

Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Dept. of Geological & Mineral Industries, Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Committee Participants:

Eliza Canty-Jones	George Forbes	David Porter
Robert Keeler	Dick Matthews	Clark Niewendorp
Wayne Sharp		

Absent:

Stan McDonald	Richard Engeman	Marty Klug
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Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz

1) Call to order

Eliza called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

2) Approval of the February 12, 2013 Minutes

Dick moved to accept the minutes as presented. Robert seconded the motion. The minutes passed with no dissenting votes.

3) New Marker Applications

- a. **First Oregon Pinot Noir:** During the previous meeting, the committee requested the sponsor, Dyson DeMara, obtain letters of support from the wine industry regarding the recognition that this is recognized as the first Pinot Noir planting. The committee reviewed those letters, included in the meeting packets. Eliza said that the support from the Oregon Wine History Archive at Linfield and the Oregon Wine Board makes her feel comfortable with the marker. The committee agreed that the wine industry and Pinot Noir in particular, is economically important. The marker should be clear that this is not the 1st winery, but the first planting of this particular grape. Eliza has worked with Rachael Woody at Linfield in the past and will ask Rachael if she would assist in the marker development.

Dick made a motion to accept approve the pre-application for the Pinot Noir marker at HillCrest Vineyard. Robert seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Eliza volunteered to take the lead on this project.

4) Marker Projects

a. Jedediah Smith:

Robert reported that more work has been done to reduce the text on this maker. Work is also being done in coordination with Jesse Beers at CTCLUSI to make sure that the story is balanced to reflect the Tribe's perspective as well Jedediah Smith's side of the story. Once the new text is incorporated into the marker design, Annie will email it out to the committee for review.

b. Joel Perkins Park:

Robert will be available to begin work on the text for this marker after classes are done in June. He said he will have a draft available to bring to the August meeting. Identifying appropriate photos for this marker has been challenging. Sheri King, the local contact for this project, said the city was unable to locate any photos of Joel Perkins. They have a family photo that includes someone they think is Joel Perkins, but no one is certain. Dick suggested contacting the Oregon

Pioneer Association to see if they have ideas for photo sources. Annie will ask Shari to follow up with that association to see if they have photos of pioneer picnics in the park.

c. View-Master:

The committee reviewed the research summary submitted by Roger Brandt. Annie will contact the Interpretive Coordinator at Oregon Caves National Park to discuss coordinating the development process with Oregon Cave park staff. The text will need to meet the committee's standards for fact-based text that is balanced in tone (i.e.: fewer superlatives and adjectives.)

d. Meacham

This project has been tabled for two years due to lack of resources and higher priority projects. Local community members are beginning to complain that the marker has not been replaced. They have offered to help with fundraising and possibly perform routing work for free. The committee suggested that Richard be asked to check into the facts surrounding "Grandma Murna" and the town being declared US capital for the day.

5) Marker Projects Updates

a. Champoege: The sign is ready and staff is waiting to find out where it will be placed by State Parks Staff.

b. Captain Robert Gray: Wayne reported that the sign is complete. OTE sign crew will be delivering posts to the Salemtowne shop in the next few weeks. The crew will then install the sign in the original spot near Garibaldi on Hwy 101. Annie will coordinate with Gwen Carr and the Oregon Black Pioneers to schedule a dedication event.

c. Coos Bay/ Hollering Place: This four marker series is complete and is currently being manufactured. The project is on track to be installed for the June 29th dedication in Coos Bay.

d. Dayton: Dick reported that this marker is also complete and is currently being manufactured. It will be installed by the end of June. Annie is working with Kelly Haverkate and the City of Dayton to schedule a dedication event, probably in August.

e. Recently approved pre- applications

i.-iii Largest exposure of upper mantle rock in North America, Oregon Gold Rush site, Rough & Ready Creek alluvial fan: This project is temporarily on hold due to budget issues for the new wayside development. Clark told the committee that he has some concerns about the claim that this is the largest exposure of upper mantle rock. Clark said that is a misleading statement and impossible to prove. He said that the committee needs to be careful and reconsider this project during the second application phase.

iv. Chief Depoe aka Depoe Charlie: This project is currently on hold due to lack of funding and local initiative. The committee would also like to make sure this wouldn't be a duplicate of a marker that already existing in Depot Bay.

6) Council Report: David reported that OTE's new CEO, Kyle Walker, has really taken hold of the agency and is giving it a new burst of energy. David reported that the council structure and intent has changed significantly; it is moving to a higher political level. The agency budget will be discussed in the next council meeting and is scheduled to be approved in June. David said that rest areas continue to be a focus. The agency has been successful in making rest areas cleaner and more secure. He said that panhandlers continue to be a thorny issue.

7) Committee Member Reports/New Business

- a. **Volunteer Report:** Wayne reported that the OTE sign crew recently brought in the Indian Trails marker to the sign shop. The sign had been knocked down and the beaver and foot board were stolen. The volunteers will have to reroute the two panels and replace the support posts.

8) 2013 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the second month of the quarter, unless otherwise specified.

August 13, 2013 – Salemtowne (meeting and volunteer lunch)

November 12, 2013- Oregon Historical Society, Portland

Adjournment

Eliza called for the meeting to adjourn at 11:24 am.