

# Oregon Heritage Commission

March 7, 2014

Phone Meeting

Listening Room: North Mall Office Building, Room 146  
725 Summer St. NE, Salem

## Approved MINUTES

**Listening Room:** David Lewis, Kyle Jansson.

**Members by phone:** MariLou Diamond, Todd Kepple, Sarah LeCompte, Eric Martin, Carol Michael, Andrea Morgan, Roger Roper, Layne Sawyer, Kerry Tymchuk.

**Public by phone:** Jan Mitchell, Erica Risberg.

Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Commissioners and the public introduced themselves.

**Agenda:** Michael moved the preliminary agenda be approved, Diamond second. Approved unanimously.

**Minutes:** Michael moved the draft minutes of Jan. 21 meeting be approved. Martin second. Approved unanimously.

**Heritage Plan:** Martin likes the way the plan has turned out. Much work will need to take place in the coming years. Jansson said the research used for the plan began in 2009 following funding struggles for many heritage organizations. The research, combined with the Legislative Task Force, public input, and the Commission's subcommittees, created the most workable plan to date. Lewis said the subcommittees may want to set priorities on the objectives because of the quantity of them. Martin moved adoption of the 2014-19 Oregon Heritage Plan. Diamond second. Approved without objection.

**Heritage Traditions:** Jansson said the Traditions subcommittee had a vigorous discussion looking at elements of the nominations. The approval votes, while unanimous, could have gone any way at any particular moment. Commissioners talked about how events in some communities are more important than in others; the possibility of being selective in designations in order to capture the marketing value of the Traditions program; and the possibility of setting a goal for the number of designations. What are those characteristics that distinguish one fair from another, one parade from another, one rodeo from another? Maybe we need to re-think it and get more specific criteria.

**Bohemia Mining Days:** Motion by Michael to approve Bohemia Mining Days as an Oregon Heritage Tradition. Martin second. Approved without objection.

**Wasco County Fair and Bend Pet Parade:** Lewis asked the Traditions subcommittee to look into more specific criteria for some categories. This will be on the agenda for the next Commission meeting.

**Collections:**

**Heritage MentorCorps:** More than a dozen organizations have requested help. Jansson asked commissioners to promote the MentorCorps with libraries, archives and museums in their area. A promotional flyer is being developed.

**Collections Preservation Cabinet:** The Cabinet will meet again in May.

**State Library/State Archives Reorganization:** Sawyer said the Legislature has not completed its work.

**Economic Development/Tourism:**

**Heritage Tourism Workshop:** Jansson said he is meeting next week with a consultant to lead the workshop. It is anticipated the workshop will take place in late May or early June.

**Clackamas Heritage Tourism Summit:** Lewis, Jansson, Roper and Jon Tullis attended the summit last month. Efforts are underway there to focus some of the county's marketing effort on heritage.

**Education**

**Oregon Studies Curriculum:** Morgan said the Department of Education is assembling resources for teachers for an Oregon Studies curriculum as directed by SB 739. It is not creating curriculum as that is the responsibility of local school districts. It is gathering Oregon materials in one location and aligning them with standards for Oregon studies.

**Communication:**

**Information packets ad hoc group:** Jansson is looking for commissioners who are willing to help decide what information and materials that go in these packets. (They are one of the objectives in the Heritage Plan.)

**Heritage Conference:** Planning is on target for the conference. The Commission meeting will begin with a work session at 9 a.m.

**Cultural Trust Funds Distribution:** Jansson asked for volunteers to serve on the committee to develop the process and use of the Commission's share of this year's Cultural Trust funds.

**Commissioner Reports:** Lewis said the Grand Ronde museum will be opening later this spring. The tribe has also discussed a possible agreement with the University of Washington Press to publish some tribal studies.

Michael said that in addition to serving on the Traditions subcommittee, she saw how the river in San Antonio serves as a connector among heritage sites.

Kepple said there will be an effort in Klamath County to approve a new levy to support the museum.

Diamond said the Friends of Lovejoy Columns and the Hellenic-American Cultural Center are looking at an events partnership.

LeCompte reported the BLM's National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is working on tourism marketing partnerships, as well as the greening and upgrading of its facility.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Michael, second by Diamond to adjourned. Approved without objection at 2:52 p.m.