

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Oregon Historical Society, Portland
Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

Committee Participants:

Eliza Canty-Jones
Robert Keeler

Richard Engeman
Dick Mathews

George Forbes
Jack Childers

Absent:

Marty Klug
Charlotte Lehan

Clark Niewendorp
David Porter

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz

1) Call to order/Introductions

George called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants made self-introductions.

2) Approval of the August 12, 2014 Minutes

Richard noted that he was absent that meeting and the minutes would need to be corrected.

Eliza moved to accept the May 13, 2014 meeting minutes as amended by Richard. Dick seconded the motion. The minutes passed with no dissenting votes.

3) Committee Elections

Annie reported that Gwen Carr appreciated the interest in having her serve on the committee, but she declined. She would like to be considered at a later time, once she has completed the project she is currently working on for the Oregon Black Pioneers. Chris Bell, however, submitted a committee interest form and his resume for consideration.

Richard moved to nominate Chris Bell to fill an open At-Large Member spot the committee. Bob seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4) New Application

a. Apollo Moon Tree/ Stuart Roosa

This nomination was tabled at the last meeting to give the project nominator, Roger Brandt, time to gather more information. Charlotte, Annie and Roger were not able to connect between meetings, but will attempt to discuss the project before the February 2015 meeting. This application was tabled for the next meeting.

5) Marker Projects

a. Thomas Jefferson Howell: Annie reported Clark and David (who were assigned as the project subcommittee) were unable to connect to discuss this project. Annie will help facilitate a discussion before the February 2015 meeting.

b. View-Master: Annie reported David and she had worked through the copy-write issues on the View-Master marker project. Sea Reach, the design firm working on the marker, ran the final draft through their lawyer. The marker clearly falls under "fair use" for all of the images. David had also received

permission from Mattel to use the View-Master name as long as we included the trademark. Annie will send a final draft to the committee via email as soon as she receives it from Sea Reach.

- c. **Umatilla and Pendleton:** Jack reported the Salemtowne Volunteers spent four days in the field for marker maintenance in August. They visited markers along the 1-84 corridor, from Pendleton to Durkee. The Umatilla and Pendleton markers, located within the city limits of Pendleton, were two that need to be rebuilt. The wood is too far gone to save. Annie said it is standard operating procedure to revisit text when a marker needs to be rebuilt. The committee discussed the current text and identified outside parties who should be involved in the review process. Eliza said she would reach out to Bobby Conner at the Tamastlikt center. Annie will contact the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council and the Umatilla County Historical Society. This topic will be included on the February agenda as a work session item.
- d. **Cannon Beach:** This marker is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced. The committee discussed the location of the sign and the text. Eliza said she would reach out to Greg Shine, a historian at Fort Vancouver, who did extensive research on the ship, *The Shark*. She will ask for his feedback on the current text as a starting point for further revision. George said he would talk to a contact at Escape Lodging in Cannon Beach to see if they would be interested in sponsoring a new marker.
- e. **Deer Island:** This marker was brought into the Salemtowne shop by the OTE sign crew, due to rotted posts. The volunteers report the sign is too deteriorated to be repaired and would need to be rebuilt. After much discussion about the thin sign content and poor location, the committee determined the marker should be removed for now. Annie will contact ODOT to have the "Marker Ahead" signs removed.
- f. **Pistol River:** The Pistol River marker was brought back to Salem by the OTE sign crew due to rot in the supporting beams. This marker is an exception to the normal marker design. Due to frequent vandalism, the marker was made with a fiberglass embedded panel designed to look like a routed beaver board. The committee agreed this marker's text should be reviewed before deciding how to replace the marker. Annie will contact Legislative Commission on Indian Affairs. Eliza will forward Annie the contact information for Mark Tveskov, who has done a lot of research on this topic and would be a good connection to get feedback.

6) Committee Member Reports/New Business

- a. **Volunteer Report:** Jack reported the Salemtowne Volunteers went on a four day maintenance field trip along I-84 in August. They were able to repair and perform maintenance on 10 markers.
- b. **Joel Perkins Marker:** Annie reported the marker was delivered to the City of Lafayette. The city decided to delay the installation and dedication of the marker until spring. The committee would like to suggest July 4th as the dedication date, since the marker discusses the long-term tradition of Independence Day celebrations at the park.

7) 2014- 2015 Meeting Schedule

February 10, 2015 – OTE office, Salem

May 18, 2014 – Oregon Caves National Monument

(Please note, this meeting is on a Monday to coordinate with the View Master dedication)

Adjournment

George called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:35 am.