

**Oregon Heritage Commission
December 16, 2014
Public listening room in Suite C,
725 Summer St. NE, Salem**

Approved Minutes

Commissioners on phone: Dan Cantrall, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Mari Lou Diamond, Kimberly Jensen, Todd Kepple, Sarah LeCompte, Eric Martin, Carol Michael, Andrea Morgan, Jerry Ostermiller.

Listening Room: David Lewis, Kyle Jansson, Kuri Gill, Mike Gushard.

Public: None.

Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Agenda: Michael moved the draft agenda be approved. Diamond second. Approved without dissent.

Minutes of Sept. 8: Martin moved the draft minutes be approved. Michael second. Approved without dissent.

Public Comments: None.

Legislative Update: Jansson said legislation was being drafted to change the distribution formulas for the Cultural Trust. He said he did not know if it would be introduced, who would introduce it or what changes would be included in it. Large cultural organizations and communities have said they would like the Trust distributions to have a bigger impact. OPRD is not proposing any major heritage changes. Budget issues will be at the forefront as lottery dollars that make up a large part of the OPRD budget are declining. The department is focusing on special places, great experiences and sustainable decisions for the long term.

Gushard said Restore Oregon is also having legislation drafted toward a rehabilitation tax rebate for historic buildings. There may be a component that sets aside for smaller commercial projects. Morgan said legislation was either being drafted or being considered to enlarge the Indian Education program and heritage education.

Collections

Digitization Summit: Jansson said he is working with Arlene Wieble of the State Library, Geoff Wexler of the Oregon Historical Society, Karen Estlund of the University of Oregon, Evan Robb of the Rural Washington Heritage Project, and consultant Danielle Plumer to create a digital summit tentatively scheduled for March 20. The purpose of the summit will be to identify

common goals, objectives, and possible cooperation among organizations in Washington and Oregon related to digitization. The summit will involve libraries, archives and museums. A session at the Heritage Conference may cover some of the same issues. Jansson said the Oregon LSTA Advisory Board had received a recommendation that it use minimum digitization capture recommendations developed by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. Jansson said staff is considering using those as recommendations for Heritage Commission grants.

Jansson said staff has started the process of contracting with people who could develop disaster plans for libraries, archives and museums. The purpose is to ensure that the Commission reaches goals it set for completed disaster plans in the IMLS Connecting to Collections grant. Gushard said that while getting completed disaster plans is important, it will not change the direction of the grant. The MentorCorps will still be at the heart of it, and building relationships an important part of the MentorCorps.

Economic Development/Tourism: Gill said the Willamette Falls Heritage Area is preparing an application to be designated a state heritage area. This designation is the highest that the Commission can give so careful review of the application is necessary. A draft is undergoing final revisions by the applicants. A commission subcommittee will review it before the next Commission meeting and make a recommendation. Diamond, Michael and Martin volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Education

Conference Update: Gill said staff members are working with the Coquille Indian Tribe and a local planning committee to develop the content for the 2015 Heritage Conference. The conference is April 21-24.

Advocacy Commissions: As a result of connections resulting from the 2013 legislation to create a state heritage curriculum, Gill said she made a connection with one of the four state advocacy commissions. She expects to meet with most of the commissions in the next few months to begin development of some long-term efforts. She has also referred them to our grant programs. Gill said the 2015-2017 grant programs for the Heritage Commission will roll out this spring instead of when the biennium starts.

Communications

Jansson reported that nothing new has occurred in this area.

Reports by Commissioners

Lewis said he is no longer on the staff of the Grand Ronde tribe. He is developing a consulting business.

Ostermiller talked about his work with the Oregon Pre-historic Landscapes Project (part of NOAA). Part of it will likely include a month in 2016 to look at the submerged cultural sites.

Martin attended the World AIDS Day reception at the Multnomah County Library that featured an exhibit developed by the Cascade AIDS group with grant funds from the Heritage Commission.

Michael said an effort to emphasize the historic importance of Reactor B at Hanford has been started.

Adjournment: Lewis adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.