

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Arch Cape Community Room and Fire House

**Tuesday, November 04, 2016**

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**Committee Participants:**

Robert Keeler	Charlotte Lehan, Chair	George Forbes
Marty Klug	Lina Ma, Vice-Chair	David Porter
Richard Engeman	Kelly Cannon-Miller	

**Absent:**

Chris Bell	Eliza Canty-Jones
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**Staff Participants:**

Annie von Domitz	Jessica Carbone	Nancy DeSouza
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**Guests:**

John Piatt	Helen Piatt	Patty Kench
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**1) Call to Order/ Introductions**

Lehan called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Self-introductions were made for noting attendance.

**2) Approval of the Minutes**

Porter proposed adding an “r” to “maker replacement priority lists” on page four. Porter moved to approve the minutes with the proposed amendment. Keeler recommended removing (sic) from after Triple Nickles and moving parachute in front of Infantry. Forbes moved to approve the minutes. Lehan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**3) Committee Election**

Forbes made a motion to elect Bob Keeler as Chair and re-elect Lina Ma as Vice Chair of the committee. Porter seconded the motion. Porter gave his thanks for their willingness to serve. The motion passed unanimously. Keeler took over leading the meeting.

**4) Cannon Beach Marker**

Von Domitz refreshed the committee’s memory about previous discussions regarding the marker. The marker has been on the priority replacement list since 2011. It is in very poor physical shape and is need of text revision as well. The Arch Cape Community Club group has reached out to the marker committee to potentially partner on the replacement. The group has applied for a grant from Clatsop County and will hear if it has been approved sometime in January – February 2017. John Piatt gave a brief history of all three carronades that have been found on the beaches of Arch Cape. They would like to update and expand the story of Cannon Beach.

*Nancy DeSouza and Jessica Carbone joined the meeting at 2:37p.m.*

The next step would be to secure funding for the new marker. The committee recommends replacing the existing routed marker with a new large interpretation panel. Porter asked if there as any other funding besides those being raised by the community club. Von Domitz replied that there were none at this time. The agency provides administration cost and repair, but there are no funds for replacement or the addition of new markers. Keeler asked if there was a committee member who would be willing to work on the new text. He then suggested Eliza Canty-Jones may have started preliminary text. Von Domitz will ask Canty-Jones.

## **5) Current Marker Projects**

### **a) Indian Marathon**

Since Bell was unable to attend the meeting there were no updates to report. The Grants Pass community is still working on funding the project.

### **b) 555<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion**

Keeler reported that the text is currently in its third draft, but the largest struggle is still condensing the text to its 250 word limit. The main text is currently at 193, Malvin Brown text is 148 words and the Japanese Balloon bomb text is 252 words. After committee discussion the balloon bomb text was cut down to small side block, or picture caption. There was discussion of possible images; a drawing of a balloon bomb, an picture of Malvin Brown and a few of the Triple Nickles in training. Finances have been secured for this project. Von Domitz will send out the current drafts for the committee to edit as well as having them on google docs. Committee members were asked to get edits to Keeler by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **6) The Dallas to Canyon City Wagon Road**

Von Domitz presented the committee with an image of the panel from this marker. The marker was damaged which allowed water to get under the panel. Since the original silk-screened panel needs to be replaced and made into a digital version, she asked the committee if would like to take the opportunity to make any text revisions. Engeman volunteered to lead the text review. Von Domitz asked for any committee responses or comments to be turned into Engeman by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Klug mentioned that when he is looking at the image didn't see the correlation between the dots and the side comments. The committee recommended reviewing and possibly deleting the highlighting circles around the towns.

## **7) Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks**

Von Domitz reported she held a meeting with Canty-Jones, Amy Platt from Oregon Encyclopedia, and Katy Barber with the History department at PSU. They were very excited at the idea of redoing the kiosks. The group recommends holding outreach meetings along I-84 to gather information on what interested parties would like to see in the updated panels. OHS may provide an expert to facilitate the meetings. They are planning for this to be a multi- year project, possibly four or five years. OHS could possibly also help in finding funding for the project.

## **8) Old Business:**

None

**9) Committee Member Report/New Business:**

- A) Volunteer Report:** Carroll could not make it to the meeting, but von Domitz reported that the volunteers are planning a trip down the coast next summer. She is also tasked with finding a project for the group to work on during the winter. There is an appreciation lunch planned for spring.
- B) Council Report:** DeSouza informed the committee on the basics of how the agency and its programs are funded. The Council is waiting for the outcome of the election for the appointment of Council members.
- C) Old Business:** None.

**10) 2017 Meeting Schedule**

February 14 – Salem, OTE Offices

May 9 – Possible joint meeting with the Oregon Heritage Tree Committee in Bend

August 8 – Wilsonville, Water Treatment Plant.

November 14 - TBA

**11) Adjourn at 3:35 pm.**