



Travel Information Council
1500 Liberty St. SE, Suite 150
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MINUTES
Historical Marker Committee
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Hybrid Meeting

Members Participating: David Porter, Chair; Robert Olguin; Kelly Cannon-Miller (virtual); Diane DeAutremont (virtual); Amy Platt (virtual); Nancy DeSouza (virtual); Sarah Jalving (virtual); Katie Bush (virtual)

Excused: Dave Hedberg; Bob Garcia

Guest: Kimberly Gorman (virtual)

TIC Staff Participating: Beth Dehn, Jessica Carbone

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Porter at 1:02 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes: *DeSouza made a motion to accept November 5, 2024 minutes as presented. Cannon-Miller seconded. 7-0 Vote. Porter-yes; Cannon-Miller- yes; DeAutremont- yes; Platt- yes; DeSouza- yes; Jalving-yes; Bush- yes.*

New Member Application: Porter and Dehn introduced Kimberly Gorman, a reference archivist at State Archives, who came to the committee recommended by Stephanie Clark.

Jalving made a motion to accept Gorman to a three-year term on the committee. DeSouza seconded. 7-0 Vote. Porter-yes; Cannon-Miller- yes; DeAutremont- yes; Platt- yes; DeSouza- yes; Jalving-yes; Bush- yes.

Current Marker Projects:

- A. **Oregon Nisei Veterans:** The committee reviewed the first design draft prepared by SeaReach and noted comments to send back to the designers for the second draft.
- B. **Peter Skene Ogden at Ogden Wayside:** Platt and Cannon-Miller reported they are condensing the text Platt prepared about railroad wars. Cannon-Miller plans to visit the site to understand the location of the marker in context to other park interpretation.
- C. **First Coastal Expeditions/Ona Beach:** Bush helped Dehn compile resources on native trade routes on the coast. A good amount of research has been done. The next step is writing a draft to send to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz for consultation.
- D. **Sandy River Bridge:** Jalving communicated with Bob Hadlow at ODOT about replacing the marker with Columbia River Highway content. Hadlow confirmed the marker location is the western terminus of the historic highway and would be appropriate in that location. Platt noted

the draft that was submitted by ODOT focused on very general information and asked if a more specific story could be told, possibly about the bridge. Jalving will reach out to Hadlow to see if there are more localized stories. Olguin shared National Park Service contacts.

Bush joined the meeting at 1:26pm.

- E. **Troutdale:** Dehn reported that she spoke with the City of Troutdale. They are working on a large interpretive project along the river near the visitor center and will eventually want the beaver board removed from its current location. They suggested Glenn Otto Park, owned by the City, as a potential location and suggested the smelt runs as a potential replacement topic. The committee discussed the proximity of Glenn Otto Park to the Sandy River Bridge marker, the time investment needed for a replacement topic, and the cost. Dehn will circle back to the city to confirm whether the smelt runs will be covered on the new interpretive signage and how the city feels about permanently removing the beaver board. The committee will discuss the priority of this project at the next meeting.
- F. **Salem Began Here:** No update; waiting to hear from contact at City of Salem.

Text Review: Dehn shared three maintenance projects that need immediate attention:

- A. **Captain Robert Gray:** Dehn will reach out to Oregon Black Pioneers about the spelling of Mark Lopeus' name and move forward replacing the marker with an alternative material.
- B. **Tsunami Seaside:** Dehn will work with the emergency manager at City of Seaside, DOGAMI, OEM, and Parks. Dehn will bring draft text to the committee at a future meeting. If the project doesn't gain momentum, the committee will consider permanent removal.
- C. **Boone's Landing:** Dehn will work with the City of Wilsonville and the local historical society on draft text and sponsorship for a replacement.

Travel Oregon Tribal Tourism Marker Discussion: Porter shared that he and Dehn met with the Travel Oregon team who wanted to work on a way to visually distinguish the tribal markers they will fund.

Committee Member Reports/ New Business

- A. **Council Report:** Carbone shared the agency is pursuing funding for the rest areas and business continues as usual.
- B. **Advisory Member Report:** Olguin reported that SHPO is fully staffed and there is a National Register designation for Method Mission sites that will be reviewed at the next SHCRP meeting.
- C. **New Business:** None

2025 Event and Meeting Schedule

May 6, 2025

August 5, 2025

November 4, 2025

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in Salem at 1:00 p.m.