

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Salem towne – Salem, Oregon
Tuesday, August 13, 2013**

Committee Participants:

Eliza Canty-Jones	Richard Engeman	George Forbes
Marty Klug	Robert Keeler	Charlotte Lehan
Stan McDonald	David Porter	Wayne Sharp

Absent:

Clark Niewendorp	Dick Matthews
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Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz	Jenn Smith
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Guests:

Marjorie Wolf, Salem towne Board	Erica Risberg, Meridian
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1) Call to order/Introductions

Richard called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Annie introduced Charlotte as the new Oregon Travel Information Council (TIC) representative.

2) Approval of the May 14, 2013 Minutes

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

3) Marker Projects

- a. **Evaluation of current sponsorship pricing:** Annie reported that the cost of wood has gone up considerably and purchasing more for repair of the markers is cutting into the maintenance budget. In addition production costs for the large markers have risen significantly. Based on these factors, Annie proposed raising the sponsorship pricing for the large Markers to \$7,000 (from \$6,800) with a review of the costs in one year and keeping the sponsorship amount for the pedestal marker the same. George moved to accept the recommendation; Bob 2nd; motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Jedediah Smith:** Bob noted the final draft of the Jedediah Smith marker in the packets. He said they felt good about accomplishing the goals of getting the information correct. Annie asked the committee to look it over one more time and get any corrections to her within a week. Additionally, she said a trip to Reedsport would be necessary to determine placement of the marker. Eliza and Bob volunteered to go.
- c. **Joel Perkins Park:** Bob told the group he had a call in to Sherry at Lafayette to discuss the goals of the proposed Marker. One of the challenges will be to find a photo of Perkins. The marker could discuss the early days of Lafayette instead of Perkins, specifically.
- d. **View-Master:** Annie announced that Roger Brandt has secured a \$3000 sponsorship from the City of Cave Junction and is working on more. The National Parks is on board with the marker being located near the Château. George and David volunteered to work on the text of the marker.
- e. **Pinot Noir:** Eliza is looking forward to moving ahead with this project. She will be getting in touch with the applicants to get ideas for the main topics and photographs. This will also need a site visit and to verify placement permission for the marker.

4) Marker Projects Update

- a. **Captain Robert Gray:** The dedication for the new Captain Robert Gray marker will be taking place on September 12th at 11:00 am in Garibaldi.
- b. **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. Wayne said they think they can save more of the marker wood than originally thought. He thought it could cost about \$300 to change and re-route one board. Annie is going to work with committee members to find out the best approach with the community.

5) Committee Elections

- a. **New Terms:** George volunteered to be vice-chair. With that, he made a motion to accept the slate as presented. David 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

- 6) **Council Report:** Charlotte reported that the council recently took a trip to eastern Oregon to look at the newly acquired rest areas and have the quarterly meeting. The council also held an all-day retreat to look at the priorities of the agency. She said the agency is on good financial footing ; Kyle Walker is a good leader and passionate about the work. Charlotte announced that the Baldock Rest Area is getting a name change to French Prairie Rest Area to better represent the area. There will be a dedication in September. Additionally, the intention is to put an interpretive sign at the rest area acknowledging Sam Baldock and his accomplishments.

7) Committee Member Reports/New Business

- a. **Volunteer Report:** Wayne reported that the Captain Robert Gray sign is complete and the group is now working on the Indian Trails marker as well as the Meacham marker.
- b. **New Business:** Erica Risberg presented the committee with the possibility of working to develop an app for the marker program through the Meridian app. It is currently used in retail stores to locate items; however the developers would like to expand to outdoor attractions. The cost would be between \$10-15,000. It would be free for users. The committee said they would discuss the possibilities.

8) 2013 Meeting Schedule

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

November 12, 2013 – Oregon Historical Society, Portland

February 11, 2014 – OTE Office, Salem

May 13, 2014 – Leach Gardens, Portland (tentative)

August 12, 2014 – TBD

Adjournment

Richard called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:52 am.