

**Heritage Tree Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2006  
Jenkins Estate  
Aloha, Oregon**

**Present:** Arne Nyberg (Chair), Nancy Appling (Vice Chair), Maynard Drawson, Mike Fontenot, Doug Grafe, Pat Moran, Peter McDonald, Fred Nilsen, Tim Nitz, Cindy Orlando (for Paul Ries), Andy Smogor, Al Tocchini

**Absent:** Excused: John Brenne, Doug Grafe, Josh Ingle, Mollie McKnight.  
Unexcused: Tony Dorsch, Charlotte Lehan

**Staff:** Jim Renner

**Guests:** Gail Dubois, Jim MacDonald

**1. Introductions**

Arne Nyberg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Committee members and guests made self-introductions. Arne thanked Gail Dubois and Jim MacDonald of the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District for attending and giving excellent presentations about the Jenkins Estate. Special thanks were extended to Mike Fontenot for making meeting arrangements.

**2. Approval of 10/21/05 meeting minutes**

Nancy moved that the minutes be accepted; Tim seconded the motion; the minutes were accepted.

**3. Heritage Tree Nominations**

A. Powell Butte State Station Twin Poplars, Powell Butte (tabled 10/21/05)

Arne called for reconsideration of the tabled nomination. Jim requested the nomination remain tabled until Tony is able to attend a meeting to present his nomination. The consensus of the group was to leave the nomination until the next meeting.

**4. Old Business**

A. Guidelines for County Heritage Tree Programs

Nancy reported that the sub-committee consisting of Paul, Charlotte, Arne and Nancy had not yet had an opportunity to work together on a revised set of draft materials. Arne suggested that the sub-committee work on the documents and circulate them by email to the full committee for comment. The final documents could then be presented at our next meeting on June 23, 2006.

B. Solicitation Packet to Oregon Historical Society Affiliates

Nancy and Jim are working together to mail an information packet to affiliate members of the Oregon Historical Society for soliciting potential heritage tree nominations. Jim said he would like to wait on mailing the packets so that the printings of the new brochure and spring newsletter could be included. The committee directed Nancy and Jim to proceed with the mailing when the materials are ready.

**5. Updates & Reports**

A. 2006 Statewide Dedication Event

Jim circulated a diagram of the Tillamook Forest Center grounds, a photo of the plaza entry area, and a layout design of the heritage tree plaque for the Student Planters' Grove. Jim indicated that the heritage tree plaque would be placed in the corner of the plaza at the trail head leading into the reforested area of Cedar Creek Flat. Peter suggested that the plaque be modified to show the period of time when the area was replanted as opposed showing the age of the trees in years. The committee agreed that this would be a better approach for this site and Jim said he would get the dates and make the change.

Jim outlined the Department of Forestry's event plan for dedicating the new Center on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM. They are working to have the Governor there as the featured speaker with the event structured for media with donors, invitees, and student planters as the audience. The public opening will be on Saturday, April 1 and will emphasize family activities. Jim asked the committee which day they would prefer for the dedication of the Student Planters' Grove and they unanimously selected March 31<sup>st</sup>. Many members said they would also like to return and participate in the public events on April 1.

### B. Reports from Members

Andy reported that he had looked at the Riding Whip Tree at GeerCrest Farm and had talked to Wilbur Bloom about helping to identify the species of the tree. It seems that it would most likely be a black cottonwood, but may be a balsam poplar, or a cross. As leaves, catkins and capsules become available they will be analyzed to give a better idea of the tree's identity.

### C. TIC Report

Jim polled the committee members present to ask if they had a preference for receiving meeting documents by mail versus by email attachment. Everyone using computers indicated they would be fine with receiving common documents like agendas, meeting minutes and reports as email attachments that they may choose to print. Things like heritage tree nominations will still be sent by mail.

Jim showed the draft layout design for the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Guide to Oregon Historical Markers and Heritage Trees* brochure. Jim advised that future guides will probably be designed in a booklet format in order to accommodate the increased number of trees inducted into the heritage tree program.

The committee looked at a TIC portable table-top display board that uses Velcro-backed display panels; this board is available for use by the heritage tree committee and would reduce the expense for developing a pop-up exhibit for the Heritage Tree Program to the cost of creating displays panels. The committee thanked TIC and asked Jim to proceed with acquiring cost estimates and production of exhibits using funding from the Gertrude Bradbury Heritage Tree Fund. Andy Smogor and Cindy Orlando volunteered to help Jim on the project.

Jim reported the value of the Gertrude Bradbury Fund to be \$27,096.

Lastly Jim reported that he has asked the Bureau of Land Management to propose the nomination of the Valley of the Giants in the Coast Range of Polk County for the Heritage Tree Program. Maynard spoke in favor of such a nomination and recounted when the BLM designated the Valley of the Giants as an "Outstanding Natural Area" in 1976.

## **6. 2006 Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM at Central Oregon Community College in Bend followed by a meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at a location to be announced.