

Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 6, 2005

Present: Dick Ackerman (Chair), Wayne Sharp, Lowell Tiller, Joy Margheim, Tom Halsey, Beverly Vogt, Josh Ingle, , Richard Hanes, David Bogan
Absent: Clark Newiendorp, Excused; Lewis McArthur, Excused
Staff: Annie Von Domitz

Dick Ackerman, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

1. Approval of Minutes from 02/04/05

Ackerman made a motion to approve the February 04, 2005 minutes as presented. Hanes moved and Tiller seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

2. Elections of new Officers

Richard Hanes made a motion to approve the new and returning committee members for the new term, as slated. Tiller seconded the motion. Motion moved with no dissenting votes.

The new Committee Chair is Richard Hanes.

The new Vice-Chair is Beverly Vogt

New Committee members are David Bogen representing Oregon State Parks and Recreation, Tom Halsey representing ODOT, and Clark Newiendorp representing DOGOMI. Returning Committee member is Joy Margheim.

3. Council Report

Annie reported that the Council approved the proposal regarding new rest area kiosk designs. She said that some of the kiosks will be remodeled and some will be completely redesigned into staffed visitor information Travel Plazas. There is also legislation being considered that would allow for designated coffee service in the rest areas. This would help get service groups out of trailers and into a permanent, more attractive building.

4. Applegate Marker

Ackerman reported on the progress of the road construction project that will affect the Applegate marker. He said that they are still in the planning process of the project, and may relocate the road in a new place entirely, which would no longer affect the marker's present location.

5. Interpretive Plan

Von Domitz reported to the committee that she and Tom Halsey have been working on an "Adopt-A-Marker" proposal with ODOT. The proposal would allow the Historical Marker Committee to sell sponsorship signs that would be placed under the advance signs that say "Historical Marker Ahead." The profit from these signs would help fund general maintenance of the marker inventory.

ODOT has given their initial approval of the idea, and has passed it on the FHWA to see if there are any objections from them. Tom Halsey added that there was discussion regarding placing a rider on the advance signs that would identify the topic of the marker. The only problem with this is that it may make the signs to large for the current posts to handle.

Richard Hanes said that he would like to incorporate a maintenance plan into the interpretive plan goals. He feels that this would help bring better long-term consistency.

Von Domtitz reported that currently, the Interpretive Plan sub-committee consists of Josh Ingle, Clark Newiendorp and Joy Margheim. David Bogan. The sub-committee will have its first meeting sometime before the next Committee meeting in August.

6. Restoration/Replacement Projects

a. Cutoff Fever

This marker is in production and is being printed. It is expected to be ready to install by the end of June.

b. Glacial Erratic

There will be a dedication ceremony for this marker on Saturday, June 11, 2005. Sea Reach will install the marker a few days prior to the dedication.

c. Memaloose Island

This marker has been approved and is scheduled to begin production.

d. Fort Rock

Sea Reach is developing the first draft for this marker

f. Abert Rim

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

g. Harris Cabin

This was a controversial sign for many years and has been removed by ODOT. The Josephine County Historical Society has referred the Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee (HETC) to TIC to discuss a replacement marker for the site. A pre-application packet has been sent to them. HETC is interested in sponsoring a marker about the Applegate Trail.

h. Camp Adair

Wayne Sharp has been working hard to secure funding for this marker. The Oregon legislature (Committee on Veterans Affairs) have taken a special interest in the marker. Due to this, TIC has decided to make this marker a priority for restoration. The staff is working to locate funding for this marker.

i. Burns Paiute

This marker has been the target of vandalism again. Someone has scratched the faces of two people in a photograph. The suspects are believed to be members of the tribe, although there is no proof. The concern is that this vandalism will continue, even if the panel is replaced, or covered with protective material. The committee discussed this problem and decided to table it for now.

j. Bonneville Expedition

This sign fell down and has been removed to Salemtowne's sign shop. The committee discussed the content of this sign. The text is vague and general. The committee suggested that this topic be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting. The general consensus was that the story should be told, but possibly with a larger sign and at a different location.

8. New Marker Projects

a. Great Tsunami of 1700

This marker is in production and is being printed. It is expected to be completed by the end of June.

b. Mitchell Monument

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

c. Grande Ronde Tribe

There has been renewed interest in developing a marker within the Grande Ronde Tribe. A new pre-application packet has been sent to them.

d. BLM sign

The BLM is developing a sign that they would like to locate next to the “American Indian Seasonal Round” Marker. The committee decided that they had no problem with the marker being placed there, and agreed that the content of the BLM sign was relevant and complements the existing sign.

9. Committee Member Reports

There was nothing new to report.

10. Adjournment

Dick Ackerman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am. The motion was made by Lowell. Hanes seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

11. Lunch in Honor of Dick Ackerman

The committee honored Dick Ackerman’s contributions the committee during his chairmanship. The committee presented him with two plaques.

12. 2005 Meeting Schedule

Meetings in 2005 are scheduled for August 5th and 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.