

Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 3, 2006

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

Richard Hanes, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

1. Approval of Minutes from 11/4/2006

Hanes made a motion to approve the November 4, 2005 minutes as presented. Lowell moved and David seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

2. 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. The budgets for all programs are on track and the agency is in good financial health.

3. Interpretive Plan

David Bogan reported that the Interpretive Plan sub-committee met. They went through all of the suggestion – 36 in total- that were sent in by the public. There were many good ideas sent in, and it was hard to decide what to focus on. The committee thought that focusing on topics that would fit with the Sesquicentennial Celebration would be the best direction. The sub-committee identified the following topics as top priorities:

Basque culture/ Cattle drives
Vanport – the flood
Chinese labor in mining and railroads (John Day area)
Oregon Coast Transportation (Bridges)
Grazing Act/ Public Grazing

Richard added that by focusing on the Sesquicentennial Celebration, we maybe able to find partnerships. He also said that this is a revolving list and does not exclude other topics if the opportunity arises.

David Bogan moved that the Committee adopt the report and recommendations of the Interpretive Plan sub-committee. Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

5. ODOT Update/ Brownsville Marker

Tom Halsey reported that Annie, Jim Renner, and he met with the ODOT traffic engineers regarding the placement of historical markers. The decision was to leave current markers where they are, unless they are affected by an ODOT project. If they do need to be moved as a result of a project, ODOT will include the moving costs as part of the project budget. Future markers will need to go through approval on a regional level to place the markers.

6. Restoration/ Replacement Projects

a. Memaloose Island

Sea Reach will be installing this marker in the next few months. No dedication events for this marker are planned at this time.

b. Fort Rock

The marker layout mock-up was passed around for committee comments

c. Abert Rim

The first draft marker layout was passed around for committee comments.

d. Camp Adair

Annie suggested that the committee seek out public comment before fully developing this marker. There are several groups that are emotionally attached to this sign and it would be beneficial to have their buy off on the sign before installing it.

7. New Marker Projects

a. Great Tsunami of 1700

This marker has been installed and the dedication is complete. There were two local papers that picked up the story of the dedication

b. Mitchell Monument

The first draft of the marker layout was passed around for committee comments.
A dedication is tentatively set for May 5, 2006

8. Committee Member Reports

Wayne reported that Salemtowne has recently restored the Aurora and Sandy River Bridge signs and is currently working on the 41st Division. sign. When they go up to install the 41st Division., they will also work on the Tillamook Burn sign on site. It is located within the same rest area.

Josh reported that he talked to the Oregon Cultural Trust about possible funding for the marker program. He said that we are not eligible as a state government agency, but that we could possibly set up a trust of a foundation that people could donate to.

9. 2006 Meeting Schedule

Meetings in 2006 will be held on May 12 (this is a rescheduled meeting), 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.

10. Adjournment

Richard Hanes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am. The motion was made by Clark. Lowell seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.