

# Minutes

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries  
February 5, 2016, 1:00pm-3:00pm  
Conference call

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
  - a. Present – Diane Elder, Mike Leamy, Charlotte Lehan, Kim Morley, Mark Petrie, Bev Power, Kuri Gill, Matt Diederich
- II. Public Comment (15 min) Comment limited to 5 minutes
  - a. none
- III. Staff update (15 min) – Kuri Gill
  - a. Cemetery records project update, database information
  - b. Oregon Heritage staff changes
  - c. Private vehicle form
- IV. Conference session planning (15 min)
  - a. Memorialization – Kim, Diane
  - b. Charlotte – momentos, a debated topic, infants and children get more
  - c. Beverly – confederate flag is an issue now
- V. Discussion – what we would like to talk with AGS about (15 min)
  - a. Gravestone symbolism
  - b. Vulnerability of stone (variety) with various cleaning supplies
  - c. Date change to 75
- VI. Discussion – events in historic cemeteries (15 min)
  - a. It could be helpful to have a bulletin, what kind of events will work for your cemetery. Here are the things to consider (parking, bathrooms, sensitivity, check with your neighbors and interested parties, land use issues).
  - b. interject quotes about successful events
  - c. Include why they made the choice.
  - d. Beverly will take the first draft.
- VII. How to Own a Cemetery Bulletin (15 min)
  - a. Bring to next meeting
- VIII. Commissioner Comments/Reports (20 min)
  - a. Charlotte – head injury, cemetery presentation. Pleasant View Cemetery had vandalism, first time in 10 years. Shooting up utility building and toilet. List names of staff and commissioners at the top of the agenda.
  - b. Diane – Folks around Paisley are still happy about having the commission there in the fall. Schminck Memorial Museum has had major problems, will be taken over by the county who maintains the

Lake County Historical Museum. Made a connection with Kelly Madden who we met from Camp Polk Cemetery.

- c. Mark – Looking into local cemeteries more and Florence area. Talking with people in the community and Tribal members in Florence. Working on helping someone take care on a cemetery in Florence. Working on upkeep on a cemetery in Empire.
  - d. Beverly – applying for OCHC membership. Central Point Cemetery was owned by an attorney. It was taken over by a foundation and she is going to find out more. Looking forward to taking time to visit the historic cemeteries in the area.
  - e. Kim – Looking forward to getting involved and learning new things. Getting feet wet. Currently serves on the Cemetery Association of Oregon.
  - f. Mike – On KMUN radio for an interview. A follow-up to the grant news release. Information on cemeteries needs, grants, commission, etc. A lot of rain this winter. Washington cemetery suffered landside – they found one grave had been in the slide and one had been exposed. Highlights the vulnerability of the cemeteries – marginal funding and staffing. Aging volunteer staff, one event like that there is a whole lot of not knowing what to do. Discussion with other cemeteries to apply for grants. Still hesitation, about listing with the commission.
- XI. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (5 min)
- May 4 (Wed), 9-12 State Capitol during the Oregon Heritage Conference, Marker cleaning and repair workshop May 7
  - June 6, Conference call 1:00-2:00
  - June 24, 1-4 location, Oregon City? Cahnemah – workshop? Caring for granite could be added. Include for granite.
  - Oct 14, 1-4 – decide location once other commissioners are seated
- XIII. Meeting Adjourned – 2:21pm