

Minutes

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries
March 13, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Conference call

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
Charlotte Lehan, Jeanean Craig, Diane Elder, Mike Leamy, Trey Batey
- II. Welcome to New Commissioner – Diane (5 min)
Charlotte – Pleasant View Cemetery, OTE board
- III. Approval of October minutes & additions to the agenda (5 min)
Approved
- IV. Public Comment (15 min) (3-minute limit per person)
- V. Staff update (15 min) – Kuri Gill
 - a. Camera Project
 - b. ORPD staff changes
 - c. Legislation – Discussion of the legislation to address abandoned cemeteries. HB3242
- VI. Commissioner Comments/Reports (20 min)
 - a. Jeanean – talked about visiting a Durango cemetery
 - b. Trey – Burial workshop is keeping him busy. Anthropology department at SOU, put him in contact with a couple of folks at the genealogical society. Trying to set up a meeting them, they have a couple of projects they want to talk with him about. Another historic cemetery SE of Jacksonville. Trying to transition some of the things he was doing down there to get Trey involved. Brown bag meeting the end of March. Working on remote sensing paper – as follow –up to the conference workshop results.
 - c. Charlotte – A list of cemeteries that are particularly noteworthy for some reason or another. Tourists would be interested in this.
 - d. Mike – Cemetery district effort was county wide, one city stopped it. That city has trimmed the budget and lowered the standard of maintenance. The standard of expectation, what is that. New council has said that the cemetery will never be better and what are they doing in the cemetery business. City asked Mike to take over the cemetery. Really links to the attitude that people want to see them preserving cemeteries, but not with their money.
 - e. Diane – Visited the Norway Cemetery, continues with work at local cemeteries. Promoted the grant.
- VII. Position Papers – (5 min)
 - a. None, proposed

- VIII. Grant Promotion (10 min)
 - a. Diane wrote letters.
- IX. Oregon Heritage Conference (20 min)– Kuri Gill
 - a. Workshop – Trey outlined the workshop plan
 - b. Planning for OCHC
- X. OMCB rule making
 - a. Update, no training required at this point
- XI. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (5 min)
 - April 24 – Coos Bay, Heritage Conference, workshop, Commission officer selection
 - July 17 –Marker repair workshop, Prineville
 - Oct 16 – Grants Pass, or other Southern Oregon, Paisley - No strong feelings. Lakeview has made the effort and it would be a good one. Hold off decision until the next meeting.
- XIII. Meeting Adjourned, 2:21pm