

Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 4, 2005

Present: Richard Hanes (Chair), Wayne Sharp, Lowell Tiller, Clark Newiendorp, Josh Ingle, Tom Halsey
Absent: Lewis McArthur, Excused; Beverly Vogt, Excused; Joy Margheim, Excused; David Bogan, Excused
Staff: Annie Von Domitz
Guests: Mandy Cole, Brownsville Chamber/Over the River and Trough the Woods Scenic Byway; Dave Clyne, Brownsville City Manager; Ken Lamb, ODOT Dist. 4

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

1. Approval of Minutes from 09/05/05

Hanes made a motion to approve the August 5, 2005 minutes as presented. Lowell moved and Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

2. Brownsville Marker/ Scenic Byway

During the last Committee Meeting, the Committee agreed to approve the Brownsville Scenic Byway portal in concept. The portal would incorporate the existing Brownsville Historical Marker. David Clyne reported that they have contacted Sea Reach to work with them on their designs. The portal will no longer be a roofed structure, but will include two free standing markers flanking the existing marker. The new markers will be constructed in the same style as the historical marker. They have received a grant to produce the new scenic byway markers. The committee did not have any objections to the new change in design.

Ken Lamb said that the scenic byway group could have the signs installed by TIC, under the TIC permit system. TIC would have to order the placement of the sign and would be subject to the same specs as the Historical Markers.

Ken posed the question of the crash worthiness of the Historical Markers and the current location of the marker. Tom and Annie said that they would find out what the exact standards are for Historical Markers.

Three issues were brought forward by Ken:

- The use of logos and recognition of sponsors on the sign.
- Crash worthiness of the signs and the distance from fog line in the right of way.
- Instillation process of the sign (who will be responsible?)

The committee pointed out that sponsors have always been recognized on the existing Historical Markers, with the logos included on the bottom band of the marker.

3. Council Report

Annie said that there was not anything new to report since the last meeting. The staff is currently working on implementing all of the new programs that were previously discussed.

4. Interpretive Plan

Annie reported that a letter was sent out through the Oregon Historical Society mailing list soliciting ideas from the public. The response, so far has been positive. The community has been thankful that the committee is reaching out. Many interesting ideas have been submitted. The Interpretive

Committee will meet again soon to go over the ideas that have been submitted. The goal is to have a proposal to present to the committee by February 2006.

5. Camp Adair

Funding for this marker has been identified and the project can now move forward. The committee previously approved a new large fiberglass marker for this project. The panel will include the insignias from the original sign and some additional history about Camp Adair. Richard nominated Lewis McArthur, Joy Margheim, and Wayne Sharp to be on the Camp Adair text review committee.

6. Meek Marker

Annie reported that the new site for the Meek marker has been developed by ODOT on Jackson School Road. She showed the photographs of the new site to the committee. The committee's original intent with this project was to create a new, pedestal style marker at the top of the pedestrian walkway that was created at the site. The walkway leads to a view of the original Meek land claim. The development of this marker will be placed on the February, 2006 agenda.

7. Restoration/Replacement Projects

a. Cutoff Fever

This marker has been installed. Photos of the marker will be forwarded to the TIC office soon.

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

The first draft text has been submitted by Sea Reach and is being reviewed by the text committee.

d. Abert Rim

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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. The dedication will be held on November 20th at Scooner Creek Wayside in Lincoln City. A shuttle bus will be provided at the Chinook Winds Casino.

b. Mitchell Monument

Sea Reach is developing the first draft for this marker. The deadline for installing this marker is May, 2006. The heritage tree located at this same spot will be dedicated at the same time as the marker.

9. Committee Member Reports

Wayne reported that the Salemtowne volunteers have recently restored/ performed maintenance on several markers including: Aurora, Willamette Stone, Sandy River, Thomas McCay, and Deer Island. They will be visiting the Broughton's Expedition marker next.

Clark Newiendorp asked the committee how they felt about utilizing a GIS system to map out the location of the markers in our inventory. He discussed several options in various price ranges, including a free option. He will bring more details to the meeting in February and this topic will be included in the agenda. Annie will find out what the current source is for our map.

10. Adjournment

Richard Hanes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am. The motion was made by Lowell. Josh seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

11. 2006 Meeting Schedule

Meetings in 2006 will be held on February 3, May 5, August 4 and November 3. All meetings will be held in the large conference room at the ODOT Materials Lab building, 800 Airport Road SE (behind the State Motor Pool facilities) in Salem.