

Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 5, 2005

Present: Richard Hanes (Chair), Wayne Sharp, Lowell Tiller, Joy Margheim, David Bogan, Lewis McArthur, Clark Newiendorp
Absent: Tom Halsey, Excused; Beverly Vogt, Excused; Josh Ingle, Unexcused
Staff: Annie Von Domitz
Guests: Primo Knight, Forest Service; Katie Johnson, representing ODOT/ Tom Halsey; Joanne West, Over the River and Trough the Woods Scenic Byway; Dave Cline, Brownsville

Richard Hanes, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

1. Approval of Minutes from 05/06/05

Hanes made a motion to approve the May 6, 2005 minutes as presented. Lowell moved and David Bogan seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

2. Council Report

Annie reported the first Travel Plaza is scheduled to be dedicated on August 9, 2005. The plaza will be located in the Woodburn Company Stores and is an example of the public/private partnerships that TIC will be looking at to accomplish the goals of the Travel Plaza program. TIC has also recently installed WiFi over several key rest areas and state parks in Oregon. This is part of the ongoing effort to supply travel information services to the public. The wireless services will be tied to ODOT's TripCheck website, where travelers will be able to log on for free. If travelers would like to surf other sites, they can do so for a small usage fee.

3. Interpretive Plan

The Interpretive Plan committee met and decided to create a matrix of all of the signs in the program. The signs have been categorized by subject and region. Annie will create a letter asking for ideas from the public. We will then take those ideas and try to prioritize which ones we would like to develop into marker topics. The goal is to have a proposal to present to the committee by February 2006.

4. Brownsville Marker and Scenic Byway

Primo Knight, Joanne West and Dave Clyne represented the new Scenic Byway, Over the River and Through the Woods. They reported that they are just getting started developing this new byway. The kiosk at Brownsville will be an important piece in the interpretation of this byway since it is the perceived starting point. They would like to locate the kiosk at the site of the Brownsville historical marker and incorporate the marker into the kiosk. Primo presented the design concept to the committee.

The partners in this project are the Forest Service, Sweethome, Brownsville and Lane County. Richard Hanes requested that the Historical Marker Committee be included as a partner as well. If the marker is incorporated into the sign, the city of Brownsville would be in charge of the maintenance.

Lewis said that he would like to see an artistic rendering of what the panels on either side of the marker would look like. David Bogan said that his concern was making sure that the panels will visually mesh with the existing marker.

The byway panels have not yet been designed, so they will make sure that they keep the current marker in mind while designing the new panels.

Lewis moved to approve, in principle, the incorporation of the historical marker into the scenic byway kiosk. Richard added the amendment that the Historical Marker committee be made a partner in the process. Lowell seconded the motion and the amendment. The motion was approved with dissenting votes

Katie said that she will take the information to Tom to have ODOT review the plan. Tom will get back to the committee with any concerns that ODOT might have with the kiosk being located in ODOT right of way.

5. Camp Adair

Wayne Sharp reported on the fund raising attempts for the Camp Adair Marker restoration. We have received \$70.00 in personal donations as a result of articles placed in several veterans' newsletters. Wayne has also requested funding from some of the local tribes. Annie reported that TIC has decided to designate the remaining funds from the OTC grant for the restoration of the Camp Adair marker.

The committee discussed the options for the marker. The choices are to restore the marker in its original form or to replace it with a new fiberglass sign.

There are stone markers in close proximity that have the same text as the Camp Adair wood marker. Clark asked if there were any parties who would object to removing the sign. David said that he has seen groups gathered at the site from time to time, but is not sure who they are. He also said that there is a museum in Albany that has Camp Adair memorabilia. Wayne said that he would check around to see if he can identify other parties who may care about the content and structure of the sign.

The committee agreed that the new sign should include the insignias of the divisions that are currently on the existing sign.

Lewis made a motion to move forward with the idea of a new fiberglass sign, and to develop text, identify interested associations or partners. This would be contingent on finding appropriate funding. David seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. The motion was moved.

5. Marker Restoration Efforts

Wayne reported that the Salemtowne volunteers have recently been working on several markers in the Metropolitan region. The markers include Deer Island (repainted), Thomas McKay (taken into the shop to replace header and footer boards), and Willamette Stone (cleaned). They plan to visit the Aurora marker and paint it on site.

The committee said it has no concerns or comments about changing the standard marker paint color from black stain to brown latex.

6. Marker Relocation

Annie updated the committee regarding the Santiam Wagon Road and Transcontinental Auto Race markers. The current landowner of the adjacent property would like to have these markers moved away from his property. The OAR's require the requester to pay for the removal and reinstallation. The committee agreed that the landowner should be asked to pay for the cost of the work by ODOT.

7. Restoration/Replacement Projects

a. Cutoff Fever

This marker has been completed and has been scheduled for installation in mid-August.

b. Memaloose Island

This marker is in the process of being manufactured and should be ready for installation in a few months.

c. Fort Rock

Sea Reach is developing the first draft for this marker

d. Abert Rim

This marker is also at the beginning of the development process.

e. Bonneville Expedition

This marker fell down and has been removed to the Salemtowne workshop. Joy suggested that the committee decommission this sign and replace it with another topic. She said that this sign was not really serving a purpose as the content was vague. The committee could place it on our list of topics to be covered in the interpretive plan.

Lewis moved that the committee abandon the Bonneville sign at the present location. Joy seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. The motion moved.

8. New Marker Projects

a. Great Tsunami of 1700

This marker has been completed and is awaiting installation. The installation will be coordinated with a marker dedication to be organized by DOGAMI.

b. Mitchell Monument

Sea Reach is developing the first draft for this marker. There is a Heritage Tree at this same location.

9. Committee Member Reports

Annie asked the committee to consider a new manufacturing process proposed by Sea Reach. The process uses digital printing, which allows for the use of full color in the marker designs. The coating over the panels also holds up better over time than the fiberglass embedded panels. The fiberglass panels tend to get a foggy appearance after a few years.

Annie passed around some samples provided by Sea Reach for the committee members to view.

Joy mad a motion to adopt the new digital printing process. David seconded the motion. There were No dissenting votes. The motion moved.

10. Adjournment

Richard Hanes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15am. The motion was made by Lowell. Bogen seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

11. 2005 Meeting Schedule

The final meeting in 2005 is scheduled for November 4th. All meetings will be held at the small conference room at the ODOT Materials Lab building, 800 Airport Road SE (behind the State Motor Pool facilities) in Salem.