeSouza proposed grammatical corrections to the minutes. Keeler made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022, minutes. Baldwin seconded. The motion carried. Vote 7-0.

Current Marker Projects:

- A. Conflict at Pistol River: Dehn reached out to Dani Padilla at OPRD to introduce herself in hopes to begin discussions of a new topic for this marker. Garcia reminded Dehn that the Confederated Tribe of the Siletz had been contacted for possible topic ideas as well.
- B. Nez Perce: Dehn reported that Bell said there were no updates at this time.

Porter joined the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

- C. Cape San Sebastian: Porter is still in communication with Dani Padilla to discuss possible marker topics. In the meantime, he is researching a possible geological topic to replace the current marker. He is in discussions with Lina Ma about the geologic island that the Siskiyou Mountains encompass.
- D. Yaquina Bay: Dehn reported that Cannon-Miller had no update at this time.
- E. Ona Beach (Replacing First Coastal Expeditions): Canty-Jones had no update at this time.
- F. Brownsville: Keller had no updates at this time but had an understanding that Bell had done some preliminary research.

Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosk Project Update: Canty-Jones said that she was happy to report the project received funding from National Trust for Historic Preservation in partnership with the Oregon Historical Society. She has a request to the Oregon Cultural Trust Partners for additional funding to complete phase two, the design phase of the project. The committee then discussed estimated timelines and funding for phases two and three.

Old Business

- A. **Willamette Post Marker Install:** Dehn said the project is very close to installation.
- B. **Shipley Family Marker Install & Dedication:** Dehn said that the text and design of this

marker have been approved and it is out for production after a very in-depth review process. Dehn thanked the committee for their work on this marker under its tight deadline. The dedication is currently scheduled to be held in July.

- C. **Jesse Applegate Marker:** Dehn said that about a month ago staff received a call from Douglas County that a storm had knocked the marker down. Because the marker was in such bad shape, the TIC sign crew picked it up and disposed of it. Dehn asked the committee how they wanted to prioritize this project. The committee discussed the marker's need of text revision and its prioritization within the current projects. The committee determined that the marker is not currently a high priority, but sufficient interest from community members, including assistance finding a new location and funding the marker, would increase its priority level.
- D. **Beaver Hill Marker Dedication:** The dedication is still on track for June 18, 2022, in partnership with the Coos History Museum. Garcia said that the community is very excited to have this dedication as part of their Juneteenth celebrations. Dehn and Executive Director Boxall are planning on attending. Dehn invited all the committee members to attend. Further event information will be sent out.

Committee Member Reports

- A. **Council Report:** Cauty-Jones said that the Executive committee is developing a standard evaluation process for the Executive Director position. The Executive Director is also developing a process of standard reporting from the Executive Director to the Council. Currently, one of the biggest challenges facing the agency is staff turnover. A large part of the Leadership team is new. Agency financials look good.
- B. **New Business**
 - 1. **Peter Skene Ogden at Collier State Park:** A ranger at Collier State Park has reached out to the committee about moving or removing the Peter Skene Ogden marker that currently sits in front of the logging museum. The park manager sent pictures of the marker's current condition. She mentioned that moving the marker was an option but could require an archeological study of the new location to complete. There are currently three markers about Ogden in the program. Dehn asked the committee if they felt since the park isn't excited about keeping the marker and there are currently three total markers about Ogden if this would be a marker they would want to decommission. Porter suggested moving the marker from the Collier State Park location to replace the marker located at Peter Skene Ogden State Park that features more problematic language. A final decision was tabled until August's meeting after a visit from the Salemtowne volunteers could provide a better assessment of the marker's physical condition.

2022-2023 Event and Meeting Schedule

June 18, 2022- Beaver Hill Mine Dedication (Coos Bay)

July 23, 2022 – (tentative) dedication of Shipley Family Marker (Philomath)

August 2, 2022- Salem, OR

November 1, 2022 – TBD

February 2, 2023 – TBD

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022, in Salem at 1:00 p.m.