

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

Present: Richard Hanes (Chair), David Bogan, Clark Newiendorp, Beverly Vogt, Marty Klug
Absent: Josh Ingle (unexcused), Ken Dubois (excused), Wayne Sharp (excused)
Staff: Annie Von Domitz
Guests: Barbara Allen from Oregon 150.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from 8/4/06

Richard asked for a motion to approve the August 4, 2006 minutes as presented. David Bogan moved and Clark Newiendorp seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

3. Interpretive Plan

Richard moved the Interpretive Plan up on the agenda. David Bogan gave a background on the Interpretive Plan and the Historical Marker Program for guest, Barbara Allen. David said that the timing for the OR 150 is perfect for the Interpretive Plan. David said that the focus of the plan is to cover as many areas/regions in Oregon as possible. He said we do not want to cluster efforts in one area.

Barbara Allen suggested engaging school kids in the Historical Marker program. For example, the committee could create merit badges for visiting each marker.

David told Barbara that the committee would like to use the OR150 logo on the signs that are created. Barbara agreed that would be a good idea.

Barbara said that the first OR150 board meeting will be on November 17th. The board will have three distinct roles:

Heritage acknowledgment (Oregon's Past), economic development (how to help Oregon now), and Future of Oregon (what will be helpful in the next 50years). She said that the website for the group is www.OR150.org. Barbara reported that there is not any money specifically for the 150 celebration. The board will be asking all of the grants communities to theme their grants to the 150 anniversary theme. The committee will have a full time grant writer who will help anyone who asks with grant writing and applications. The OR150 committee is a private entity, so they will be able to go after different sponsors and grants that a state agency can't pursue.

Barbara's suggestions:

She has a relationship with the funding community and the board will have a philanthropic angle. She requested a one page paper that says what the Historical Marker Committee wants. She asked that the paper includes a "one-liner" that sums it up.

Richard asked that the focus of the February committee meeting be to find sponsors for the markers the committee would like to produce.

4. POTENTIAL MEMBERS

Some areas where the committee could use representation are:

Agriculture
Historians
Other economic segment
State Library
Chinese community/ Asian/ Pacific Rim
CVB/ Tourism
Basque Association

Richard asked committee members to think of some potential groups or people who could be asked to serve on the committee. We need to replace 2-4 members.

5. Council Report

Annie reported that TIC created a Tourism and Transportation Task Force consisting of directors in the major Transportation and Tourism organizations in Oregon. The Task Force recently made official in an Executive Order by the Governor.

6. Interpretive Plan

Richard went back over the items that need to be accomplished for the Interpretive Plan:
David and Annie will work on a one-line/ one-page description of the committee's needs to turn into Barbara Allen. The committee will also make a decision on two markers to pursue by the February meeting.

8. Restoration/ Replacement Projects

a. Fort Rock

The Fort Rock Marker will be installed by Decker Landscaping, who is installing all of the Outback Scenic Byway Kiosks. That installation should be happening in the next two weeks.

b. Abert Rim

This marker is still stuck because of difficulty in locating a place to install the marker. Marty Klug said that he will talk to ODOT in Bend to see if he can figure out how to get this project moving forward.

c. Camp Adair

This project is temporarily lagging due to the three other projects Sea Reach is currently working on for the Committee. Annie has contacted Sea Reach to have them pick-up this project again.

9 New Marker Projects

a. Mitchell Monument/ Balloon Bomb

The Balloon Bomb marker was dedicated on October 13, 2006 in Bly, Oregon. The dedication was organized by the Bly Community Action Team and was well attended. The sign was installed incorrectly by ODOT and Annie is working on having it re-installed. The posts were installed too high, and are a safety hazard.

10. Committee Reports

There were no reports to be made.

Annie told the committee that Wayne Sharp was having some health problems recently, and would probably require minor surgery. The committee requested that flowers be sent to Wayne.

11. 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule

Meetings on February 2 and May 4 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.