

**Oregon Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes
18 December 2009, 2 p.m.
Telephone conference call
Public listening room North Mall Office Building Room 147
725 Summer St. NE, Salem**

Commissioners Present: Charlotte Fugate, Kimberly Jensen, George Kramer, David Lewis, Carol Michael, Jan Mitchell, Andrea Morgan, E. John Rumpakis, Layne Sawyer, Jim Scheppeke, Jon Tullis, George Vogt, Irene Zenev.

Staff: Kuri Gill, Kyle Jansson, Aili Schreiner.

Call to Order and Introductions

Kramer brought the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of agenda.

Rumpakis made a motion to approve the agenda. Fugate second. Approved unanimously..

Approval of Nov. 2 Minutes:

Fugate noted that she had not been included in the list of attendees. Rumpakis made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of Fugate's name. Fugate seconded. Approved unanimously.

Statewide Celebration Declaration:

Jensen said there is a great deal of interest in the womens suffrage centennial, and the group organizing it is growing. Commissioners reviewed resolution wording. Jensen agreed to take the draft back to the planning group to make revisions, and present it again at the Commission's next meeting.

Oregon Museum Grants

Jansson presented the recommendations of the Museum Grant review panel that met Dec. 17. The panel felt that those organizations that are recommended for funding are a strong group of applications. Rumpakis moved to accept the recommendation. Mitchell seconded.

Commissioners discussed the potential ability of the organizations to carry out the projects and the criteria used for the panel's recommendations. Motion approved 5-0.

Commissioners then discussed the Museum Grant program more broadly. Some expressed concern the Commission appeared to be giving grants to the same organizations year after year or said there ought to be additional training for applicants. Jensen noted the applicants this time have the opportunity to reapply for the second part of the round in May, and noted Jansson offers coaching to those interested. Kramer said he would like to have the grant program on the February agenda to look at potential structural changes for the program.

Oregon Heritage Survey

Schreiner and Jansson described the efforts so far to gather information about heritage in Oregon, including the development of six surveys. Some commissioners said greater efforts should be made to gather information about and work with ethnic and tribal organizations. Jansson noted there appear to be limitations on the Commission's activity based on the definition of heritage in statute. Lewis suggested the final report should include statements about what heritage is not doing now. A more catchy name also was suggested.

Commissioner reports and comments:

Schepke noted that the State Library Board has given a \$90,880 grant to the University of Oregon's digital newspaper project. Jansson noted that some of the Cultural Trust funds being given to the Commission and State Historic Preservation Office will also be going to the project.

Adjourn

Kramer adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.