



Travel Information Council
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MINUTES
Historical Marker Committee
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
Hybrid Meeting

Members Participating: Bob Garcia, Chair; Gwenn Baldwin; Barb Bonnem; Eliza Canty-Jones; Nancy DeSouza, Vice-Chair; David Porter; Kelly Cannon-Miller, Ed Washington; Sarah Jalving

TIC Staff Participating: Beth Dehn; Elizabeth Boxall; Jill Severson

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Garcia at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Porter proposed an attendance correction to the minutes. *Canty-Jones made a motion to approve the May 3, 2022 minutes with the change. Porter seconded. The motion carried.*

Public Comment: Garcia opened the floor for public comment. In absence of commenters, Garcia summarized the submitted written comment about the Cape San Sebastian marker. Porter noted concern in how to convey to the public the length of time it takes to make changes to a marker.

Introductions were made for the record. The committee welcomed Sarah Jalving who replaces Chris Bell as the ODOT liaison to the committee.

Elections: *Baldwin made a motion for Porter to be chair and DeSouza and Bonnem to be co-vicechairs for the term of one year. Jalving seconded. The motion carried.*

Baldwin made a motion to renew Cannon-Miller and Porter's membership on the committee for an additional three-year term. Garcia seconded. The motion carried.

Legislative Council on Indian Services (LCIS) Update: Garcia reported that he presented an overview of the agency and Historical Marker Program to the LCIS on July 19. He encouraged membership on the committee and opened conversation about how best to work with the Tribes during the interpretive process. Garcia noted that there was positive response from the chair of the Burns Paiute Tribe, and this was a positive government to government connection for the committee. He will send follow-up letters to tribal councils.

New Marker Application: Dehn presented the WJ Buckley Homestead application and summarized the location and historic materials presented. The committee discussed the location and significance of this homestead as compared to other early irrigation homesteads in the area. The committee determined Buckley doesn't meet the criteria for statewide or national significance. They commended the nominator's preservation work and recommended the applicant reach out to their local jurisdictions about local marker opportunities.

Current Marker Projects:

- A. **Cape San Sebastian:** Porter continued discussions with Lina Ma about the geologic island that the Siskiyou Mountains encompass.
- B. **Nez Perce:** Dehn reported that Bell passed this marker project on to her. He worked to reduce the text to 121 words. The committee reviewed the text and asked Canty-Jones to take a final look before confirming length with the ODOT Sign Shop and gaining approval from Redstar and Conner.
- C. **Conflict at Pistol River:** Dehn reported that she communicated with Padilla at Parks but has not made any additional progress.
- D. **Yaquina Bay:** Cannon-Miller reported that she has a first draft of the text. The draft focuses on the Tribes and foodways, as requested by Parks. Cannon-Miller is waiting to hear back from Parks before bringing the draft to the committee. The committee discussed whether to add a present-day aspect to a marker that will stand for several decades.
- E. **Ona Beach (Replacing First Coastal Expeditions):** Canty-Jones reported that she had not heard back from the contact at Parks. Dehn will follow-up.

Old Business:

- A. **Jesse Applegate:** Dehn reported that significant community interest has been demonstrated, the group offered to fund the marker, supply the wood, and assist with installation. The committee discussed the location challenges and priority level. The goal is to proactively tell a more complete story that matches the committee's values and will need consultation with tribes. The committee also discussed developing a statement about the Historical Marker brand so people can't put up a marker that looks similar without permission. Bonnem and Baldwin volunteered to help on the Applegate marker.
- B. **Peter Skene Ogden at Collier State Park:** Dehn reported that the Park has temporarily removed the marker and that the Salemtowne crew and sign manager confirmed from photos the condition was very poor. Committee discussed reasons to retain marker but determined Ogden's story is told on two other existing markers. *Baldwin motioned for the Peter Skene Ogden marker at Collier State Park be permanently removed. DeSouza seconded. Motion carried.*

Pending Projects Check-In: Dehn presented a list of projects she had questions about, and the committee provided details about progress. Dehn will use the information to add to the priority list for the November meeting.

Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosk Project Update: Canty-Jones reported that the project is officially in phase II- design. The project received a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust Partners to complete the phase II budget. A contract has been signed with Bryan Potter Design, Inc.

Committee Member Reports

- A. **Council Report:** Canty-Jones said that Council just began a new fiscal year and finances are strong. The Council is putting official finance policies in place. They appreciate Boxall's transparent and organized reporting. The Council is keeping an eye on future electric vehicle fueling opportunities and is preparing to embark on strategic planning. The committee discussed non-binary restrooms at the rest areas.
- B. **New Business:** Committee recognized Bob Keeler and Chris Bell for their service to the program.

2022-2023 Event and Meeting Schedule

November 1, 2022 – Hybrid in Salem
February 2, 2023 – TBD

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

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